

PARISH REGISTER

WEDDINGS

12th January Scott Philip Paul Homans
and Natalie Jayne Turner

FUNERALS

24th January Baby Ruby Louise Atridge-
McCarthy



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

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

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

3rd Sun 4.30 pm Christingle Service

6th Wed - Ash Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion with
Imposition of Ashes

7.30 pm Holy Communion with
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16thSat 9.30 am Quiet Day at St John's
Ladywood

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February 2008



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MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

During February we celebrate the long season of Lent, or at least that is the theory. I say this because the world we live in has almost no time for the qualities which Lent requires. These are things like silence, attention, preparation and self-discipline (in the past including a significant element of fasting). They are (or were) their own reward, not just looking forward to Easter. And they make sense at the level of physical and emotional health. Incessant noise and self-indulgence of any kind could recoil on itself and does not do us any favours.

Today, we need Lenten qualities more than ever since we live surrounded by noise and distractions which prevent us from facing ourselves and living in the 'now'. To do this we need to stop, be still and silent. Only so will our mental inner chatter cease and only then will we find that 'peace which passes all understanding'.

The result is not that we become spiritual pundits but quite simply 'human', natural, relaxed, at one with the ebb and flow of our environment. This Lent let us try to rediscover our basic humanity.

Martin

LENT GROUPS VENUES FOR 2008

You are invited to come and join Selly Oak Ecumenical Lent Course which this year will start in week commencing Monday, 11th February 2008.

The course to be studied is based on the book **'Life Balance'**, by Robert Warren and Sue Mayfield. It's about rest, work and play and how to build 'Sabbath time' into our busy lives. It will run for five weeks. The group times and venues along with a contact person are listed below.

Mon	7.30 pm	24 Swarthmore Road Pat Weaver 476 7400
Tues	2.30 pm	URC Small Hall Lorraine DaCosta 244 6711
Tues	7.30 pm	29 Fox Hill Donald Knight 472 4804
Weds	7.30 pm	3 Hole Farm Road Bertha Dunford 476 7176
Thurs	10.00 am	37 Tillyard Croft Anne Pycock 476 3117
Thurs	10.00 am	Bridgewater Court Sheila Skeeles 472 0744

These popular groups give us all a chance to meet our fellow Christians from local churches and get to know about our differences and similarities.

LENT LUNCHES

As usual during Lent there will be three Ecumenical lunches.

Saturday 9 th Feb	Selly Oak Methodist Church, Langleys Rd
Saturday 23 rd Feb	St Mary's Church Bristol Road
Saturday 8 th March	Weoley Hill URC

Each lunch will run from 12 – 1.30 pm.

WEST END IMPROVEMENTS

The improvements to the West end of Church have now been completed. Gorgeous velvet curtains have been made to hang over the door, to help reduce the draughts. Many thanks are due to Morfudd, Sue and Anne. A new display board has also been purchased.

This work has been made possible by a generous donation in memory of Kenneth Meek.

