

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

13<sup>th</sup> Dec. Harry Michael Garratt  
Harley James Roy Smitten

### WEDDINGS

12<sup>th</sup> Dec Gary Price  
Alexandra Lyon-Mealey

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Andrew Mackellar  
Hollie Ryan

### FUNERALS

In Church or at the Crematorium

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Joyce Stanbury  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec Derek King  
10<sup>th</sup> Dec Mark Dale  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec James Shanks  
15<sup>th</sup> Dec Wendy Lambeth  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec Marie Hobrow  
21<sup>st</sup> Dec Maurice Bartram



## 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



## ST MARY'S SELLY OAK

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*January 2010*



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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICARAGE

Hopefully you have had the opportunity, in the last few weeks to hear or attend worship and share in the great stories of salvation. And if you have not allowed the shrill sounds that attended the season to spoil the profound messages of the angels you will have started the year well.

The year which has ended will have had its shares of joys and sorrows; there will be things that have given us life and things that have weighed us down and it is perhaps worth spending a few moments with our memories before striking out into the future. We may be able to see where God has walked beside us or with us.

Because this is the underlying message of Christmas; not that we will necessarily have a year of serene calm but that whatever life throws at us this year, God is with us.

Each year there are those who will tell us we live in the worst of times and that the future holds only bleakness. Undoubtedly there will be times of bleakness and hardship, times of anger and nastiness; but God has not abandoned us and I believe, as a Christian, we can walk into our uncertain futures with confidence and hope. God is with us and loves us; and both now and at the end of time we are held in merciful hands.

*Jim*

## CHRISTINGLE

This special service will take place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 4.30pm. All children and their friends and families are welcome to celebrate the festival of Candlemass with us.

As usual, the money raised by the collection will be donated to the Children's Society to help with their work with underprivileged youngsters.

Our Christingle consists of:

- an orange ... representing the world
- a red ribbon, tied round the orange ...representing the body of Jesus
- fruits and sweets, skewered on 4 cocktail sticks which are pushed into the orange .... Representing the fruits of the earth and the four seasons
- a lighted candle pushed into the centre of the orange ... representing Christ, the light of the world.



## MEMORIAL CAROL SERVICE

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December the Co-Op funeral service held its Annual Memorial Carol Service in our church. It was well-attended and much appreciated by all who came. The service itself was put together by the Co-Op in a format that has been used before, with readings, carols, prayers and a short address. Many stayed on afterwards for refreshments or just to sit quietly in church or to add a prayer card to the lovely Christmas tree.

It is the custom of the Co-Op to move around to different local churches each year, but it is something we would always be glad to host, providing a real service to the local community.