

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

10th February

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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

SPECIAL SERVICES

Women's World Day of Prayer

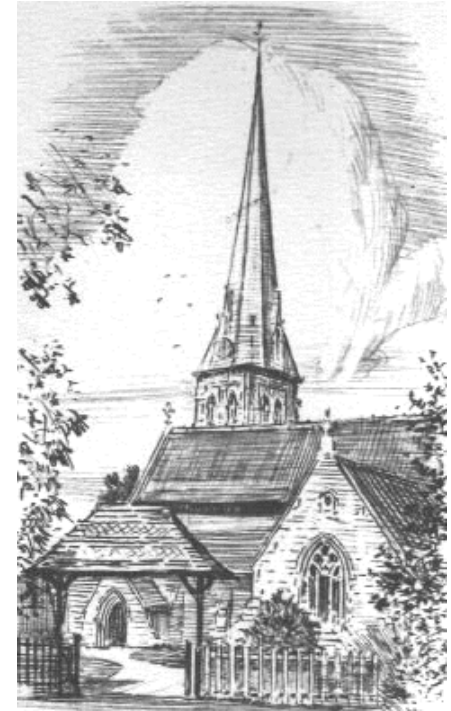
Fri March 7th 10.30 am at St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church, Raddlebarn Road, Selly Oak.
Everyone is welcome. The Service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of Guyana.

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

This month the Church celebrates Easter. The point of the stories of the passion of Christ, Good Friday and Easter Day and the rituals and ceremonies that go with them, is to write us into the script. They become our stories, our rituals and symbols, taking new shape in the contours of our life experience day by day. The events of Holy Week and Easter cannot therefore be read like history, still less as a series of doctrines and propositions; they cannot be held at arms length or studied as if we were trying to pass an exam. Or perhaps they can be looked at like this, as ancient history, but if so they will not yield their meaning and significance. The resurrection of Jesus and his suffering, are meaningless unless and until they ring bells in my experience and indeed become my experience. That is why it is costly and dangerous to celebrate these events, because they may just explode in my own life. The great hymn writer Wesley knew this all too well when he said 'ours the cross, the graves the skies'. Other people have written prayers asking that we may be called out of our graves of despair or peer into the empty tomb of our previously troubled lives. You get the point! It also follows that as generations discover, in their own experience, the central events of Christian faith, they add to them, colour them up, as it were, expand their meaning, significance and application in life. St. Paul spoke strangely of 'making up what is lacking in Christ's sufferings', I wonder if this expansive enrichment of the events of faith in our experience and that of others, is what he meant?

So this Easter let your life be written into the script of the stories and rituals – who knows what unique contribution you may bring to them!

Martin

COFFEE MORNING

Pam Chiswell and Olive Willes are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 15th March at Pamela Road, Northfield. All welcome – please make a date in your diary. Further details to follow.



AN EVENING OF RUSSIAN & BRITISH ROMANCE

With Stella Sims (Mezzo-soprano), Phillip Ypres-Smith (Piano/Organ) and others. To be held in Church on Saturday 8th March, 6.30 pm for 7.30 pm. Russian & British refreshments at 6.30 pm. Tickets £8 (Concs £6) obtainable from Church or 0121 472 1839. Your support is most welcome. Proceeds will be shared between St. Mary's Hospice and the Church.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

This Service which was held on Sunday 3rd February was very well attended. Kate, as usual, organised the event most carefully. The pupils of St. Mary's School gave an excellent presentation which was much enjoyed by the congregation. When the main lights were put out the whole Church looked gorgeous with just the lights from the Christingle Candles

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS FOR EASTER

16 th March		Palm Sunday
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	8.45 am	Breakfast in the Hall
	10.00 am	Procession of the Palms & Family Communion
17 th March	9.00 pm	Compline
18 th March	9.00 pm	Compline
19 th March	9.00 pm	Compline
20 th March		Maundy Thursday
	7.30 pm	Communion & Vigil
21 st March		Good Friday
	10.00 am	Children's Activities in Church
	12 noon	Stations of the Cross
	1 – 3 pm	Devotions before the Cross
	7.30 pm	United Ecumenical Service at Weoley Hill URC
23 rd March		Easter Day
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Family Communion

QUIZ NIGHT

On Saturday 29th March there will be a Quiz Night in Church at 7.30 pm. to help raise funds. 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. Light refreshments will be served, but please feel free to bring your own drink.