

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

9<sup>th</sup> August Thomas Joseph Hollyhead  
Charlie Isaac Simpson  
Hollie Isobel Payne  
Olivia Rice

### WEDDINGS

1<sup>st</sup> August Adam Reuben  
Shelley Howard

7<sup>th</sup> August Oluwasola Ajay  
Elaine Healy

8<sup>th</sup> August John Earley  
Katie George

15<sup>th</sup> August Kevin Whittaker  
Sarah Young

22<sup>nd</sup> August Mark Allen  
Collette Tosh

29<sup>th</sup> August Neil Scott  
Gemma Hurren

### WEDDING BLESSING

29<sup>th</sup> August Stephen Long  
Hui Miao



## 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

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Sept Collation and Induction of  
Rev. Jim Cox

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Sept Back to Church Sunday



## ST MARY'S SELLY OAK

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW VICAR

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September, the Revd Jim Cox will become the 17<sup>th</sup> Vicar of St Mary's. Bishop David and Archdeacon Hayward Osborne will present and install him during a service that evening. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards. We look forward to Jim's ministry among us and welcome him and his wife Doreen and their family to Selly Oak.

## DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Why do we celebrate, on 12<sup>th</sup> September, the fact that St Mary's is 148 years old? Instead of looking adventurously into the future, the Church (some would claim) insists on looking into the past! Looking back to that world of long ago when men built St Mary's, the world of the mid-Victorian era, of Lord Palmerstone's ministries and the American Civil War.

We should remind ourselves that a Dedication Festival must not be just a yearly look at the past but it can be useful to look back, in order to recover that spirit of faith and adventure that inspired the early benefactors of St Mary's to donate their money and see that a church was set up here. Many of the things we do now would have puzzled those of that far-off age of the 1860s. Yet we are one with them in wanting our Church to have a new vision and above all to serve men and women in our own day.

So our Dedication Festival gives us a chance to remember, with gratitude, our past heritage and also to recognise the need to be bold and carry our vision for the future out into the world of Selly Oak and beyond.

*(Adapted from the Parish magazine dated September 1969)*

## OUR FUN DAY

The fun day, organised by our young people led by Sue Earley and Gerald Fage, was a departure from the normal pattern of our summer social gathering. To attempt such a venture must have required courage and, no doubt appeared to be a somewhat formidable challenge. However, despite inclement weather, the event proved to be an outstanding success catering for all ages, with the Police and Fire Brigade in attendance, giving advice and demonstrations, and in the case of the latter, giving away educational material in fire precaution and folding models for children. A cyber bus provided a display of modern technology and we even had the novelty of rockets being propelled above the church tower. This really was rocket science! (Courtesy of Mark Wicks)

Numerous attractive stalls challenged our skills or displayed wares that were too tempting to resist. Wafting from the hall area was the aroma of Burgers and onions which provided a more than adequate substitute for Sunday lunch. With the arrival of the Ice Cream van, a number of our more senior members who happened to be taking refuge in the church porch from the rain enjoyed what were described as medium sized cones. As these were of rather generous proportions it was agreed that it was as well that no attempt had been made to tackle the large size! Scones, cream and teas were also available but unfortunately during the rainfall one of the helpers with this stall received an untimely shower when a miniature waterfall descended from the top of the gazebo. After lunch the choir entertained us to delightful madrigals and a number of more energetic people climbed the tower to see a demonstration of some of the intricacies of bell ringing.

Whilst the object of the day was not primarily to raise funds, nevertheless a very creditable sum of £500 was accumulated and, no doubt, better

weather would have resulted in even more being raised. As it is our young people are to be congratulated and we offer our thanks to them for providing so enjoyable an occasion.

Pat and Alan Westwood

## JUNIOR CHURCH

After the summer break the Junior Church will start again on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Terri and Godfrey Hull, who had been leading the dedicated team of helpers have moved on so at the beginning of this term we step out, in faith, with a new team structure and look forward to being challenged by our young children.



## ST MICHAEL'S

Good news for St Michael's, Bartley Green! The Revd Dr. Kevin Ellis, currently Team Rector of Maryport in Cumbria, is to be their next Vicar. He will be collated and inducted on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. He is originally from Sheffield and trained at Queen's in Birmingham. Everyone at St Michael's is delighted at the appointment