

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

19th Nov. Sophie Reeves
26th Nov. Jack Izzett
Trixi Izzett

10th Dec. Isobelle Rose Young
Poppy Elizabeth Deakin
Thomas Samuel Stafford
Faye Marie Young
Matthew Edward George Eustace

WEDDINGS

23rd Dec. Peter Tidge
Elizabeth Lucy McLeod

FUNERALS

8th Nov. Owen Tait
28th Nov. William George Kibble
29th Nov. John Edward Witts
5th Dec. Kenneth Jarrett Meek
Roy Donald Cocking



REGULAR SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday:

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Family Communion
6.30 pm Evening Worship

3rd Sunday:

10.00 am Family Communion & Youth Service
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

5th Sunday:

6.30 pm Service of Wholeness and Reconciliation

4th Monday:

7.30 pm The Way at 2 Hemyock Road

Every Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion

1st Thursday:

10.00 am Holy Communion at Sellywood House

2nd Thursday:

7.45 pm Issues Group at 2 Middle Park Close

4th Thursday:

11.00 am Holy Communion at Queen Mother Court

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

14th Jan. 12 noon Baptism
23rd Jan. 7.30 pm F&GP
28th Jan. 6.30 pm United Service at URC
30th Jan. 7.30 pm PCC
4th Feb. 4.30 pm Chrsitingle



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MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

A new year! Out with the old, in with the new, they say. But is it like that? I think the two always contain each other. We cannot run away from ourselves or the past but if we own it and transform it, who knows, it may become a building block in a new phase or a new opportunity for us. That is both hopeful and realistic!

Happy New Year,

Martin.

ORGAN CONCERTS

The last of the autumn series of Organ Concerts took place on 9th December with contributions from John Stormont, Kate Cheney and Vicar Martin. The audience was well entertained by three very different styles of music. The sight of Kate taking the part of two very different people in one song will live long in the memory of everyone present. The retiring collection was very generous. It will be split between church funds and the 'Nappy Fund' which Paula Jones told us about during her talk in October. The money goes to help a small struggling hospital in Palestine where the majority of patients, both adults and children, need nappies.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This was held in Church on 9th and 10th December. Although not quite as large a display as in previous years, nevertheless the trees that were on show demonstrated thought and wonderful creative ability.

THE VILLAGE WAKES

This popular local folk group gave a most enjoyable concert in church on 12th December. They brought along an amazing array of instruments and their guests, Clive Foden and a group called Annamation who are three young storytellers who are 'working in the depths of Birmingham, just like Bill Shakespeare'. Even though only two were present they still provided a very interesting and thought provoking interpretation of the Nativity story.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

New members are urgently needed to join this committee, which organises events, trips, etc, for the elderly and house bound. A poster giving details of the work is on display at the back of church. Activity tends to be concentrated at certain times of the year, rather than being spread throughout and any help, no matter how small, will be gratefully received. Please have a word with Roy Smart or Carol Surtees if you can help.

WINE TASTING EVENING

Many thanks to all who supported the wine tasting evening. This was a most enjoyable and educational time and the amount raised for church funds came to £175.

FUND RAISING FOR 2007

If you are able to hold an event, such as a coffee morning, or if you have any ideas for a fund raising event, please contact Vicar Martin or the church wardens

CHRISTINGLE 2007

This special service will take place on Sunday 4th February at 4.30 pm. All children and their friends and families are welcome to celebrate this festival of Candlemass with us.

The Christingle has its origins in a Moravian children's service held in a castle in Germany on Christmas Eve in 1747. The bishop conducting the informal service gave each child a lighted candle, tied with a red ribbon, in memory of the Saviour's coming which, he said, 'has kindled a flame in each heart which keeps burning to His joy, and our happiness'.

Our modern Christingle consists of:

- an orange...representing the world
- a red ribbon, tied round the orange...representing the blood of Jesus
- fruits and sweets, skewered on 4 cocktail sticks which are pushed into the orange... representing the fruits of the earth and the four seasons
- a lighted candle pushed into the centre of the orange... representing Christ, the light of the world.

