

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

11<sup>th</sup> February Kelsey Joanne Griffiths

### FUNERALS

6<sup>th</sup> February Ronald Mason

16<sup>th</sup> February Albert William Putnam



## 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

10 <sup>th</sup> Sat	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch at Selly Oak Methodist Church
17 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7.30 pm	Quiz Night in the Hall
24 <sup>th</sup> Sat	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch at Weoley Hill U R C
30 <sup>th</sup> Fri	9.30 am	St Mary's School Easter Service



## ST MARY'S SELLY OAK

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

The season of Lent; what to make of it? It has ranged from self-denial to taking extra things on like 'good works' and it can be kept as something either gloomy or more constructively. It is often talked about in terms of critical self-examination or a kind of personal life stock take. Also, of course, it frequently focuses on more social, global and justice issues rather than on the more personal, introspective approach. All of these tend to reflect the times we live in with its pressures and concerns. For me, these days, it will have a lot to do with cutting through the seemingly endless business and frenetic quality of contemporary life. More about stillness, stopping, just being, letting some silence and solitude seep into your bones and discovering deeper levels of being in a simple yet overwhelmingly powerful sense of 'I am' or just the sheer 'isness' of everything. That is the mystery and wonder awaiting us underneath the surface of modern busyness. What do you think?

*Martin.*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The object of the Stations of the Cross is to help the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. The tradition exists in Roman Catholicism, Anglicanism and Lutheranism. The Stations may be used at any time, but they are most commonly used during the season of Lent, especially on Good Friday.

The Stations of the Cross in St Mary's are a series of 14 wooden sculptures. They were made in Italy of lime wood and were presented

in loving memory of Roy Farmer, who worshipped here and who died in 1981 aged 55 years.

The first of the stations is that nearest to the east wall of the Lady Chapel. The other thirteen are arranged in an anti-clockwise direction around the church, finishing in the south transept. They depict the following scenes surrounding our Lord's death:

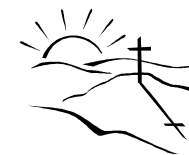
1. Jesus is condemned to death
2. Jesus receives the cross
3. The first fall
4. Jesus meets His Mother
5. Simon of Cyrene carries the cross
6. Veronica wipes Jesus' face with her veil
7. The second fall
8. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem
9. The third fall
10. Jesus is stripped of His garments
11. Jesus is nailed to the cross
12. Jesus dies on the cross
13. Jesus' body is removed from the cross
14. Jesus is laid in the tomb

In some churches, there is a fifteenth station which depicts the Resurrection. We have no such station, but at the end of your journey around the church if you return to the Lady Chapel you will see the Resurrection depicted in the stained glass window.



## QUIZ NIGHT

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March there will be a Quiz Night in the Hall at 7.30 pm. to help raise funds for Church. Tickets will cost £5 each (payable on the door). In the past these evenings have proved to be very informal and enjoyable, so if you are able, please come along and support the event.



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	9:45 am	Parish Breakfast and Procession of the Palms
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
8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Family Communion
	6:30 pm	Evensong