

Holy Baptism

2nd December George William Rupert, son of David Rupert & Zoe Caroline Evans of 36 Villiers Street, Hertford.

30th December Harvey James, son of Mark & Jackie Kass of 52 Ashbourne Gardens, Hertford.

3rd February Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of Darren John & Fiona Helen Ley of 17 Marshgate Drive, Hertford.

In Peace

24th January. Colin Alfred Lord was born on 4th July 1925 in Dursley Gloucestershire He had a happy childhood attending Dursley Secondary School, and passing the Oxford Local Schools Certificate before joining Lloyds Bank, Dursley in 1941.

He joined up on 25th September 1943 and served in the Royal Air Force. He trained as a Navigator in South Africa. Colin was discharged in September 1947 with the rank of Flying Officer, after completing service as Commanding Officer, Fourdon, Scotland, a bomb storage unit. (All the more senior officers had been demobbed before him and he had to call upon the experience of an older Flight Sergeant when airmen were brought to him for charges, much to his amusement.)

Colin rejoined Lloyds Bank in 1947, working at Wotton-under-Edge. In 1950 he became a member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers.

He met Jean, who was a Ward Sister at Scarborough Hospital, on a very wet walking holiday in Borrowdale in the Lake District in August 1954. Their courtship was long distance as Colin was living in Gloucestershire and Jean in Yorkshire. When he was appointed to Lloyds Bank Inspection Staff in Plymouth in 1955 they decided that if they wanted to see each

other the best thing to do was get married which they did in November 1955.

Their daughter Jane was born on October 4th 1957 and 1959 he was appointed Sub Manager Lloyds Bank, Stroud where their son Michael was born 12th November 1959.

In August 1962 he was appointed Manager of Lloyds Bank, Hertford. He quickly became involved in activities in the town and was Hon. Treasurer to many Clubs and Charities, notably Hertford District Scout Council for 25 years, and if not treasurer was likely to be Hon. Auditor! He was Hon. Auditor to All Saints Church for over 25 years.

Their son Richard was born in 1964. In 1969 he joined Hertford Rotary Club and served for many years as Treasurer and was President 1977/78.

His great interest was walking and was never happier than when he had on a pair of walking boots. He covered many miles in this country and abroad. He climbed most of the major mountains in Britain, walked across the Grand Canyon from the South to North Rim and up to the crater of the volcano Ruapehu in New Zealand.

He was able to indulge in another interest, sailing at Filey in Yorkshire where Jean's mother lived, and where many happy holidays were spent. Colin learned to sail with the Scouts and he then taught the rest of the family and much fun was had sailing in Filey Bay with 'Thumper' a Mirror Dinghy. He also ran a Badminton Club in St. John's Hall, and was very interested in photography.

After retirement in 1985 he added Bridge to his interests, spending many a happy hour playing with friends and at the age of 61 years took to skiing. This he enjoyed with much enthusiasm if not skill for 9 years until the onset of Parkinson's disease in

1995. In spite of this, Colin continued to live life to the best of his ability, he accepted his condition without complaint or bitterness. He loved his home, his children, and his eight grandchildren of whom he was very proud.

Women's Fellowship

On Wednesday March 26th at 2.30 pm Mrs Dorothy Toyn will give us an illustrated talk on her recent trip to Canada.

Mary Geering

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.

The Christmas Tree Cross will be decorated on Easter Day. Please remember to bring a flower on Easter Day Sunday 23rd March.

Gillian Harman

Easter Egg Competition

With Easter fast approaching, it's time to get creative again and come up with an eggstraordinary entry to our traditional Easter Egg Competition, which is open to all ages!

Please hard-boil or blow any eggs that you will be using. Then design the most amazingly eggstravagant egg person or egg event or egg-themed scene for an eggciting entry!

You should then write the title of your entry on an accompanying card (by all means incorporating eggcruciatingly egggy puns!) together with your name, age (if appropriate) and whether you are KS1, KS2, Secondary or Adult.

Please bring your entries to the back of the church before 12.00 noon on Saturday 22nd March.

