



## Mothers' Union

Shirley Dodgshon, MU Diocesan Action & Outreach Co-ordinator will be speaking at our meeting on Monday 15th June, 8pm in the Church meeting room.

Shirley is well known as a Diocesan speaker & will be considering the MU Theme for 2009, "Cost of Relationship". We may think about what is meant by cost?, relationship to whom? & how can relationship be costly?

We shall be inviting all MU members in the Deanery & refreshments will be served. Please join us for what promises to be a thought provoking evening.

*Ann Stephens-Jones*

## Women's Fellowship

At our meeting in April we were pleased to welcome a new member. More members would be welcome.

We had a talk by Mrs Jean Riddell on how she was able to write a biography of Mr Peter Ruffles. It took two years from start to publication. A lot of research was needed as there are several branches to the family. It was all very interesting.

This month's meeting is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. in the church meeting room. Mr Nick Hoyle will tell us *How to read a Church*.

*Mary Geering*

## Festival of Music & Flowers 2009

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Plans for the Festival of Music and flowers are well underway with lots of ideas coming forward. We are working with Keech Cottage Hospice for children and on June 9<sup>th</sup> we have a "Cheese and Wine Evening" with a talk about the work of the hospice.

Sponsorship forms are now available at the back of the church for those wishing to assist with the flowers. As previously arrangements can be dedicated to a loved one or special event.



## Keech Cottage Children's Hospice

The flowers are being planned by Sue Guilford and she is very keen to hear about anyone willing to come and arrange flowers on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Sept and / or Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> October. There will be a Harvest element to the decorations but with a theme of "We have a Gospel to Proclaim". Sue would also like to hear from anyone with design ideas for the flowers.

The music will include various short interludes & services (e.g. Compline) as previously and also some dance this year. We hope to have some craft demonstrations, a Treasure Hunt in the Churchyard, information about "Living Churchyards", a miniature garden competition, colouring competitions, tombola and a Raffle each day, and the Art group are working on some exhibits and cards for sale.

Janet is "catering manager" and will need a team of several helpers to assist her through the weekend. Stewards will also be needed each day. We will also have a book stall in the hall on the Saturday, Bric-a-brac and cakes so will need volunteers to man them also.

All Saints are very good at pulling together to run various superb events but are rather inclined to leave things to the last moment!! PLEASE (for the sanity of the organizers!!) come forward now and let us know if you are able to assist over the weekend in any way, or have any ideas for events or flowers. Your ideas and assistance will enable this to be successful.

For further information please contact Dorothy Toyn (General plans) 01992 589781, [Dorothy.toyn@ntlworld.com](mailto:Dorothy.toyn@ntlworld.com) or Sue Guilford (Flowers) [Sueguilford@hotmail.com](mailto:Sueguilford@hotmail.com)

## Cow Corner

Junior Church news



### Coffee morning and plant sale.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> we held our Coffee Morning and Plant Sale in aid of our Junior Church project to send a cow to a needy family in Africa.

For weeks people had been making crafts to sell, collecting goods, making cakes and growing plants. Not to mention all the people working behind the scenes on the organisation and publicity for the event. On the Friday and Saturday a myriad of helpers were at church to set up the coffee morning and help on stalls. Our publicity also paid off as we had lots of visitors who came and supported the event. We are very grateful to everyone who helped in any way.

The event was a tremendous success financially and we raised a phenomenal £970. This was beyond our wildest dreams, and means that we can fund a cow out of this event alone (and still have some money left over!)

We are also very grateful to Denise and Brian Dilley for giving us a large donation to our project as a result of their asking for donations to Send a Cow, rather than gifts for their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Adding this money to our total takes it to over £2000! In fact as we go to press, the total stands at £2164. This is enough to send an entire farmyard of animals (one of each type), as well as the training and support to go with them.

We are very grateful for all your support so far but we're not stopping yet! The cow bucket will still be there on Sundays and

plants are still on sale at coffee hour. We hope to add a few more animals to our farmyard before we have finished.

### A visit from Send a Cow

On Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> Jan Lowe from "Send a Cow" will be coming to tell us more about the charity's work and the families which they help. This will take place during the morning service at 10am. I would encourage you to make every effort to be there as Jan comes highly recommended as a speaker (by my younger son, Thomas – she spoke to his school!)

Thank you once again for all your support.

*Kath Oates*

## Watoto Children's Choir

The Watoto Children's Choir will give a concert at All Saints Church, Hertford on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. Admission is free with an offering taken during the concert.

This choir of parentless children from Uganda are touring Europe for six months during 2009 with their live 'CONCERT OF HOPE' - this event is sponsored by Hertford Churches Together and is not to be missed! Please put the date in your diaries now.



## Trinity

How can God be One and Three at the same time? Perhaps the Father is like the sun in the sky – dazzling in majesty and glory, whose light, Jesus Christ, illumines all mankind; and whose invisible warmth, the

Holy Spirit, brings us to life. Sun, light and warmth – eternally the same, but eternally different. - Anon

**Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire  
Historic Churches Trust  
Sponsored Bike 'n' Hike  
Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2009**

In September you can raise money for Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust AND All Saints' by cycling or hiking, to visit as many churches as you can. You can visit local ones but you could use the opportunity to discover somewhere new – a walk through St Albans perhaps or another area of the county.

We normally only have a couple of people who participate in this event. Can you join us this year?



Martin Bird walks for miles each year, and I usually cycle and we really do enjoy the day – you can go through some fabulous countryside

and it is exhilarating see God's creation in all its wonder. You meet some lovely people who are manning various churches proudly showing you "their church" – the etched glass at St Margaret's (also the best stop for afternoon tea...!), Victorian box pews, the history of the Friends Meeting Houses, family memories and so much more, and not forgetting the visit to Bramfield to meet Miss Kilby greeting visitors at the grand age of over 100!

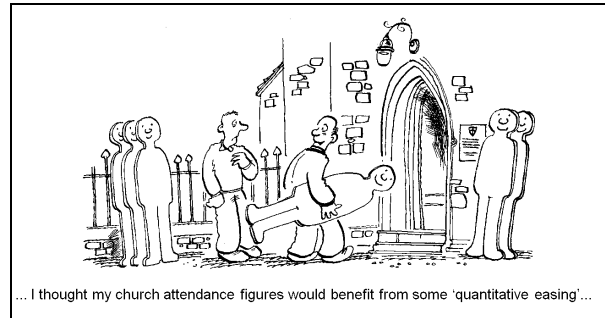
Please try to join us! Peter Ruffles is the area organiser and he would be delighted if you could boost the numbers and raise a little more money for the Trust. Last year the Herford & Ware Deanery was the 2nd most successful group and it would be great to improve on that! All Saints raised the most money in the Deanery with just a couple of people – imagine what we can do with more and don't forget half the money you raise comes directly to All Saints! You can visit 9 churches just by walking around

Herford and Bengoe so do book the date and start to plan your route! Sponsorship forms are available from me.

*Dorothy Toyn*

**Thought for the month**

There is nothing that so alters the material quality of the voice as the presence of thought behind what is being said  
*Marcel Proust*



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**FARM CRISIS NETWORK** is trying to establish a county group in Hertfordshire.

**FCN** is a Christian based voluntary organisation which works in support of the farming community. You can find out more by looking at their website [www.fcnc.org.uk](http://www.fcnc.org.uk)

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