

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

28<sup>th</sup> June Connie Elizabeth Campbell

Jack Finley North

12<sup>th</sup> July Brodie Rose Caines

Toby Jay Caines

Brooke Marie Logan-Caines

Ela Juliete Barsham

### WEDDINGS

18<sup>th</sup> July Martin Colmey and  
Donna Tranter



## REGULAR SERVICES & EVENTS

### Sunday:

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:

10.00 am Youth Service with Communion  
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

### 2<sup>nd</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

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

11.00 am Holy Communion at Queen Mother  
Court



## ST MARY'S SELLY OAK

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## From the Parish Magazine Aug 1969

*The woman said to him, 'I know that the Messiah, that is Christ, is coming.'*  
*Jesus said, 'I am he.'* John 4.

It is natural to envy those who saw Jesus in person, those who actually met him and heard him speak, or saw him heal the sick and forgive sinners. It must have been a marvellous privilege and experience. But how easy was it to recognise him, or realise just who he was? He was so completely and naturally at one with people that most probably thought of him as one of themselves, though they may have admitted to his greater gifts and capacity. In other words, even though he was 'God scaled down to the size of man' he was still God unrecognized by most people.

But every now and again he was recognized, and Jesus revealed his own identity, usually in a private conversation or encounter, or among friends whom he could trust and wanted to help. In the case of this woman at the well at Sychar, roughly half-way between Nazareth and Jerusalem, the conversation turned to the women's private life, and this led to a certain initial defensiveness. Then comes the great admission: 'You must be a prophet', followed later by the statement 'The Messiah when he comes will tell us everything.' This gave Jesus the opportunity to say simply and clearly, 'I am he.' Have we given him the same opportunity to say that to us?

## TRANSFORMING CHURCH

Transforming Church is Birmingham Diocese's new mission initiative, with a vision for 'growing churches at the heart of each community'. It will be officially launched at St Martin-in-the-Bullring on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 11am. It is hoped that all parishes will be well represented by clergy and lay people who are interested in seeing their church equipped for mission and ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Bishop David says, 'God does not ask us to do more than we can bear.....and Transforming Church is not about asking people to work harder, but to work sharper – being proactive more than being reactive, focussed on what we believe God is calling us to do'.

You will hear much more about this subject over the coming months!

## 3D COURSE

The next Diocesan course for Developing Disciples (3D) will start in September. Anyone who is interested in finding out about what is involved should ask one of the Wardens for a brochure. The closing date for applications is 14<sup>th</sup> August, so don't delay, act now.

## COLLATION

Plans are well in hand for the Collation and Induction of our new Vicar, Revd. Jim Cox, on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

You will find a list on the porch notice board for you to sign if you are able to offer to help with the arrangements. We will need people to welcome guests, prepare the Hall, bake cakes, serve refreshments, park cars and many other tasks.

## PRAYER DIARIES

The third edition of the prayer diary will begin on September 13<sup>th</sup>. A PDF version will be available on the Birmingham Diocesan website.

Meanwhile the Prayer Calendar continues to be produced. It covers the whole Anglican Communion not just the Birmingham Diocese. You can download the 'Summer 2009' edition from the website. A sample copy is on the blue notice board at the back of church.

