

Women's Fellowship

Dorothy Toyn is a physiotherapist and was chosen to go with nine others to an international conference in Vancouver, Canada. Richard went with her. When the conference was over they stayed in Canada for a holiday. So, at our March meeting, Dorothy gave us a very interesting talk illustrated with digital photographs.

They travelled to Calgary by train, seeing the mountains and valleys in between. They also hired a car to visit other places, including Victoria and Banff before returning to Vancouver via Whistler, a ski-centre.

This month's meeting is on Wednesday 28th May at 2.30 p.m. in the church meeting-room when I will give a talk on my visit to Australia, with slides.

Subscriptions were due in March. If you have not already paid, please bring your dues to this meeting.

Mary Geering

Mothers' Union

At our April meeting, John Earle gave us an interesting update on the work of Aschiana in Afghanistan. He showed some excellent new slides of the street children learning in the Aschiana centre which really brought home what wonderful work a small charity can do when efforts are targeted exactly where needed. He also made us aware of the current political situation & how this affects women & children.

Of particular concern is the discovery of rich natural resources such as gold & copper in the country, which may lead to powerful nations trying to exploit them to the detriment of the Afghan people who have already suffered so much. Please speak to John or Fiona if you would like to know more about Aschiana & the current position.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th May at 8pm in the Church meeting room, when our local Police Community Support Officer,

Maria Fernandez will explain her role and give us advice.

On Wednesday 11th June at 8pm in the Church meeting room, Mrs Pauline Rhodes will talk about her book "Double Trouble" and living with manic depression. Copies will be on sale.

Letter from Mick Holder

Dear Friends,

We trust that you all had a nice white Easter like most of us did – we still had a good turnout at all our Easter services.

We would like to give those who still remember us every best wish for the coming summer and whatever you do, please be safe and enjoy life – keep smiling!

It's now been nineteen years since we left Hertford, but we still have happy memories of All Saints' and the choir.

God Bless

Mick Holder & Family

All Saints Flower Club Demonstration/Workshop

This was held in church on Saturday 5th April. There were 19 of us, including visitors from the Methodist and Baptist churches and friends at All Saints. We met and chatted over coffee before the demonstration began at 10.30.

Jenny Stutley gave an excellent demonstration of a large triangular shaped pedestal and a tall thin arrangement. She gave lots of tips and advice and we asked her questions as she was working. Her friend Barbara helped and also gave advice. They are both members of the Church of England Flower Arrangers Association. Jenny is coordinator of the CEFAA Flower Arranging Advisors. Three of our group are members of this Association.

We enjoyed a chatty lunch of Quiche and salad and desserts!

Following lunch we all set up to do pedestals spreading all over the church. Jenny and Barbara went round to everyone and offered advice. We all gained further tips. It was a most successful and friendly day. Everyone mucked in to wash up and clear up – thank you very much. Most of our efforts were left to decorate the church, including the two done by Jenny.

We also made just over £60 for Flower Club funds, to be used for the flowers in church during the year.

Gillian Harman

Coffee morning

There will be another Coffee Morning in the Church on **Saturday 17th May from 10.00am – 12.00pm** to raise further funds for setting up the Christmas Tree Festival to be held in the Church in December to raise funds for the Isabel Hospice and All Saints. We are planning to have a Bring and Buy Stall, Cakes, Second hand books, Raffles etc at the Coffee morning as well as refreshments.



For this event the Junior Church Plant Sale will also be joining the Coffee Morning at the Church when proceeds from the plants they sell on their stall will be donated to the current Junior Church charity.

We do need your help to make this event a success and should very much appreciate offers of cakes for the cake stall.

If you have been spring cleaning recently and have any unwanted items in good condition which could be sold on the Bring and Buy Stall, there will be a box at the back of the Church where these can be left.

We shall also be glad of any second hand books or donations of raffle prizes. If you have any bedding plants or cuttings to spare for the Plant stall please bring them along on the morning.

But, most importantly - Please come along on the morning for a cup of coffee and a chat. You will receive a warm welcome!

Further details from, and offers of help to, Denise Dilley 01992 587113.

Christian Aid Walk

The Christian Aid Walk will take place on Saturday 10th May starting at Hartham outside the swimming pool from 8.30 to 9.30am. The walk of 26 miles (41 kms) will go through very scenic countryside with checkpoints at High Cross, Standon, Widford and Stanstead Abbots finishing at Sacred Heart School in Ware, and is well marshalled throughout. Although the whole walk is quite literally a marathon, you don't have to complete it all. Walkers can choose to walk an individual section or several, each about 9 kms. A lot of teenagers do the walk with many completing the whole thing. There is usually a strong contingent from Richard Hale, including 3 dressed as Spartans last year, dressed in nothing but trainers, shorts, capes and spears!

In 2006 the walk raised about £19,000 which was a fantastic achievement. Last year it raised approx £15,000 which is also a substantial amount but unfortunately about £4,000 less and the number of walkers were down too.

