

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

10<sup>th</sup> May Shannon Marie Connolly  
Mia Francesca Francis –  
Head

### WEDDINGS

16<sup>th</sup> May Jonathan Perkins &  
Claire Cooper  
  
23<sup>rd</sup> May Rahmat Shabani &  
Jarmila Kouglava



## 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

### Praying for St. Mary's

At 9 pm. every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month  
there will be an opportunity, during the  
service of Compline, to pray for St. Mary's  
and to give thanks for all the good things  
that are happening here.

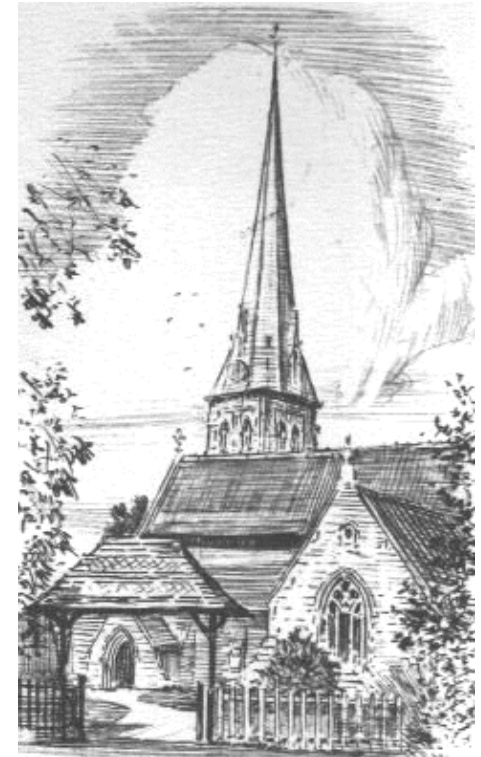


## ST MARY'S SELLY OAK

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## MESSAGE FROM SUSANNAH

By the time you read this the Church will have just celebrated the festival of Pentecost. Once better known as Whitsun, it is the time when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. It might seem an obscure festival, as there can be some mystery about who or what the Holy Spirit is. The Creed - which we say every Sunday - defines the Holy Spirit as the 'giver of life' and this is perhaps the most straightforward understanding. Put simply, it is the Holy Spirit that 'animates' us – that fills us with life, energy, creativity and zest, and lifts our hearts to God.

I enjoy the fact that Pentecost always falls around the time when one of my favourite TV programmes is on: 'Springwatch'. There can be few people who are not beguiled by the shots of baby birds and moved by the stories of parent creatures struggling against the odds to bring their offspring safely to adulthood. This programme is a celebration of life, and the 'will to live' that all creatures share. Just as the church celebrates 'the giver of life', let us take pause to notice the life around us – and within us. As I wrote this I was entertained by a parent Great Tit on the bird feeder. He or she pecked vigorously at the ball of food before feeding two babies, who were precariously perched on the edge of the water bowl, infant wings whirring and mouths wide open. It must be Pentecost!

*Susannah*

## NEW VICAR COLLATION AND INDUCTION

The Collation and Induction service for Revd. Jim Cox will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 pm. Please make a note of the date in your diary.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

We are pleased to announce that the Door to Door collection in our part of Selly Oak raised over £1,000. Many thanks to Morfudd Knight for organising the event and to all the collectors who gave so generously of their time.

## PLANT SALE

Chris and Katherine Aldridge's Plant sale was a resounding success. They raised over £2,000 for Christian Aid. Thanks to everyone who supported their wonderful effort.



## PRAYING TOGETHER

31<sup>st</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> July

The next edition of the useful little prayer calendar, which is being produced by the diocese, is now available from the table at the back of church. If you feel able to make a small donation towards the cost of production it would be much appreciated but the important thing is for you to take and use the booklet.

In his introduction Bishop David says, "The season of Pentecost reminds us that God is at work through his people and in his people as his spirit equips us to be co-creators of the heavenly Kingdom on earth; preaching the good news; becoming good news and doing good in the power of the Holy Spirit."

## BARBECUE

Don Fripp will be holding a barbecue at his house on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. 12 noon for 12.30. For further information contact Don on telephone no: 0121 604 3843. Please make every effort to support this event in aid of Church funds.

## JULY FUN DAY

This year, instead of the usual Church Garden Party, we are hoping to have a fun filled afternoon with activities and sports for all the family. Things will get under way straight after the main morning service and will include a barbecue lunch. Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July is the date you need to put on the calendar now!