



Parish Newsletter – Summer 2012



Billingsley Bells!

The restoration work on the Bell Tower, Bells and Roof is complete. The bells were re-dedicated at a service on Sunday 8th July by Bishop Alistair Magowan. It was a lovely service which was very well attended and provided a great chance for the village to get together. Thank you to everyone who supported the campaign or was involved in the planning and organising of the service.

The Bells were rung for the first time at 3pm on 3rd June as part of the national bell ringing celebrations marking the Queens Diamond Jubilee.

Come to the BBQ at RAYS FARM!

Saturday 1st September at 6 pm

Adult Admission £3.50 / Children Free

Food, Drink, Stalls, Raffle & Rays Farm's Animals

*Any donations of bric-a-brac, books, cakes / produce
and raffle prizes most welcome.*

*Please leave with Mr & Mrs Stedman, 18 Lincoln Fields,
before 1st September*

or bring with you when you come to the BBQ!

Come and join us for a great evening!



Billingsley 2012

Did you know that Billingsley has some links with the Olympics?

Billingsley resident Elliott Clee was chosen to carry the Olympic Torch through Wolverhampton in recognition of his charity work. Congratulations to Elliot.

Many children from Billingsley went to the torch relay event at Cleobury Mortimer and many were able to actually hold one of the torches!

Billingsley resident Cairen Stedman has been working as an attending paramedic at the Olympic Sites in London.

Billingsley resident Matt McWalter has been overseeing the running of the Olympic football events which have taken place at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry.

The Bells of St Mary's Church were rung at 08.12am on Friday 27th July as part of the national bell ringing celebrations to mark the start of London 2012.

Billingsley resident Bob Pace will be competing in the World Triathlon Championships in the autumn after becoming British Champion for his age group. He will be competing alongside Olympic Gold Medallist Alistair Brownlee and his Bronze Medal winning brother Jonny. Congratulations and Good Luck to Bob!

Vacancy Recruitment Process

As you shall be aware from the last newsletter, the 4 parishes of Highley, Chelmarsh, Glazeley/Deuxhill and Billingsley are currently without a full time stipendiary minister. Services are still being carried out by Revd. Val Smith, visiting ministers and lay readers.

But what is being done to recruit a new minister to the area?

On Saturday 21st July, Zoe Baggott, Paul Stedman and Mary Nelson represented Billingsley at an open meeting to discuss the needs of our community. To support this meeting, Zoe and Rebecca Hadley have written a parish profile for Billingsley which outlines the demography of the village as well as the details of services, events and activities currently undertaken by the Church, or those planned for the future.

A small "drafting committee" including members from all 4 Churches will be working together over the next few weeks to produce a single "benefice profile" which will outline the needs of each of the parishes and a "person specification" which will be sent to anyone interested in applying for the position. Rebecca Hadley represented Billingsley at the first meeting which took place on Tuesday 21st August. A meeting is then planned on 5th September with the rural dean, the drafting committee and all church wardens to assess progress and address any arising issues.

The documents will be rubber stamped for use in the forthcoming advertisement and selection process at a meeting on Tuesday 25th September which will be attended by all members of all 4 Parochial Church Councils.

Interviews are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 14th November and it is hoped that a minister will be post by next Easter.

We hope you have enjoyed reading the second parish Newsletter from St Mary's Church. Please contact Zoe Baggott on 07974 808817 or zoe.baggott@hotmail.com if you would like anything including in future editions or have any comments / suggestions.

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Dates for the Diary

Sunday 26th August – Holy Communion 8am

Saturday 1st September – BBQ 6pm Rays Farm

Sunday 9th September - Family Service 9.30am

Sunday 23rd September – Holy Communion 8am

Sunday 14th October – HARVEST Festival 9.30am

Sunday 28th October – Holy Communion 8am