Please consider walking and raising money for a very worthwhile charity, or at least sponsoring someone. You would also be welcome to help All Saints' man the starting point at Hartham, it is an early start but helpers have been known to go on and do a later section of the walk afterwards.

For further details of the walk, walker's cards and sponsor forms please contact either Rosemary Bolton or Martin Bird.

World Vision 24 Hour Famine

This year the 24 Hour Famine's appeal has been for World Vision's target of helping the street children in Chennai, India. As an old supporter of World Vision I decided to do

what I have done over many years, go without food and get sponsors to raise money for the project.

Thanks to all you people who have sponsored me, I have collected £460 (£570 with Gift Aid), which will be used by World Vision to good effect.

These children are those who have lost their parents through various causes do not have birth certificates, and therefore are not able to get support from the Indian government.

£3 can keep emergency medical care available for one day; £5 can run a children's club for one day providing social interaction, education on their rights and a chance to express their skills and talents; £39 could run a vocational training course for one day, such as Catering, Electrician or Mechanic courses for those young people too old to return to school; £132 can provide counselling services for a whole month. This is an essential service for children who have encountered rejection, fear, loss or exploitation. I do have a DVD about this project should anyone wish to borrow it.

I am sure that World Vision will put all the money they get from this event to very good use and again, I thank you on their behalf

Derek Westwood

Produce Stall

Our takings for the year ended 31st March 2008 amounted to £925. As usual, this has been split in three; one third goes to a very poor rural hospital at Okhuldanga, in eastern Nepal (through UMN); one third goes to help schools in a poor rural area between Pokhara and the Fishtail Mountain in Nepal (where we have visited them on three occasions); and the final third goes into the Fabric Fund to help maintain All Saints' Church.

Thank you for all your faithful custom at the stall, without you nothing would happen! Thank you also for returning baskets, supplying jam jars, plastic bags and flowers

pots and seed trays – it all helps us – and also helps the environment.

John & Fiona Earle

Audrey Randall's talk Mammals of Hertfordshire

Audrey Randall returned on 5th April to give us another interesting talk in aid of Aschiana. This time she fascinated us with excellent slides, facts and stories about the mammals of Hertfordshire. This was followed by a supper of Afghan style food for about 60 people.

After expenses, including a donation to St. John's Hall and one to the Hertfordshire and Middlesex Badger Group, a profit of £450 was made. Thank you all for your generous support and help.

John & Fiona Earle

Concerts in May

Saturday 3rd May

Haileybury Singing Weekend and Evening Choral Concert conducted by Sir David Willcocks
Blest Pair of Sirens - Parry
Nelson Mass - Haydn

Soundbites Concerts

7th May

Dimitar Burov - Violin
Mark Smith - Piano
Violin Sonata in A minor - C. Franck

14th May

Karin Backstrom - Mezzo Soprano
Christopher Benham - Piano
Scandinavian songs by *Grieg, Sibelius and Peterson-Berger*

21st May

All Saints' Choral Scholars

28th May

Marmara Piano Trio
Piano Trio Op 1, No.1 - Beethoven
Nine Pieces for Piano Trio - Henry Cowell

Organ recitals

Four Organ Recitals will take place at midday on Saturday's throughout May. They will feature All Saints' organists playing the church's fine 'Willis' instrument.

Saturday 10th May

Michael Frith

Saturday 17th May

Brian Bromley

Saturday 24th May

Christopher Benham

Saturday 31st

Martin Penny

Friday 30th May at 7.45pm

Alberni String Quartet
String Quartet Op.33 No.5 - Haydn
String Quartet in G major - Schubert
Admission £10



Car Boot Sale

There will be a car boot sale in the grounds surrounding St John's Hall, Hertford, on

Saturday 28th June
8.30a.m. – 11.30pm

Site open from 7.30a.m.

Cars £10.00 Vans £15.00

Advance bookings only

Booking forms from:
Denise Dillely 01992 587113

Proceeds towards the costs of the Christmas Tree Festival in aid of the Isabel Hospice and All Saints Church

**All Saints Art Presents
'Wood in Our Lives'**

An illustrated talk on how wood affects our lives past, present and shaping our future

By Leon Ajao

On **Thursday May 8th 2008**
Cost £2.00 (All Saints Church Talents)
Venue: All Saints Hertford. 7.30 pm

Family Services

You are invited to come and join us at our regular Family Services at

11.30am on May 4th

and at

11.30am on June 1st

both in

All Saints' Church, Hertford

A short service with story, hymns, prayers and special activities:

May: The blessing of pets.

All people and pets welcome, but those of a nervous disposition may need special care!

June: "Railways"

Coffee/drinks and cakes will be served afterwards

*For more details please ring:
Rev Jo Loveridge on 01992 584899*

Look forward to seeing you there!