

## Christmas Market

### Calling all Mince Pie Makers of St Mary's!

Our usual 'baker' cannot make the many dozens of mince pies she so kindly donates each year, so we need to appeal to our church members for supplies for Saturday, 30 November. Last year your response was overwhelming and extremely generous: a mince pie mountain in fact, all of which were sold, contributing funds for St Mary's. Thank you very much for your help.



**HELP PLEASE.** We have produced a Christmas Card from the church which advertises all of our Christmas Services beginning with our Advent Carol Service. We would like every home in the parish to receive a card by 1st December. There are collections of cards with street names on at the back of church ready to begin distributing during the week beginning 17th November. Please take as many streets as you can and deliver. Many hands make light work.

### Readers needed

Over the coming weeks we are in need of people to volunteer to read as part of some key services. We need five people for the Advent Carol service at 6.30pm on 1st December and eight people for the Christmas Carol service at 6.30pm on 22nd December. No previous experience of reading is necessary. Can you help? Please add your name to the list by the north door.

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Michael Woodall a long standing member of the church who acted as Churchwarden and Master of Fabric for many years. Mike has struggled with illness for the past 7 years but died peacefully in hospital on Wednesday morning. Details of his funeral will be announced in due course.

Our bells will be rung with muffs on today, as is traditional on Remembrance Sunday. This evening, with the help of visitors, our bellringers will be ringing a quarter peal before evening service so the bells will begin ringing at 5.30pm.



## The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

### Sunday November 10 2019

### Remembrance Sunday



*A warm welcome to any visitors who are worshipping with us today. Please join us for a chat over a cup of coffee after our 10.00am service. If you would like to find out about any of the activities associated with church please speak to a warden or sides person or visit our website at [www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk) or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford).*

**Collect:** Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all; govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Our services today are as follows:

#### 8.00am - Holy Communion

**President:** Revd John Flitcroft

Readings from the BCP Page 240 **Sides:** Eve Evans

#### 10.00am - Worship Together including an Act of Remembrance

**Leaders:** Revd John Flitcroft and Revd Alex French

**Warden:** Malcolm Frost **Sides:** John Evans & Jeremy Morgan

**Readers:** Jeremy Morgan & Tony Tatford

**Organ Music:** Saraband in Modo Elegiaco—Howells



#### 6.30pm – Choral Evensong

**Officiant:** Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Revd Alex French

**Warden:** Judy Hall

**Readers:** Peter Thomson and Liz Fourness

**Responses:** Reading **Setting:** Moore—Third Service

**Anthem:** So they gave their bodies—P Aston

**Organ Music:** Fugue in E flat “St Anne”—J S Bach



## Readings for our services today.

### Old Testament Reading

Job 19: 23-27a

“O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

### The New Testament Reading

Luke 20: 27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

Please feel free to take this pew sheet away and recycle.



### Pantomime organised by Chawn Hill Church:

Saltmine Matinee 13th of December 10.30am

(selected schools only)

Can you sponsor £5 for a child to see a show this Christmas? Chawn Hill has organised a special performance of the Nutcracker in Stourbridge Town Hall for the enjoyment of our young people who we value and love as members of our community. Some of these children’s families would not have the resources to enable them to see a show this Christmas, so with the help of Churches Together in Stourbridge we are looking for individuals that want to sponsor a child’s ticket.

- Cash payments to Chawn Hill; their Welcome Team will have a box designated especially for the sponsorship of children to see the Nutcracker show (please bring correct amounts)

### Evening Pantomime 13<sup>th</sup> of December 7-9pm

(open to the public)

Let your hair down this Christmas and join Saltmine Theatre Company’s unexpectedly twisty tall tale of Rapunzel as they unravel the knots of being different, being free – and being yourself. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Ticket Prices: £8 per adult, £5 per child

Telephone - by calling the box office on 01384 812812 (there is a one off booking fee of £1.80 which covers the booking for however many tickets and also covers the postage). Alternatively, if you book within 7 days of the performance you can collect at the Town Hall at the day of the performance free of charge.

The Julian Prayer group continues to meet each month, usually on the third Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm. Dates for the next few months are 21st November, 19<sup>th</sup> December, 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 19<sup>th</sup> March and 16<sup>th</sup> April. The meetings are held at Kathryn’s and Andrew’s home at 34 Parkfield Road.

If you want to start adding contemplative prayer and meditation to your lives please just turn up at one of the meetings. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Kathryn or Andrew on 01384 834324.

