

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

8th Nov. Jacob John Watkiss
Grace Maddison Bird
Ellis Alexander Bird
Mason Jack Hart

WEDDINGS

28th Nov Machel Murray
Annika Jarrett

FUNERALS

In Church or at the Crematorium

5th Nov Nellie Herbert
6th Nov Lilian Chambers
10th Nov Eric Twist
19th Nov James Whitehead
25th Nov Beatrice Cooley
26th Nov Kenneth Finch
Thomas Carter
Albert Wallace
30th Nov Brenda Morcel
Charles Jordan



REGULAR SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday:

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

3rd Sunday:

10.00 am Youth Service with Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

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 (various locations please
phone 476 0149 for details)

4th Thursday:

11.00 am Holy Communion at Queen Mother Court

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

Christmas Services – see overleaf



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MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

Advent

As we leave Kingdom Season (red altar coverings) we enter the solemn season of Advent (purple), the start of the church's year. We are in danger of losing this important season in what is now universally known as "the run-up to Christmas" and this is a shame.

There is real value in the sense of the stillness of waiting which Advent tries to offer. It contains a sense of suspended excitement as we review our life and faith reflecting on the Christ-child "born in us" over and again.

The shrill noises invading our preparation take no account of the fact that for many this will be the "first Christmas" since the death of a loved-one; others find the whole Christmas experience overwhelming and literally depressing. If we can observe a holy Advent we might have something special to offer people for whom this is not an easy time.

Jim



CHURCHWARDEN'S CHRISTMAS QUIZ

To enter the Quiz, pick up a sheet of questions from the back of church or phone 0121 476 3117 and ask for a set.

The questions should keep you busy over the Christmas holiday time. Each set of questions is £1. All proceeds will be for church funds.

The donated prize is a £25 Marks & Spencer gift token. Answers must be handed in by 6th January and the winner will be announced on Sunday 10th January.

CHURCH DIARIES 2010

This month we have a supply of useful little church diaries for sale at the back of church priced at £1.50. All proceeds are for church funds so why not buy some for your family and friends as stocking fillers?

NATIVITY TRAIL

Birmingham Museums and Art Gallery are staging a Nativity Trail from 28th November until 6th January. The paintings included in the Trail show some of the many ways in which artists over the past five hundred years have depicted the story of the birth of Jesus and the Holy Family.

Admission is free.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sun 20th 6.30 pm Carol Service followed by Pies and Punch

Christmas Eve
Thurs 24th 5.00 pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
Fri 25th 8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Family Communion



PASTORAL CARE

St Mary's has a small team of people who are willing to help with pastoral care and visits.

Please tell the Vicar if you know of someone who needs visiting or if you would like to be remembered in prayers

You might also know someone who is housebound and who would like to be included in the Outreach group's outings. At the end of November a small party is going to Redditch for Christmas shopping.