

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

8th Feb Dayle Sean Steven Hawkins



ST MARY'S SCHOOL

The school hold services in church six times a year. The next one will be on Friday 3rd April at 9.30 am. The children always put a lot of effort in arranging these services. They would be very pleased to see you.

QUIZ NIGHT – ADVANCE NOTICE

The next quiz night will be held on Saturday 25th April. Please make another note in your diary – more details to follow.



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

2nd Monday:

7.30 pm The Way at 2 Hemyock Road

Every Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

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 & EVENTS

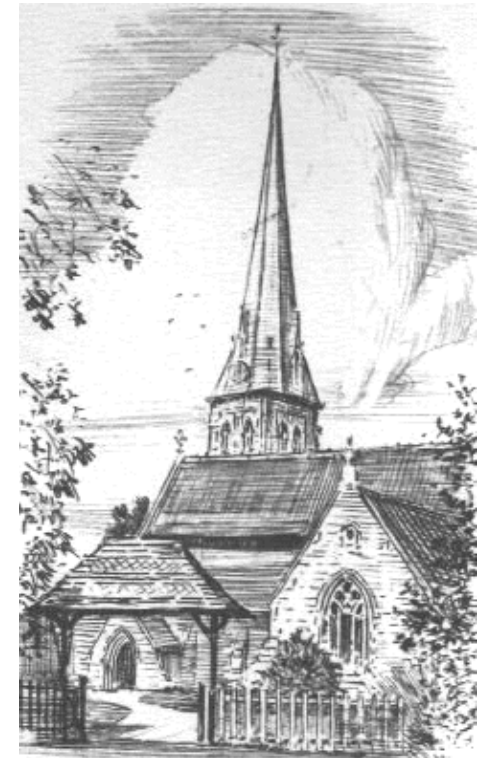
Fri 6th March Women's World Day of Prayer.
Further details overleaf.

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MESSAGE FROM SUSANNAH

As you read this newsletter, the church will be in the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday, on 25th February, marked the start of the six week period of preparation for perhaps the greatest Christian festival – Easter. The 40 days of Lent echo the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert, immediately after his Baptism, engaged in his own intense period of prayer and reflection as he prepared for his earthly ministry.

The Church has used this six week period in various ways – perhaps the most well known way being a penitential season, that is, a time for self-examination and trying to improve oneself, rid oneself of bad habits and ‘sinful’ behaviour. This has been rather caricatured in recent years, with the emphasis on ‘giving things up for Lent’. It is true that trying to live without something we have an unhealthy attachment to or dependence on can be quite helpful. However, ‘giving something up for Lent’ can become meaningless, or even self-depriving.

I’d like to invite you to a rather different understanding for Lent this year. Rather than focusing on trying *not* to do something (e.g. eat chocolate, drink coffee), how about actively pursuing something positive that can express our full and true potential? Remember that each one of us is made in the image of God – and that is a good and beautiful thing. We so often limit ourselves and fail to express our God-given warmth, generosity and kindness – maybe this Lent

we can all live a little more nearly to our true selves?

Susannah

FUND RAISING FOR 2009

If you are able to hold an event, such as a coffee morning, or if you have any ideas for a fund raising event, please contact Susannah or the church wardens

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A Service will be held on Friday 6th March at Friends Meeting House, Bristol Road, Selly Oak, starting at 10.30 am. The Speaker will be Jacqui Eldred. All are very welcome.

LENT LUNCHESES

Don’t forget the Lent Lunches which will be held as follows;
Saturday 14th March – St Mary’s
Saturday 21st March – Langleys Road
Methodist Church
Saturday 28th March – Weoley Hill URC



COFFEE MORNING

Joyce Meek will be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th March, 10.30 am until 12 noon, at 1103 Bristol Road, Selly Oak (on the corner of Middle Park Road) All Welcome – please make a date in your diary.

EASTER SERVICES

5 th Apr		Palm Sunday
	9.45 am	Parish Breakfast and Procession of the Palms
6 th Apr	9:00 pm	Compline
7 th Apr	9:00 pm	Compline
8 th Apr	9:00 pm	Compline
9 th Apr	7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion & Vigil
10 th Apr		Good Friday
	10:00 am	Children’s Activities in Church
	12 Noon	Stations of the Cross
	1 – 3 pm	Devotions before the Cross
12 th Apr		Easter Sunday
	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Family Communion
	6:30 pm	Evensong

