

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISM

19th April Fiona Grace Langley  
Aaron John Bennett

### FUNERAL

22<sup>nd</sup> April Norman Vallender



Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ above me, Christ below me,  
Christ to left and Christ to right,  
Christ within, both day and night.

## 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

Sun 10 May 6.30 pm Confirmation Service  
at St Michael's,  
Bartley Green

Sat 16 May 7.30 pm Thanksgiving for the  
work of the Children's  
Society

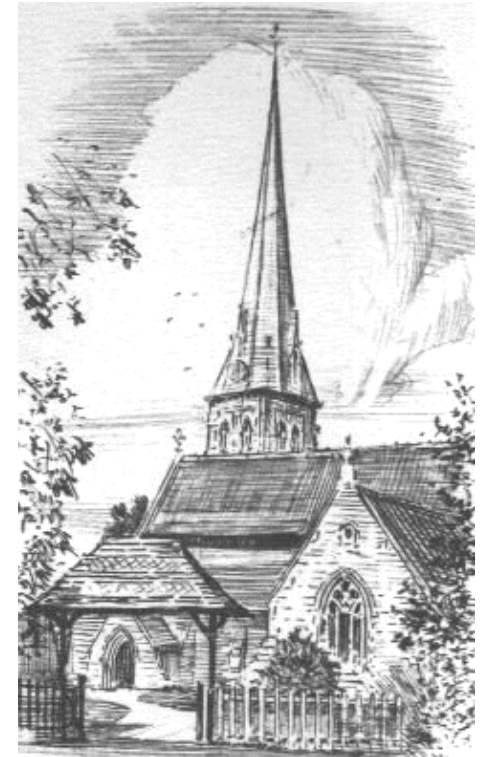


## ST MARY'S SELLY OAK

Bristol Road B29 6ND

[www.StMarySellyOak.org.uk](http://www.StMarySellyOak.org.uk)

*May 2009*



Vicar: Vacancy  
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Churchwardens:  
Donald Knight  
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Anne Pycock  
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Hall Bookings 0121 604 0950

## NEW VICAR

It is with much pleasure that we can announce that Bishop David has offered the living of St Mary's Selly Oak to the Revd. Jim Cox, who is at present the Incumbent of St Andrew's in Taunton.

It is with even greater delight that we can tell you that Jim (Cox) has accepted the offer and so will become our new Vicar, in due course. His arrival will be determined by works of alteration and refurbishment to the Vicarage and his children's schooling, but once a date has been agreed for his Collation and Induction you will of course be told.

Some of you may already know Jim Cox, as before taking up his post in Taunton, he served in several parishes in the Birmingham diocese and played a full part in the clergy cricket team. He comes highly recommended. We look forward to welcoming Jim and his family into the life of the church here in Selly Oak. In the meantime please remember him and his wife Doreen and their family in your prayers, and also his present parishioners in Taunton as they prepare for an interregnum.

*Anne & Peter*  
*Churchwardens*



## BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY

Roy Smart will soon be starting his second long distance bus journey, this year beginning in Kendal. He leaves Birmingham on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May and hopes to finish in London the following Wednesday.

A service of Thanksgiving for the Children's Society will be held at St Mary's on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm. when there will be a chance to meet up with some of the key workers in the various projects that are going on within the Birmingham area.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

**MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup>**

We would welcome more volunteers for door to door collections in the Parish. If you would like to help or would like to know more about what is involved please speak to Morfudd Knight in church, or telephone her on 472 4804. There is a list at the back of the Church to sign.

## PLANT SALE

Chris and Katherine Aldridge are once again holding a plant sale to raise money for Christian Aid.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
from 2 till 5 pm.  
at 4 Paradise Lane, Hall Green.

*Cottage garden favourites,  
interesting hardy border plants;  
over 150 varieties & more than 500 plants*

## ANNUAL PAROCIAL CHURCH MEETING

At the APCM, held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Anne Pycock and Donald Knight were elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

The following people were elected as members of the PCC for three years:- Gerald Fage, Don Fripp, Sheila Skeeles, John Surtees and Joyce Meak

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE

What we now call confirmation was originally part of a wider ceremony of Christian initiation and only became a separate rite when bishops were no longer able to preside at all baptisms.

As a separate rite, confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which the participation in the life of God's people, inaugurated at baptism, is confirmed by the bishop by the laying on of hands, and in which those who have been baptised affirm for themselves the faith into which they were baptised and their intention to live a life of responsible and committed discipleship. Through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming bishop, the Church also asks God to give them power through the Holy Spirit to enable them to live in this way.

On **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm**, St Michael's Church, Bartley Green will be hosting the Annual Cluster Confirmation Service. Bishop Peter Hall will officiate. Please try to be there to support the candidates from St Mary's. Refreshments will be served after the service.