

Mothers Union



At our meeting on Monday 18th June, 8pm in the Church meeting room Sue Harvey (ICHT) will be telling us about & demonstrating Indian Head Massage. Everyone is very welcome to join us for what promises to be a relaxing & calming evening.

The annual Deanery coffee morning has been rearranged for Tuesday 26th June 10.30-12 noon. Margaret Greely is kindly hosting this at 39 Fordwich Rise. There will be a raffle, bring & buy & an opportunity to buy MU cards & goods. Proceeds will go to MU Projects. Again, all are welcome.

Ann Stephens-Jones

Harvest Festival of Music & Flowers September 21st – 23rd 2007

Plans continue to develop and there are plenty of opportunities for people to help in all sorts of ways:

Prize Draw: We need exciting prizes for this to be a success. We hope to make more than last year, which was around £900, but we need YOUR help to get the prizes together. Donations of gifts are welcome but we also hope to get prizes donated from various businesses around the town and need people to assist with this. Please contact Janet and Colin Bird who are co-ordinating the draw. We hope to start selling tickets in July.

Flowers: We are now collecting sponsorship and money for the flowers and have had a promising start. There are forms at the back of the church that we need you to take and distribute to friends etc. We have also contacted all organisations that have used the Church over the last year and those who use the Hall. We will also be approaching local business and other Churches etc.

In July we hope to publish the programme of music and we will also need to organise catering for the various parts of the weekend. We will also be working hard on the publicity from July onwards so it will be on hands on deck!

The next planning meeting will be on Tuesday 10th July at 8pm in the meeting room, and there will be further reminders about this nearer the time.

It is a different and exciting project for All Saints but needs everyone to assist - it is not a project that can be left to one or two people to organise! I am sure we will have a profitable and enjoyable weekend where we welcome lots of visitors to All Saints

Fiona Earle and Gilliam Harman are also involved in the planning so do please speak to them if you can not get hold of me over the next few weeks!

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Talk on Badgers



Badger cubs at play in their chamber

About 50 people enjoyed an illustrated talk on badgers, given by Audrey Randall in St John's Hall on Saturday, 28th April. She has had a twenty-year interest in badgers and took many of the photographs that she showed. She is Chair of the Hertfordshire and Middlesex Badger Group. She asked for questions during the talk, and got them - sure sign of a good and interested audience, making it an enjoyable evening for everyone.

Audrey spoke of the distribution of badgers in the country. There are many in Hertfordshire, probably due to the diversity of our countryside, fewer in East Anglia, and the

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population is very high in the West Country, unfortunately where there is much dairy farming. She outlined their family habits, mutual preening, keeping the setts clean and airing their bedding, their food and their expectation of life. Traffic is a real danger but is much reduced by fencing on motorways and modified underpasses.

Nick Hoyle gave the vote of thanks and expressed the view of most of "I knew little when I came and know much more now."

Afterwards we had a buffet supper with wine and the evening raised about £300 for Aschiana. Audrey also speaks on Hertfordshire mammals and we hope that she will be able to come next year for that.

Overall it was a very pleasant evening, with ten children; our thanks to everyone who came and who helped.

John and Fiona Earle

Womens Fellowship

At our April meeting, Pauline showed us some lovely slides of her holiday in Italy and Annecy in France last year. There were some very old buildings and many colourful flowers in troughs on window-sills.

On Wednesday 27th June Dr Julia Gough will tell about some of her experiences in Malaysia when she spent a year there on behalf of the Malaysian Rubber Research Centre in Brickendonbury.

Mary Geering

Key Security

Access to the church and to St John's Hall is by a secure key system. There are some 110 keys in circulation and keeping control of them is important for the security of the buildings and their contents.

It has become evident that some key-holders have passed their keys on to other people without informing anyone. As a result our records are out of date. This is not a satisfactory situation!

If you no longer have a need for a key please return it to Derek Westwood promptly, along with details of who should now have it where appropriate.

If you have passed on a key to someone, or received one from someone other than Derek Westwood, please let him know; each key has a unique identifier on the reverse (e.g. SJH-B5)

Thank you
The Churchwardens

CVM Breakfast

The next CVM Breakfast is in the Sele Community Hall just off The Ridgeway on Saturday morning June 16th 08:00 till 10:00.

The guest speaker is Dr Bernard Palmer a Consultant Surgeon and author of 'Cure for Life' which is about who Jesus claimed to be, evidence to support those claims and what did he teach.

Please do come along, invite a friend enjoy a hearty breakfast and good company.

For further details and to book your seat please contact David Cramphorn on 01992 558395 or david@annox.co.uk

