

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

9th March Syke Scarlet Godridge
30th March Daniel Joseph Fage

FUNERALS

7TH March Doreen Jean Harris



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

2nd 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

EVENTS

Sunday 27th April Stewardship Sunday and AGM.

The Annual General Meeting, followed by a bring and share lunch, will be held in Church after the main morning service.

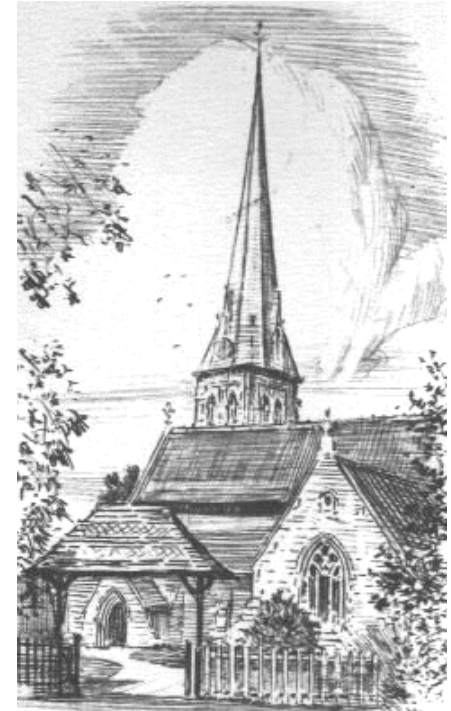


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MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

Dear Friends,

We are now in the long Easter season in the Church's calendar. As I have said before, this long season balances the equally long preceding season of Lent and preparation. I think we often tend to forget about, or underestimate what it is like to be in a new state and stay with it for a prolonged time. We are always in a rush to move on, but sometimes things are rich enough or complex enough to linger, with profitability. We see the same in relation to Advent and Christmas. For most of the world Christmas has ended after Boxing Day, but for the church's celebration it is only just beginning!

There is good reason for lingering at Christmas and Easter seasons, because they do not obviously make sense and you can't take it in all at once. You need to come back to it, circle it, look at it from many angles and perspectives and only slowly do you adjust to or grow into its meaning. A lot of personal maturity and spiritual insight is needed to do all this.

So this Easter, pause, make time and linger to explore and play with the new life that Easter brings about.

Martin

JOURNEY TO JUSTICE EXHIBITION

Were you there 10 Years ago making a Human Chain around Birmingham's centre? If so you were part of a historic event and you'll want to know what has happened since.

There is to be an exhibition in the Central Library (and another in the Museum) during the whole month of May. Volunteer stewards are needed to sit with the Library exhibition in 2 hour shifts to help explain to visitors what the chain was about and what is happening now.

A lot of Debt has been cancelled but there is more still to go. People Pressure has begun working but will you help to finish the job? If you can spare a little time in May, even if it is only 2 hours, please contact Rachel Stephens on 0121 472 1379 or email her at restephens.jdc@phonecoop.coop



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11-17TH MAY

Christian Aid Week raised more than £15million last year. If you would like to help in transforming lives across the developing world, please consider taking part in our door to door collection.

To find out more contact Morfudd Knight in Church or by telephoning her on 472 4804.

COFFEE & CROISSANTS

The Pycock's are holding a Coffee & Croissants Morning at their home, 397 Heath Road South, Northfield on Saturday 19th April from 10.30 am. Please put this date in your diary – all most welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE

On Sunday 11th May at 6.30 pm, St Mary's will be hosting the annual Cluster Confirmation Service. Bishop Tony Dumper will officiate. Please try to come along to support the candidates as they make their commitment to Christ.

The following week on Sunday 18th May again at 6.30 pm, in place of the evening service the Kol Kinor Choir will be giving a concert exploring the traditions of Jewish and Christian of music.