

**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 this week. Please take as many streets as you can and deliver. Many hands make light work.

### **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.



### **Nativity Festival at the Methodist Church, Glebe Lane**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

Opening Times

Friday 3.00pm -5.00pm Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm

Sunday Morning Service 10.30am

Open for viewing 12.00-3.00pm. All welcome.

A memorial service for Michael Woodall will be held in church on Friday 29th November at 4.30pm preceded by a private family committal at the crematorium.

We like to keep our electoral roll as complete as possible. If you are not already on the roll and would like to join there are forms at the back of church below the book stand.

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## **The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford** **Sunday November 24 2019** **Christ The King**



*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 or our Facebook page at*

*www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchOldswinford.*

**Our services today are as follows:**

### **8.00am - Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd Alex French

**Readings from the BCP Page 244 Sides:** Nick Harbach

### **10.00am - Parish Communion**

**President:** Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Revd John Flitcroft

**Warden:** Les Timms **Sides:** Toni Evans and Pauline Pettet

**Reader:** Joan Ram **Intercessions:** Mike Blaxland

**Children Together:** Kirsty Mills

**Coffee:** Helene Gale and Chris Morgan

**Anthem:** Ave Verum corpus—Mozart

**Voluntary:** Crown Imperial - Walton

### **6.30pm – Evensong**

**Officiant:** Revd Alex French **Preacher:** Roger King

**Warden:** Marjorie Ferguson **Sides:** Dawn Nex

**Readers:** Angela Price and Marjorie Ferguson

**Anthem:** There's a wideness in God's mercy—Bevan

**Voluntary:** Six short preludes and postludes set 2 no 2 - Stanford

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### Collect for this week:

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Readings for our 10.00am service

#### **The New Testament Reading**

Colossians 1: 11—20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

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## What's going on?

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

### **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY**

**1st December**

**Advent Sunday**

**8.00 am Communion (BCP)**

Led by Revd John Flitcroft

**10.00am Parish Communion**

Led by Revd John Flitcroft

**6.30pm Advent Carol Service**

Led by Revd John Flitcroft

### **Christmas Hamper**

The usual Christmas Hamper is being prepared to be raffled at the Christmas Market. Please sign the list at the back of church if you are able to donate anything to be included in the hamper. Thankyou.



### **CHURCH DIARY FOR THIS WEEK**

#### **Monday 25**

Parish office closed today.

#### **Tuesday 26**

10.00am the OTB team visit OCEPS

2.30pm Tuesday Tea in the narthex

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

#### **Wednesday 27**

11.30am Holy Communion at Holly Lodge

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

#### **Thursday 28**

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

4.15pm Michael Woodall being brought into church

#### **Friday 29**

10.00am Michael Woodall leaving church

4.30pm Memorial service in church

#### **Saturday 30**

10.00am—11.00am Vestry hour with Revd John

10.00am—12.00pm Christmas Market

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

**Worldwide Church:**

The Falkland Islands with Bishop Tim Thornton

**Churches Together:**

Chawn Hill Church

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

for Mark, Kate, and Pat from the Church Buildings Team in their work to support parishes with their church buildings.

**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. Our Open The Book team visiting Oldswinford Primary School on Tuesday. For the family and friends of Michael Woodall as they prepare for Mike's funeral on Friday.

**Those living in:**

Oldfield Drive and Robins Close

**Local Community:**

The Coach House

**Among those who are ill:**

Peter & Angela Viner, Pamela Peacock, the Rogerson family, Mary Joyce Tolley, Mavis Kynaston, Joe and Ros Yeates, Noah Bingham, Barbara Crompton, Becky Henley, Andrew and Melitta Ling and Brian Drew.

**We continue to pray for:**

Colin Millward, Josh Raffan, Maureen Baker, 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:**

Michael Woodall, Dylan Milburn-Bradley and David Thomas

*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.*

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**The Gospel Reading**

Luke 23: 33-43

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*  
**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people: that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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## Readings for our 6.30pm service.

### Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 8: 4—20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

## The New Testament Reading

John 18: 33—37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”



### Readings over Advent

Over Advent we will share the same readings across all three Sunday services. As a church together, this will enable us to hear God’s word for St Mary’s and, across all the congregations, to share the experience of hearing how that word affects each one of us. The readings will be those for Advent Year A.

