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## From the Wardens

We have now received the paperwork dissolving the Erdington Team, and St Mary's is now officially The Benefice of Pye Hayes, Saint Mary, with Rev. Nigel Traynor as the first incumbent of the new benefice. Please pray for Nigel and his wife, Erin, as they continue to minister in this part of the city, in the parish of Pye Hayes.

Earlier this year most of the Leadership Team went on a Diocesan training weekend titled "Leading Your Church into Growth." We all found it very useful and came back with a renewed sense of the need for St Mary's to concentrate on growth. The phrase used on the weekend was...

"Growth is important, not because numbers are important but because people are important."

We felt that over the last few years, because of the need to replace the Church Hall roof and other issues, we had allowed ourselves to be distracted from our mission and have spent too much time on maintenance. We came back from the weekend feeling that, as a church, we have much in place that is good, but we don't have a thought out plan as to how what we have fits together. It's rather like a dot to dot puzzle without the dots joined up. Together with our new teams we need to plan ahead over the next few months and try to join up the dots.

Looking back at last Summer's Newsletter, we mentioned that we were trialing Breakfast Services as an experiment on the first Sunday of each month. We ran these over last summer and were encouraged enough by the response to do the same again this year as part of our commitment to activities that aim at growth. So far we have had two, on the first Sundays of May and

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June, and we are looking to continue the series up to December.

Earlier this year we said goodbye to Olive Bell, a faithful member of St Mary's for 50 years, caring for so many in so many different ways, feeding both body and soul with her friendship, faith and delicious cakes! Not surprisingly she gave 100% support to her husband Norman when he was Churchwarden. Olive passed away on May 1st following a long struggle with illness.

Gary Beardmore, who has been a Reader at St Mary's for some years, has decided to move on to pastures new and leaves a large gap in the ministry team. Please pray for guidance for Garry and his family as they seek God's direction for the future.

We value your continued prayers for us, the people at St Mary's and particularly for the leaders.



**Paul Cockrill & Lynda Payant**



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## NEWS FROM

# St Mary's Pye Hayes



**Come and Go to Love and Serve the Lord**  
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## Summer 2016

## From Nigel

One of the surprises, frustrations and joys of being the vicar of St Mary's for over 16 years is the export of goods. I know that sounds factory like, but it seems to tune in with the EU Referendum at the moment. Over the years, we have grown and encouraged and built people up in faith to the point where they have left to share that faith and growth in another part of God's kingdom and church. It ties in quite clearly with our tag line, Come and Go to Love and Serve the Lord. But we have all felt so keenly, recently, the going. Therefore, this Summer, we have been looking at the invitation of God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit inviting us to play our part in the mission and life of God's church. We are learning afresh to respond as disciples to walk with Jesus. We are learning afresh our deep human need to invite the Spirit to come and dwell within us, and we are exploring what it means to come and worship the Father. In this season of invitation to come, we are trying to learn afresh what it means to invite others to come and join us on our Leaky Boat that is St Mary's.

**Rev'd Nigel Traynor,  
Vicar, St Mary's Pype Hayes  
& Area Dean of Aston Deanery**



## Cell Life at St Mary's

Our fortnightly small group meetings at St Mary's are called Cells, and they meet at individual's homes, and in two other instances, in meeting rooms, one at the Tyburn Square Meeting Room for the local community and a new cell at Baughan House, a retirement community with over 60 residents. The cell group at Baughan House arose from the growth of the Tyburn Square Cell, who found they could send some of their members to go and help the new cell begin, and from a desire to offer a spiritual ministry to the people at Baughan House, where there had been a link with St Mary's in the past.

The new cell at Baughan House received permission to begin, and through that open door of opportunity, the new cell has begun and is slowly growing. We'd like to thank God for the willingness of His people at St Mary's to launch out with Him in that new ministry, and for the open door at Baughan House. We pray that God will use it to bless people, and we would appreciate your prayers for that new cell.

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## Saturday, 2nd July

This year at our annual Summer Fair, we are having a bit of fun and having a St Mary's Bake Off at the Fair. There will be a contest for adults and for children, with entries to be received by 10:30 am on the day. Adults to submit a Victoria Sponge Cake and children to submit 6 decorated cupcakes.

We'll also be having all the usual different kinds of stalls, bottle tombola, crafts, jewellery, and games. Pork Baps will be available and much more!

Do come along on the day from 11—2 pm! We'd love to see you there.

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