

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

31<sup>st</sup> May Jenna Leanne Harte  
Dominic Aaron Harte  
Erin Louisa Harte  
Tiffnie Hawkins

### WEDDINGS

13<sup>th</sup> June Philip Morton and  
Ruth Enderby

### FUNERALS

23<sup>rd</sup> June Alfred John Allen  
Blanche Edith Talbot



## 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

## SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

### 3D COURSE CLOSING SERVICE

This years 3D course will close with a Service at St Philips Cathedral, Birmingham on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm. Please try to go along and support those who have completed the course.

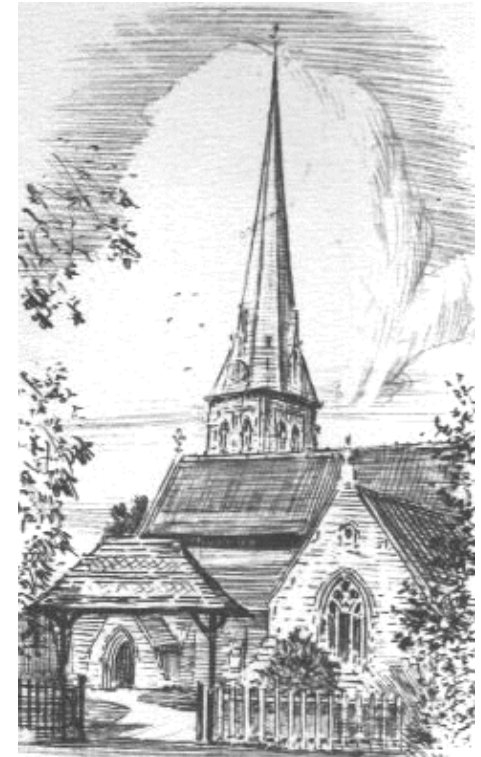


## ST MARY'S SELLY OAK

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## WHY DOESN'T GOD GET A MOVE ON?

Why doesn't God get a move on and stir the hearts of his faithful people to a greater unity in the Church?

Why doesn't He bring the leaders of the nations to make peace instead of war?

Why doesn't He banish disease and disaster?

Why doesn't God make it easier to be a Christian instead of demanding a death and resurrection from each and every one of us?

Many of us are asking these sort of questions as we think about the world in which we live and they seem reasonable questions.

We are reminded so often that we are part of God's world: '...it is He that has made us and not we ourselves...' so if God has a kingdom of righteousness and peace for them that love Him, where is it? Or is the power of evil in the world too strong for even God to resist? We can sink deeper and deeper into despondency about the world, ourselves and our God. But we are not the first generation to do so.

The Bible is the story of men and women doing just this – and finding an answer to their questions and their faith in the Living God. God may seem to take a very long time to answer our prayers in the way that we hope. But He never breaks His word. His promise is always fulfilled.

The prophets of the Old Testament proved it; the saints down the ages have proved it; and so may we all prove it.

We pray, "Your Kingdom come, Your Will be done," but what steps have we taken today to do anything about preparing for God's Kingdom? To what extent are we prepared to take God into account when we make our plans?

We must remember that we cannot measure or assess our "success" in God's terms. We can, however, be assured as Christians that nothing

"...shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Rev. John Shorrock

*Extract taken from the Parish Magazine*

*June 1970*

*Although these questions remain just as relevant today, has the way we address them changed over the past 40 years?*

## THOMAS HARDYE SCHOOL CHAPEL CHOIR DORCHESTER

This visiting Choir will be singing the following services at Birmingham Cathedral.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July                      3.30pm Evensong

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July                        11.00am Eucharist  
   3.30pm Evensong



The music will include Palestrina's Missa Brevis, and Evening Canticles by Murrill and Moeran.

The anthems will be 'And I saw a New Heaven' (Bainton) and 'Like as the Hart' (Howells).

Darren Hogg, who regularly plays at the Cathedral, will be the organist for all Services.

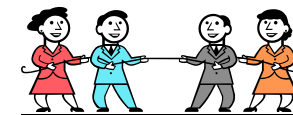
## COFFEE MORNING

Carole and John Surtees will be having a fund raising Coffee Morning on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**, at 10 Dowles Close, Selly Oak starting at 10.30 am. Please try to be there.

## POST CONFIRMATION GROUP

The adults who were recently confirmed and those who attended and supported the classes are to continue to meet to learn more about their faith and the bible. They would be delighted if more people would like to join them.

An initial meeting will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30pm and Mike and Yerang's house. Have a word with Malcolm Sorby or Phil Morton if you would like to take part or sign the list on the notice board in the bookstall area.



## FAMILY FUN DAY

The youth groups of St Mary's have volunteered to organise a fun day on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**. There will be all sorts of stalls and games including the usual garden party ones. Many stalls will be manned by BB and youth club but your help is needed too. If you would like to volunteer to run a stall e.g. tombola, raffle, cake stall or plant stall please speak to Gerald Fage or Susan Earley (or one of the Wardens).

Everyone can help by coming along and having some fun and enjoying a barbecue lunch or a cream tea.