This pew sheet is also available at [www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk](http://www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk)

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An invitation to our

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2019

A display of specially decorated  
Christmas Trees prepared by local groups

Including events for children, demonstrations and activities

**Friday 20th December, 11.00 am - 4.00 pm**  
**Saturday 21st December, 11.00 am - 4.00 pm**  
**and 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm with festive refreshments**  
**Sunday 22nd December 12.00 noon - 4.00 pm**  
**Light refreshments available at all times.**

Free Entry

Donations invited

All proceeds in support of St Mary's Church

**We invite you to offer prayers for .....**

### **Worldwide Church:**

The Lusitanian Church with Bishop Jorge Pina Cabral. Also the church of Lulea in Sweden with Bishop Asa Nystrom.

### **Churches Together:**

Stourbridge Foodbank

### **Bishop John has asked us to pray .....**

for all those who served in battles past and present, giving their lives for ours, as our Lord Jesus Christ, sacrificed his own.

### **The work of St Mary's.....**

Our All Saints to Advent prayer groups that will be meeting this week. For those that will lead these groups and those who will attend. For our Open The Book Team visiting the primary School this week. For Maisie Willcox who will be baptised next Sunday.

### **Those living in:**

The Woodlands and Willow Park Drive

### **Local Community:**

Russells Hall Hospital

### **Among those who are ill:**

Peter & Angela Viner, Pamela Peacock, the Rogerson family, Iris Wheeler, Mary Joyce Tolley, Mavis Kynaston, Maureen Baker, Joe and Ros Yeates, Noah Bingham, Barbara Crompton and Brian Drew.

### **We continue to pray for:**

Colin Millward, Josh Raffan, Ian Moore, Joe Chiswell, Judy Taylor, Rory Macintosh, Elian Irvine-Boden, Martin Aston, Ruth Hardy, Anna Scudamore, Jonathan Bryan, Noah Cantius, Denis Noakes, Penny Webb, The May family, Heather and Alex.

### **Those in nursing home care:**

Margaret Moulton, Dorothy Gibson and Betty Shore.

### **The departed:**

Robert Hughes, Michael Woodall, and Jan Jones.

Please inform the clergy or a member of the pastoral care team as soon as possible if you know of any illness or particular need within the congregation.



## What's going on?

Please ask if you would like to know any more about the events listed on these pages.

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

17 November

Second before Advent

**8.00 am Communion (BCP)**  
Led by Revd John Flitcroft

**10.00am Parish Communion**  
Led by Revd John Flitcroft

**6.30pm Evensong**  
Led by Revd John Flitcroft

### Parish News

The November edition of the Parish News is now published and is on sale at the back of church. It is also available online via the link on our website. Click on the Parish Magazine tab and then scroll down to find the link.

### CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday 11

Parish office closed today.

#### Tuesday 12

10.00am The Open The Book Team visit OCEPS

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Croft

7.30pm All Saints-Advent Prayer Group meet in the rectory.

#### Wednesday 13

2.30pm All Saints-Advent Prayer Group meet in the rectory.

3.00pm Communion at Oriel House

#### Thursday 14

10.30am Holy Communion in church led by Revd John followed by refreshments in the narthex.

#### Friday 15

Clergy day off. The clergy would appreciate being spared calls on this day except in an emergency.

#### Saturday 16

10.00am—11.00am Vestry hour with Revd John

10.00am—12.00pm Open Church

Please make a note in your diary for our:-



## Christmas Market

in the Church Hall

**Saturday, 30th November from 10.00 am  
- 12.00 Noon**



This has always proved to be a great occasion and with your support this year's Christmas Market will be equally enjoyable and successful. Many of the usual stalls will be available so there will be cakes, books, Christmas Hamper, gifts, various games as well as coffee and mince pies available throughout the morning.

As always any contributions to the market are always welcome (but do remember they are to be sold or given as prizes). As the church is open most days it is probably best for items to be brought in at service times so they may be put away safely. Alternatively you can give me a call so we can arrange something. Gifts of all sorts of bottles for the bottle stall will encourage even more people to 'have a go' on the day. Cakes and mince pies, please bring to the Church Hall on Friday evening or early Saturday morning. This is a fine opportunity to DECLUTTER for Christmas by letting us have those bits and pieces which are now looking for a new home.

There will be a final meeting for all those helping with stalls on the day on Wednesday 20 November at 7.30 pm in the Narthex. Please do your best to attend or let me know that everything is arranged for your stall.

Many thanks,

**Katey Fletcher**

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