All the entries will be on display from Easter Sunday, when the winners will be announced during the 10.00 service. There are super prizes to be won – but taking part is the really fun bit, so we look forward to seeing lots of ingenious entries.

Mothers' Union

We have a new Branch team. Ann Stephens-Jones (447726) has completed her three-year term as leader and becomes Branch Treasurer. Her successor as Branch Leader is Ros Barron (584165), and Rosemary Bolton (589535) is now our Branch Secretary.

Our March meeting is combined with the last of the Lent Course/Art Workshops at the URC at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 12th March.

We are invited to a Mothers' Union meeting on Wednesday 2nd April 2008 at 2.30pm at St Peters Church, Buntingford. The speaker will be Rachel Halsall, who is Faith & Policy Officer at Mary Sumner House. Rachel is part of the team that represents the MU at the United Nations and she will be talking about her work for the MU at MSH and at the United Nations.

All Saints Flower Club Demonstration/Workshop

Jenny Stutley, who is a Flower arranging advisor from The Church of England Flower Arrangers, will be coming to All Saints to give a demonstration and workshop on Saturday 5th April 2008.

Coffee will be served at 10am and the demonstration will commence at 10.30, followed by a light lunch which will be provided. The practical session will follow lunch. The day will finish about 3pm.

Participants need to bring their own flowers. Bowls and stands will be provided. Cost for the day will be £7.

If you are interested in coming please contact Gillian Harman 01992 422042 or Dorothy Toyn 01992 589781.

All Saints Model Railway Show

The Church is holding a model railway show on Saturday 7 June in St Johns Hall. It is likely to feature about ten operating layouts, some static exhibits and a couple of trade stalls. The layouts will be a mix of scenic model railways and vintage train circuits. Refreshments will be provided, probably in the back of the church.

The Show is being organised by Reg Harman and Geoff Oates. Profits will go to Church funds. Help will be needed with refreshments, stewarding and other activities. You are invited to volunteer your services, even if only for an hour – please contact Reg on 01992 422042.

Talent Competition

You will all no doubt be familiar with the Parable of the Talents. On Mothering Sunday, 2nd March, All Saints will be launching our own "Talent Competition".

Everyone wishing to take part will be issued with a £1 coin. Using your own talents the idea is that you use this £1 wisely and endeavour to increase its value. For example if you can bake you could spend your £1 on ingredients to make a cake which could be sold for £2. Ingredients could then be purchased to make two cakes, and so on. We heard of a young lad at another Church who spent his £1 on a large sponge which he used to clean cars, raising a considerable sum of money in the process. The possibilities are endless, so use a bit of imagination as well as your particular talents and see what you can come up with. There will be a table set up during coffee time after the 10.00am service each week where any items you have produced can be sold.

The competition will run until Sunday, 27th April, when all money raised will be collected, with a prize for

- a) the person who has collected the most money and
- b) the person who has been most imaginative.

All proceeds will go towards the Christmas Tree Festival in December in aid of the Isabel Hospice and All Saints Church.

The competition is open to all ages, so collect your £1 either from the Vicar or from Denise Dilley (01992 587113) as soon as possible and join in the fun!

Wedding Bells

To celebrate the recent Ruby Wedding anniversary of John and Fiona Earle, a quarter-peal was rung on the ten bells of All Saints', beginning at noon on Friday 1st February. The ringing consisted of 1262 changes of Cambridge Surprise Royal and was completed in 52 minutes.

Mammals of Hertfordshire

On Saturday 5th April, Audrey Randall will be back at St John's hall, to give us another illustrated talk in aid of ASCHIANA. Following last year's very successful talk on Badgers she will this time be talking about and showing us the Mammals of Hertfordshire.

Doors will open at 6.30 for a 7.00 p.m. start to the talk. Supper will follow. A glass of wine or a soft drink will be provided.

Tickets, £7.50 for adults, £5.00 for 18 and under, are available from Denise and Brian Dilley (587113) or Fiona and John Earle (462467). Please buy them by 2nd April so we know how many to cater for.

As most of already know, Aschiana provides half a day's education and a hot meal for street children in Kabul. Every penny raised goes to the children's welfare.