

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

8<sup>th</sup> July Bethany Faye Bates  
Georgina Holly Meddings  
Darren Smith

### WEDDINGS

7<sup>th</sup> July John Richard Carnduff  
Jennifer Christine Wade  
14<sup>th</sup> July Kevin Hunt  
Claire Dovaston  
21<sup>st</sup> July James Arthur Mercer  
Aimee Dawn Collins  
21<sup>st</sup> July William John Purvis  
Julie Margaret Rigby  
21<sup>st</sup> July Dean Mark Hudson  
Marie Bernadette Thompson  
28<sup>th</sup> July Derek James Angus  
Susan Fowler

### MARRIAGE BLESSING

14<sup>th</sup> July Mark West  
Abigail Surtees

### FUNERALS

2<sup>nd</sup> July Grace June Baylis  
3 July Violet Fitzgerald Wood  
4 July James Geoffrey Franks  
18<sup>th</sup> July Dorothy Maud Beamer



## 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

## PARISH SURGERY

### Every Wednesday in Church

6.15 – 7.15 pm Bookings for Baptisms and  
Weddings

## SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> 12.30 pm Church Lunch at the  
Surtees (£7.50 p.p.)  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Coffee Morning at  
Evelyn Canaway's

**Junior Church.** There will be no meetings during  
August. The group will start again on 9<sup>th</sup> September

## ST MARY'S SELLY OAK

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

Each generation has its own spirituality or spiritualities, which reflect what is going on in their times. It strikes me that today we are seeing the coming together of local and global concerns. On the one hand, green issues, pollution and debates over whether our bins should be emptied once a week or every two weeks; on the other, global terrorism based on religious extremism and climate changes which directly affect the earth that sustains us all.

Yet they flow in and out of each other as both local and global concerns and there is a very real link between our religious values and what we do with our rubbish. In the same way, and for the same reasons, the old polarisation of opposites such as public and private, work and leisure, begin to merge into each other. The global and the local now seem to be mirror images of each other and the quality of it all is fragility and mutual dependence.

So maybe for us today, our spirituality is first of all about recognising our fragility and then realising that there is nowhere to hide and run away to, since everything impacts on everything else in the new unity of local and global issues.

*Martin.*

## ECUMENICAL TALKS

Each year, during October, St Mary's hosts a series of Ecumenical Talks. This year the dates for your diaries are October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The theme will be 'Telling our Stories'. Further details will follow later.



## CAR BOOT SALE

It's not too late to book a place for the Car Boot Sale on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September. The cars will be parked along the church drive. Tea and coffee plus lovely breakfast baps will be available in the hall. So if you would like to bring a car and try to sell the contents of the boot, (£7 per car) please phone Anne Pycock on 476 3117 to book your space. There will be a 50p admission charge for pedestrians. All the proceeds are for church funds.

## HOME COMMUNION

What do you do if because of age or disability you are unable to come to Church for communion? The answer usually is to phone our long suffering Vicar, Martin or Churchwarden Anne, and ask for communion at home.

Over the past months I have found it sustaining to be able to be fed spiritually at home with bread and wine but it has been one dimensional.

Imagine my joy therefore to be invited by a friend, who is unwell, to join her in a communion service. There in her home, in addition to Martin, were four other people from St Mary's. We had a very moving communion service with members of the group taking part with the reading and the prayers. It was alive and full of the true meaning of communion in sharing the gift of bread and wine.

Being able to worship in this way, exchanging the Peace and passing round the Host brought Christ right into our daily lives. I hope others who are housebound can share in a similar communion with others.

Vicky Tod

