

## PARISH REGISTER

### WEDDINGS

24<sup>th</sup> March Ejiro Itobore and  
Cherine Morrison

### FUNERALS

7<sup>th</sup> February Barbara Jeanne Love  
(Service at Crematorium)

23<sup>rd</sup> February Sonia Mavis Kelly

28<sup>th</sup> February Daniel Rafael White

6<sup>th</sup> March Thora Barker

7<sup>th</sup> March Betty Hawkes

## REGULAR SERVICES & EVENTS

### Sunday:

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Family Communion

6.30 pm Evening Worship

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:

10.00 am Family Communion & Youth Service

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:

6.30 pm Service of Wholeness and Reconciliation

### 4<sup>th</sup> Monday:

7.30 pm The Way at 2 Hemyock Road

### Every Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday:

10.00 am Holy Communion at Sellywood House

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday:

7.45 pm Issues Group at 2 Middle Park Close

### 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday:

11.00 am Holy Communion at Queen Mother Court

## SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS IN APRIL

1<sup>st</sup> Apr 8.45 am Parish Breakfast  
9.45 am Procession of the Palms &  
Family Communion

2<sup>nd</sup> Apr 9.00 pm Compline

3<sup>rd</sup> Apr 9.00 pm Compline

4<sup>th</sup> Apr 9.00 pm Compline

5<sup>th</sup> Apr 7.30 pm Maundy Thursday  
Communion & Vigil

6<sup>th</sup> Apr 10:00 am Children's Activities in Church  
12 noon Stations of the Cross  
1-3 pm Devotions before the Cross

7<sup>th</sup> Apr 4.00 pm Wedding

8<sup>th</sup> Apr 8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Family Communion  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer (said)

14<sup>th</sup> Apr 2:00 pm Memorial Service for Beryl  
Ruehl

21<sup>st</sup> Apr 3.00 pm Wedding

29<sup>th</sup> Apr 11.30 am Annual Parochial Meeting



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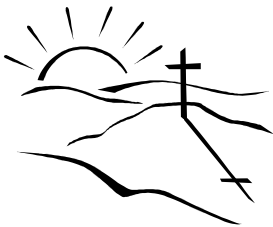
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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

During April the Church celebrates the Easter season. It follows a long Lenten preparation, but what is often forgotten is that Easter is also a long period of celebration, not just Easter Sunday. This is important because resurrection, new life, is not something which falls out of the sky, neither is it a magic wand we can wave over problems. Rather, it is something gradual that we need to adjust to, learning to see things in new ways and see possibilities which we passed over before. It takes time and we need to approach it in different ways. Yet if we are open and expectant we may be surprised and hope and renewal may come about. Why not give it a try this year!

*Martin.*



## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

The annual review of our Stewardship will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. It is the time when we think about the giving of our time, our talents and our money. This year we are concentrating on our money.

A steward is a person who looks after the belongings or the estate of another, and it is their duty to care diligently for the master's property.

When we talk about Christian Stewardship, we acknowledge that all we have, we hold in trust from God and that we must therefore look after all our possessions to God's glory. God has put into our hands a certain amount of money, and the way we dispose of it is the outward sign of the response of our hearts in service to him and his kingdom. Some of that money is used up in the discharge of our family duties and civic responsibilities like homes, food, clothing, taxes but the money we choose to give to the church, and the way we decide about how to give it, are surefire indications of the place God has in the whole of our life

The Christian seeks to give, because God has given to us. "We love, because he first loved us". That means that our giving must go high on our list of priorities, and not be just what remains in our purses at the end of the week but a considered part of all that we have received.

## THE ISSUES GROUP

The group meets regularly, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in each month, at 2 Middle Park Close. The meeting starts at 7.45 pm with coffee and biscuits followed at 8 pm with a discussion.

Topics vary greatly. The March meeting talked about 'Schisms in the Anglican Church'. Other topics covered recently include, 'The Nanny State', 'The War in Iraq', 'Should we give up our Cars' and 'Our Attitudes on Youth and How to Occupy Young People'.

New members are always welcome, so why not go along one evening for a 'taster' and hear for yourself what goes on.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The church is being used by a variety of different people during the week. The BBC's 'Doctors' series has used the building several times to film part of its programme. The Lodge Hill Road Residents Association held their last meeting at the back of church and the Warley Male Voice Choir has been in church to make a sound recording. They have promised to come back in the Autumn and give a concert, so watch this space!