

# St Mary's Church

## Newsletter

Spring 2013



### New Rector for St Mary's Church

Following a long interregnum period, our new Rector, Rev'd Felicity (Fliss) Iliffe, was formally appointed at her "Institution Service" at the Severn Centre on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. The service was led by Bishop Alistair and representatives from Billingsley were present and involved in the service.

Fliss will be formally "installed" as Rector of Billingsley by Bishop Alistair during the 9.30am service this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – all are welcome to attend.

She will be conducting her first service at Billingsley on Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.30am so please do come along to meet her. Do come along if you can.



Fliss is pictured with Bishop Alistair Magowan and Churchwardens Rebecca Hadley and Zoe Baggott after the Service.

***PTO for an introductory message from Fliss.***

### Dates for your diary

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9.30am – Morning Prayer, to include the installation of Rev'd Iliffe.
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am – Carpet removal at church (with a "Bring & Share lunch"). This work is recommended by the Diocese Architect. Please contact the Churchwardens if you are able to help.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 8pm – PCC AGM at The Cape – All Welcome to attend.
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.30am – Easter Sunday Service - come and meet Fliss!.
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am - Morning Prayer.
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Quiz (see right).
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 8.00am - Holy Communion.

A colorful poster for a Quiz Night event. The background is white with large, overlapping circles in shades of red, pink, yellow, and green. At the top right is the St Mary's Church Billingsley logo. The main text reads "Quiz Night" in a large, red, serif font. Below it, in smaller text, is "To raise funds for St Mary's Church, Billingsley." The date and time are "Friday 19th April—7.30pm" and the location is "The Cape of Good Hope". The price is "£7.50 per person—includes entry into the quiz and a hot meal—choice of curry (meat or veg) or fish and chips." and the limit is "Maximum of 4 per quiz team." At the bottom, it says "To register a team and to place your food order, please contact Zoe Baggott on 07974 808817 or email zoe.baggott@hotmail.com".

### *Message from Fliss*

Hello everybody. Let me introduce myself. I am Reverend Fliss Iliffe and I am your new Rector. My husband Richard and I are so pleased to be coming to join you. We have come from Ledbury where I have spent the past three years working in the Ledbury team of churches. Before I was ordained I was a teacher for many years. I worked, mostly in the South East, teaching English and Drama in comprehensive schools. Richard is a solicitor. We have a grown up daughter, a son in law and a nine year old grandson. We also have a greyhound who is very much part of the family.

We are really looking forward to getting to know you all and to becoming part of all the communities of the benefice. We do know a little about you already as I spent three months working in the benefice with Revd. Clive Williams whilst I was training for ordination. It was a very happy time and we were made to feel welcome by everyone we met. We are excited to be renewing old friendships and making lots of new ones.

By the time you read this we will have moved into the rectory in Highley and the Bishop of Ludlow will have confirmed me as the new rector in a special service held in The Severn Centre. I know that that will be a wonderful occasion as will the services on March 3rd at each of the four churches of the team. In those the Bishop will pray for God's blessing on us all as I begin my work with you.

I intend to start by getting to know as many of you as possible. There are too many houses in the benefice for me to be able to knock on all of your doors to say hello so I would be really pleased if you said hello to me when you see me out and about. I will be wearing my dog collar so you will know it is me.

This is an exciting time but also a daunting one. Change is never easy. Clive and Sue were part of your lives for so long and are bound to be missed. I hope that, as we settle down and get to know one another, we will be able to build relationships of mutual trust and friendship so that together we can grow in the knowledge and love of God and of his son our lord Jesus Christ.

With all best wishes,

Fliss

**The AGM of St Mary's PCC will be taking place at 8pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at The Cape of Good Hope.** This is a good opportunity to come and meet Fliss and to find out about (and contribute to) the church's plans for the next 12 months. All are welcome to attend so please come along – especially if you have any views on matters such as Services (times and themes), fundraising or pastoral care / outreach.

Any comments or questions, please contact Churchwarden Zoe Baggott on 07974 808817

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