



The Parish Church of St Mary Oldswinford

Sunday April 18th 2021

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Services in church and being broadcast this week.

Sunday April 18th at 10.00am A Service of Holy Communion in church led by Rev'd John Flitcroft **Preacher:** Rev'd John Flitcroft **Warden:** Malcolm Frost **Stewards:** Sally Frost with Stan and Avril Williams **Reader:** Gill Davies **Intercessions:** Mike Blaxland **Zoom Manager:** Les Timms **Bellringers:** Stephen Howard and Chris Day

Thursday April 22nd at 10.30am A service of Holy Communion BCP in church led by Rev'd John Flitcroft **Preacher:** Rev'd John Flitcroft **Stewards:** Chris McCullagh and Sue Wakeley **Reader:** Chris McCullagh **Zoom Manager:** Les Timms

The church will be open between 9.00am—4.00pm Monday—Thursday and 9.00am—12 noon on Friday, 9.00am—4.00pm on Saturday this week.

Both of the services above will be broadcast on Zoom and Facebook. Please get in touch if you need the meeting ID and password for Zoom.

As a congregation at St Mary's we offer our condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and all members of the Royal Family following the announcement of the death of HRH Prince Philip.

At some time between 2.00pm and 3.00pm on Saturday a half muffled tenor bell will be tolled at St Mary's to mark his death and funeral which takes place at 3.00pm.

UPDATE Work on the North Porch is progressing slowly. The new plaster is being applied but, due to the unseasonably cold weather, is taking longer than normal to dry properly. We hope that as soon as the weather warms up a little the works can speed up. We're sure it will all be worth it once the work is completed.

The Parish Office will be closed this week while John takes some holiday. It will be open again from Thursday 29th April.



Collect for this week:

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve continually in righteousness and truth; 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**

The New Testament Reading

Acts 3: 12-19

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out".

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

Repent And Turn Back
So That Your Sins
May Be Wiped Out,
Acts 3:19



The Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 36—48

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.



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

Post Communion Prayer:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work: who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

We invite you to offer prayers for

Worldwide Church:

The Church of Ireland: with Archbishop John McDowell. Blackburn: with Bishop Julian Henderson and Bishops Jill Duff and Philip North. Brechin in Scotland with Bishop Andrew Swift. The Lutheran Church in Great Britain with Bishop Tor Berger Jørgensen

Churches Together: St Peter's Church Pedmore

From our Diocesan Prayer Diary..

A renewal project at Bengeworth Church, Evesham

The Revd Andy Smith has been appointed to lead a new project at St Peter's Church in Bengeworth. Andy has served his curacy at All Saints, Worcester, one of two Resourcing Churches in the Diocese which have received funding from the national church. One of the key roles of a resourcing church is to plant new churches and revitalise others to help reach the 93% of our communities who are not currently part of any Christian community.



Andy will be officially licensed to the church in September after which he will work with the church to develop a new vision and establish a number of services which will appeal to different people, including more informal worship.

Andy said: "St Peter's has a wonderful tradition of worship and I want to honour that while also starting a service which is aimed specifically at young people and families. My aim is to help a wide range of people catch Jesus' vision for their lives and help them grow in the love of God. I'm really looking forward to moving to Evesham to start this new project!"

Andy and his family will be moving to Evesham over the summer. He is also putting together a team of people from All Saints' Church in Worcester to move with him to worship alongside the existing congregation.

Pray for Andy and his family as well as the existing congregation at St Peter's Church in Bengeworth as they look forward to this new chapter in the life of the church.

The work of St Mary's:

For Elizabeth Grainger and Mark Reece who are preparing for their marriage at St Mary's next Saturday

Those living in: Church Road and Castle Grove

Local Community: Russells Hall Hospital

Among those who are ill:

Bob Bowen, Dorothy Gibson, Valerie Partridge, Pamela Peacock, Richard Pyatt and Martin Raybould.

We continue to pray for:

Peter & Angela Viner, Helen Hunt, Susan Haskew, Norma Wren, Mary Joyce Tolley, Sam and Natalie Jones, Audrey Tranter, David Johnson, Colin Millward, Roy 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, the May family, and the Rogerson family.

Those in nursing home care:

Dorothy Gibson, Melitta Ling, Brian Drew and Betty Shore.

The departed:

HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Miriam Skipton and Leslie Mills.

All those who have lost their lives to Covid 19 this week.

