

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

11<sup>th</sup> Oct. Arthur Peter Hill

### WEDDINGS

10<sup>th</sup> Oct Neil Brown  
Sandra O'Brien

### FUNERALS

In Church or at the Crematorium

Flo Holden  
Beryl Cheshire  
Sandra Maycock  
John Gilbert



## 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 (various locations please  
phone 476 0149 for details)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday:

11.00 am Holy Communion at Queen Mother  
Court

## SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 6.30 pm Memorial Service  
Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00 am Remembrance Day  
Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Nov Advent Sunday



## ST MARY'S SELLY OAK

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

We are in a period of the church's calendar called Kingdom Season. It is not all that well-known, but it runs throughout November from All Saints to Christ the King just before Advent and is marked by the liturgical colour red. It is a solemn time of year and, as it includes Remembrance Day, it has a strong theme of reflection. It is a fitting end to the church's year before we start the excited anticipation of Advent.

It is a time when we look back on the year that is passing to remember moments of joy and sorrow, new friends we have made and friends we have lost, things that have gone well and things that have not. And in the mad rush of modern life these little oases of reflection can be a welcome break.

It was once said that the opposite of re-member should be dis-member. That when we re-member we put people and events back together in our minds. In church we re-member Jesus at every communion service, and indeed every time we meet as Christians.

For those who live within the "mood music" of the church's year this is a precious time that we cherish.

*Jim*

## BELLRINGING

The ringing that we hear from our tower, and most other church towers, is known as change ringing. This is the art of ringing bells in a continually changing pattern (hence the term "Change") each time they are struck. The object of the art is to bring the bells back to their original sequence, without repetition, within a specific number of changes.

The number of changes rung can be extended by introducing what are known as "Calls" These are called out by a conductor. The number actually rung is normally determined by the time available and the ability of the ringers taking part. During our Wednesday evening practice session, and for service ringing, these will usually be of fairly short duration. A short spell is referred to as a "Touch". For special occasions however, attempts may be made to ring touches of greater length. The long periods of ringing, lasting for just less than three hours, heard occasionally on a Saturday morning from our tower, are attempts by an expert band of ringers to ring what is known as a Peal and will consist of at least 5000 changes. Unfortunately, if a mistake occurs the attempt may fail and the time given up to it will be to no avail!

Bell ringing is not only a challenging and fascinating hobby but is also a good social activity. Ringers can make friends in any part of the country where they may find themselves since they will usually be welcome to join in the ringing at a local tower. In October our own band of ringers travelled to Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire to ring at four towers for our annual outing. There we met and rang with our good friend Inga Wilson who previously rang here at St. Mary's and sang in our choir until she returned to her native Peterborough. There are many instances of friendships continuing in this way.

Ringling is well within the capabilities of most people and is a good way of providing a service to the church. We welcome new recruits (two members of our band are nearer to 80 than 70 both of whom have been ringing for over 60 years but still get the same buzz from it as when they first rang). So if you feel that you may like to learn more about ringing or to try your hand at it please telephone Keith Haslam on 458 2635 or Alan Westwood on 476 0149

Alan Westwood



## ALL SOULS SERVICE

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November we will hold our annual All Souls Memorial service in church at 6.30pm. It is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the lives of loved-ones who have died.

Invitations have been sent to those who have had a funeral with us recently, but it is an open service and something which can be enormously important as we remember family and friends with thanksgiving and joy. During the service there will be an opportunity for everyone to light a candle and a time for reflection.

Refreshments will be served after the service.