

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Diocese of Hong Kong Island—Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
with Archbishop Paul Kwong

Churches Together:

Life Debt Advice Centre

Bishop John has asked us to pray

for the continued worldwide efforts to take up more eco-friendly
practices at home, work, church, school and everywhere in
between.

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

For all those in our parish who are feeling lonely and isolated at
this difficult time.

Those living in:

Walker Avenue and Rye Croft

Local Community:

Holly Lodge Care Home

Among those who are ill:

Mavis Kynaston, Brian Drew, Peter & Angela Viner, Mary Joyce
Tolley, Sam and Natalie Jones, Jill Finney, David Johnson and
Norma Haden

We continue to pray for:

Colin Millward, Pamela Peacock, Josh Raffan, Ian Moore, Judy
Taylor, Joe and Ros Yeates, Rory Macintosh, Elian Irvine-Boden,
Martin Aston, Ruth Hardy, Anna Scudamore, Jonathan Bryan,
Noah Cantius, Dennis Noakes, the May family, the Rogerson
family, Heather and Alex.

Those in nursing home care:

Dorothy Gibson, Melitta Ling and Betty Shore.

The departed:

John Brewin, Dominic Haskew and baby Adalin

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.

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



The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford
Sunday March 22 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday



In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice.

In view of this guidance there are no public acts of worship taking place at St Mary's at the moment.

However the following arrangements have been put in place;

1. The church is open during the day for private prayer. 9.00—5.00 Monday—Thursday and 9.00—12.00 on Friday. Also 10.00—3.30 on Saturdays and Sunday
2. A member of clergy will be in church for prayer and pastoral support between 10.00—11.00 and 2.00-3.00 Monday—Thursday and on a Saturday and Sunday
3. The clergy will conduct services in church at 7.00pm on a Tuesday evening, 10.30am on a Thursday and 10.00am on a Sunday. We hope to live stream on YouTube these services or if that isn't possible the services will be recorded and then posted online on our Facebook page, YouTube and on our website.
4. The clergy will say morning prayer at 9.00am and evening prayer at 5.00pm Monday—Thursday in church, offering prayers to support the parish of Oldswinford.

This pew sheet is also available at www.stmaryschurcholdswinford.org.uk

Collect for this week:

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself; strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings for our service today**The New Testament Reading**

2 Corinthians 1: 3—7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the Word of the Lord
THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 33-35

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

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

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

Post Communion Prayer:

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

