

PARISH REGISTER

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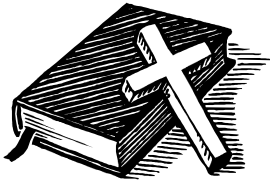
2nd Sept Oliver Ben Chatterton

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

29th Sept Raymond & Erika Morris

FUNERALS

10th Sept Charles Desmond Nuttall
Costa



REGULAR SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday:

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

1st Sunday:

6.30 pm Evensong

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

Please note, the Issues Group will not meet in October and the November meeting will be on 15th which is the third Thursday.

4th Thursday:

11.00 am Holy Communion at Queen Mother Court

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun 7 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Sat 13 th Oct 1.00 pm	Organ Recital
Sat 20 th Oct 10.00 am	Parish Ramble
7.00 pm	Warley Male Voice Choir

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October 2007



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MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

During October we will be having a series of talks on 'Telling our stories'. I have no idea what line the speakers will take, except that it will be their personal story. No doubt it will have something to do with their life journey and experiences, maybe their work and faith, and what it means to them.

Telling stories is, in fact, fundamental to who we are. We may dress them up and think that we are saying something about how the world is, but really everything in life boils down to telling stories; stories about our environment in science, about culture and history in the arts, and about relieving the stress and ambivalence of being human, in things like religion. In the case of religion we seek to put our ambivalent experiences into a cosmic framework and make sense of it. But perhaps in music we have the most direct 'story' of all symbolic expressions (a story not in words but in sounds and textures which directly express the life force). What is most interesting is to keep on returning to the story, because it is so easy to move away from it and think that we are giving a more objective account of how things are.

So, if you like stories, hearing them, telling them, sharing them, and find a deeper truth about life in metaphor, myth and symbols, then come along to these talks.

Martin.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will be celebrated on **Sunday 7th October**. Although we would welcome any gifts of produce or flowers, this year we would like to encourage you to make a monetary Harvest Thanksgiving. Envelopes, for those wishing to Gift Aid their donation will be available at the back of church.

Services will be at the usual times.

8.00 am.	Holy Communion (said)
10.00 am.	Family Communion
6.30 pm.	Evensong



AUTUMN TALKS

Telling our stories

2 nd October	Reverend Mother of Alum Rock Convent
9 th October	Canon Mark Pryce, Diocesan CME Officer
16 th October	Canon Jemimah Prasadam, Priest in Charge, SS Paul and Silas, Lozells
23 rd October	Canon Marlene Parsons, Former Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

The talks, which all start at 7.30 pm, will be held at the back of church in our new meeting area. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

LUNCH TIME CONCERTS

Please make a note of the following date and try to come along and encourage as many of your friends and contacts as possible to support the recital. It begins at 1.00 pm with coffee and biscuits available from 12.15 pm.

13th Oct Keith Hearnshaw
Organ with big screen projection

WARLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR

It's not too late to get tickets for the concert which is to be held on **Saturday 20th October, at 7.00 pm.**

You can get them in Church after a service or by phoning Anne Pycock on 0121 476 3117. They are £5 each and will include light refreshments. It should be a splendid evening and one not to be missed.



BARN DANCE

A Barn Dance is to be held on Saturday 17th November at 7.30 pm. in the church Hall. Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are available from Don Fripp or Sheila Skeeles, £5 adults, £2 children.

