

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

14<sup>th</sup> October Naomi Leonora Allen  
Eve Camellia Allen  
Dorothy Louisa Hill

### FUNERALS

1<sup>st</sup> October Gwendoline Joyce Elliott  
2<sup>nd</sup> October Sidney Charles Chesterman  
5<sup>th</sup> October Dorothy Irene Poole  
12<sup>th</sup> October William Alfred Taylor  
16<sup>th</sup> October Adam Luke Drummond  
25<sup>th</sup> October Frederick Gerald Lear



**THE  
PLACE  
WHEREON  
THOU STANDEST  
IS HOLY GROUND  
IT IS ALSO SACRED  
TO THE DEAD WHOSE  
~BODIES REST HERE~  
TRY AND SPEAK AND ACT  
..REVERENTLY IN IT ..  
IT IS A SANCTURY FOR BIRDS  
... HELP TO KEEP IT AND ...  
.. CHERISH THE FLOWERS ..  
~THIS IS GOD'S ACRE~**

*(Notice by the Lych Gate)*

## REGULAR SERVICES & EVENTS

### Sunday:

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Family Communion

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

6.30 pm Evensong (said) with hymns

### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:

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,  
*(the November meeting will be on 15th which is the third Thursday.)*

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

11.00 am Holy Communion at Queen Mother Court

## SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 1.00 pm Recital by Stella Simms  
and Martin Roberts  
Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm Memorial Service  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm Barn Dance in the Hall

## ST MARY'S SELLY OAK

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

November is a time when we remember, especially those who sacrificed their lives in the cause of freedom and justice. Yet we are all aware of the deep ambiguities involved, the waste, the confusion and the questionable strategies, like the invasion of Iraq. Since the two world wars remembrance has become more than ever relevant and poignant. Following the events of 9/11 the world has changed forever and we now have to live with global terror as a fact of life. If the 20th century was one of the most violent centuries the world has known, this century so far looks no better. So perhaps this collective and historical experience is now forcing us to look deeply into ourselves, into the darkness, fear and evil in the human heart, as well as its opposite qualities.

If so, Remembrance may be a time to remember things, to put things together in radically new ways, that really do make for a justice and peace on which our very survival depends. Unless we re-member things remembrance has little point, it does not strive for realities for which other people were sacrificed. So our memory and creative imaginations need to use the past as a spring board into our unfolding present and future. Why else do we look back, remember or try to learn from history? Indeed, unless we do this our remembrance turns past events and people into a museum piece which we piously visit once a year. And that is just an insult!

*Martin.*

## MEMORIAL SERVICE – SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Your attention is drawn to our Memorial Service which will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm. It is the time when we remember those who have died and especially those from this parish who have died during the past year. We read out their names, light candles and hold them in our hearts. Everyone is very welcome to attend this very special service.



## LUNCHTIME CONCERT

The next concert in our Saturday series will be on **10<sup>th</sup> November at 1.00 pm**. Tea and coffee are available from 12 noon.

The programme will be one of mostly Russian songs with piano accompaniment. Stella Simms (mezzo soprano) and the Vicar, Martin Roberts (piano plus one organ solo) will be the performers.

Admission free. Retiring collection for charity.

## BARN DANCE

The Barn Dance is on **17<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm** in the Hall. Tickets, which need to be bought in advance, may be obtained from Sheila Skeeles or Don Fripp, (tel. 604 3843) £5 adults, £2 children. Do try to come along, no dancing experience is necessary, just a willingness to have fun!

## THE CHURCHYARD

Inspired by the BBC 'Breathing Spaces' campaign, the Stewardship Committee decided to try to create a Nature Trail in the very overgrown churchyard. The scheme has been made possible by the voluntary hard work given to 'God's Acre', by the Probation Service, complying with the terms of Court Orders for Community Service.

You may have seen Ray, the Probation Service Officer Supervisor, with his teams of around one woman and seven men giving time back to St Mary's. Standing on Holy Ground, sacred to the dead, some of the group worked whilst fasting during Ramadan.

Graffiti was cleaned from walls, several graves were cleared of brambles and ivy removed to reveal names of families past, with more rediscovered hidden under ground ivy and detritus – plastic bags, glass bottles, beer cans and other unsavoury items. The path was swept and the leaves removed before St Mary's school walked up to Church for their recent Harvest Festival service.

Some of the workers have shown an interest in the customs surrounding Church of England burials and have asked to be shown around the church.

The Nature trail is now marked out and cut branches are ready for shredding to make the path.

The time given by the Probation Service ends soon but they may be back next Spring. The Service has appreciated the interest and the time that both the congregation and local residents have shown with their positive response.

What a transformation!

*Jessie Horne*

