



Mothers Union

As we approach Valentine's Day, Margaret Greely will be presenting a talk for us on Monday 4th February entitled "Marriage through the Ages". She will include the history of marriage from early times and consider how customs have changed over the centuries. Please bring a photograph or memento of your wedding or a wedding you have enjoyed so we can share some personal memories!

Refreshments will be served before the meeting at 8pm in the Church Meeting Room. As always, everyone is very welcome to join us.

Ann Stephens Jones

Women's Fellowship

The AGM will be on Wednesday 27th February in the church meeting room, followed by a Lenten Talk by Rev Jo Loveridge.

Mary Geering

Christmas Tree Festival

Following the very successful Flower Festival last year, as part of our outreach in to the town and also as a fund raising event it has been agreed that this year All Saints will be organising a Christmas Tree Festival. This will take place on 5th, 6th and 7th December, with half the proceeds going to the Isabel Hospice and half to the Church.

It is planned that local shops, businesses and organisations will all be invited to take part in decorating a tree and there will be a competition for the best dressed tree in each category. After the Festival, trees will either be taken away by individual organisations or auctioned.

As at the Flower Festival, it is hoped that we shall be able to provide musical interludes, with local school choirs, orchestras etc also being asked to help out. Refreshments will be available and there will be a Craft Fair in St John's Hall.

We shall have to do some initial fund raising to get this project off the ground, and Denise Dilley (01992 587113) or Dorothy Toyn (01992 589781) would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any ideas on this. We shall also need lots of help, so again, please contact us if you can get involved in any way or would like any further information.

Quiz Night!!

February 2nd 7 for 7.30. Tickets, including supper, £7 from the Toyns or the Vicar.

Easter Flowers

Flowers in church at Easter in memory of loved ones have always been special. Your donations are always appreciated and are a great help in making our church look its very best on Easter morning.

If you would like to make a donation this year Gillian Harman or the Churchwardens would be pleased to receive your gift by Sunday 9th March 2008.

Gillian Harman

All Saints Art

We are very pleased to announce that Dr Roger Aubery will be coming along to the Art Group once again on 14th February, 2008. This time he will be giving an illustrated talk on art depicting the Resurrection.

The talk will be held in the Church meeting room beginning at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be held during the interval and there will be a charge if £2.00 for non-members and £1 for Art Group members. A donation will be given to the Isabel Hospice from the proceeds of this evening.

Denise Dilley

Thank you

We would like to give our thanks to all who were involved with the funeral of Evelyn Gilby on 21 December. We were also most grateful for the cards and other messages of sympathy which have meant a lot to us at this time.

Vanessa, Tony, Jean, Ian and Mark Gilby

Elizabeth Gilby

was born Evelyn Chessum on 4th June 1915, her father, away at the war, was a builder and her mother ran the local pub.

She was a strong Wesleyan Methodist, and stalwart member of the choir, continuing until her marriage. Unfortunately in her teens/early twenties she began to lose her hearing, in time this was to become a total loss.

She met a handsome and ambitious young man called Horace Gilby, they fell in love, and married 29th July 1939. They lived in Norfolk. They lost their first baby, and then Vanessa was born in 1944. Sadly they lost another full-term baby, and it was decided they would come to Hertford to get improved medical care. So in 1948, to everyone's delight Tony was born. She brought up two children on a shoestring, with lovely home cooking, and the most beautiful cakes and pastries.

She supported Horace through his work and public life. This included conference attendances and hosting functions for him when he held chairmanship at national level for his professional society. She carried this off with great poise, tact and charm. And in particular she supported him in all his council work, being Mayoress twice.

She was also President of the Inner Wheel Hertford twice, and cherished the friendships.

She never really got over Horace's death in 1980, after nursing him for seven years. Family was everything to her. Her two grandsons gave her true joy, particularly their singing. She heard from them about their choir trips, which she closely followed, and felt it was in her own tradition.

It was a blow to her to have to go into a Rest Home. She had however settled well, and indeed had a new lease of life, making new friends.

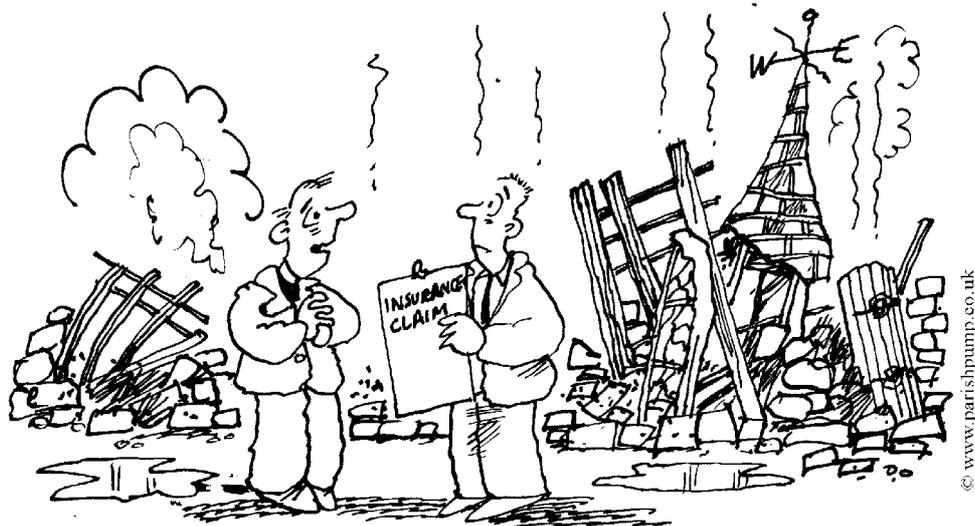
Despite her disability and health problems Mother had a good life, always calm and patient, always beautiful and elegant, full of quiet reserve. We are grateful for her legacy and will miss her.

Great news for lovers!

Sorry we couldn't get this to you sooner but the news has only just reached us. More than **600,000** jars of marmite will be sold before St Valentine's day, with the usual ingredients of yeast and vegetable extracts improved with 0.3% champagne. The Jars will say "I love you" or "For my lady marmite lover" – great for the tongue-tied and they go on sale between £2.99 and £3.99 apiece.

Step aside speed-dating. Try Marmite (with or without champagne) on buttered toast under some scrambled eggs – start now

John & Fiona Earle



...er... apart from this little hiccup... it was an excellent church pancake supper...