

Holy Baptism

Danielle Louise and Holly Marie Thorby

Damien Jimmy George Murphy

Sophie Alexandra Miller

Evie Siena Pratt

Caitlin Margaret Newton

Holy Matrimony

31st Jan *Richard Summers and Claire Dean* of 51 Mandeville Rd Hertford.

14th Feb *Jai Brace and Laura Woolridge* of 6 Wood Common Hatfield.

28th Feb *Stuart Andrews and Nicola Dale*

28th March *Martyn Collins and Katherine Hughes* of 121 Tamworth Rd Hertford.

29th March *James Shipton and Hannah Vingoe*

In Peace

Jan 28th *Doris Bunyan*

Feb 2nd *Ethel Stanford*

Feb 3rd *Joyce Byrne*

Feb 23rd *Sheila Olney*

Feb 23rd *Hilda Kersey*

Feb 24th *Glenn Taylor*

Feb 24th *Marjorie Abbey*

Feb 26th *Jane Williams*

Mar 2nd *Renie Rawlinson*

Mar 10th *Jean Taylor*

Mar 19th *Kate Payne*

Mar 26th *Albert Bird*



Mothers' Union

We would like to thank the congregation so much for their support for the Mothers Union Mothering Sunday campaign. Particularly for the generous donation of £212.25 from the morning collection, this will support Diocesan projects and the many donations of items for emergency hospital bags. This is an ongoing Diocesan project which we are working on with the other Deanery branch.

Our May meeting is a "bring and share" afternoon tea on Thursday 21st at 2pm in St John's Hall. We hope this will allow those members who find evenings difficult, to attend.

As usual everyone is very welcome to join us and if anyone requires transport please contact Roz Barron, Rosemary Bolton or myself.

Ann Stephens-Jones

Women's Fellowship

We were very pleased to have Mrs Janet Bird at our March meeting to give our Lenten Talk. The talk included some prayers and Bible readings and also some recorded Lent hymns. We all had much to think about at the end of a very pleasant afternoon.

This month's meeting is on Wednesday 27th at 2.30 p.m. in the church meeting room. Miss Helen Gurney, the curator at Hertford Museum, will tell us about the work being done on the building.

Mary Geering

Cow Corner

Junior Church news



May 16th is an important date for your diaries as our coffee morning and plant sale will take place then (from 10am – 12 noon). This will be the most important fund-raiser so far towards our project. There are lots of ways in which you can support the morning – please see the next article.

Another exciting piece of news is that Jan Lowe, from "Send a Cow" will be coming to our morning service on Sunday June 14th to update us on the work the charity is doing. My son Thomas' school also supports "Send a Cow" and had a visit from Jan recently and her talks come highly recommended! Do be sure to be in church that day to hear how the money we raise will help needy families in Africa.

Thank you for your continuing support of the cow bucket. It has now collected £244 bringing our grand total to £609. We are getting very close to our target now!

Kath Oates

Coffee, cakes, plants & COWS

There will be a Coffee Morning combined with a Plant Sale in All Saints Church on Saturday, 16th May from 10.00am until 12.00 noon. Proceeds will go to the Junior Church "Send a Cow" project.

We shall need lots of help to ensure the success of this event. As well as our usual cakes, raffle, second hand books and nearly new stalls we shall also need lots of plants to sell. If you have any spare plants, bulbs, cuttings, produce etc. please bring

them along to the Coffee Morning/Plant Sale on the day. Cakes should also be brought along to Church on the day. Items for the "nearly new" or book stalls etc can be left at the back of the Church, suitably labelled at any time.

Do come along and join us for a cup of coffee, a chat and a browse through our stalls for bargains and bring your friends!

If you would like further information on this event or the "Send a Cow" project please speak with Denise Dilley – 01992 587113 or Kath Oates – 01992 535805

Team News

We remind everyone of the following opportunities to worship together and hope many of you will be able to join us as we pray and grow together.

21st May (Ascension Day)

Holy Communion 8.00 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Little Amwell

31st May (Pentecost)

Choral Evensong 6.30pm at All Saints

Diocesan Initiatives in Spirituality

Retreats are held at ST FRANCIS' HOUSE HEMINGFORD GREY near Huntingdon.

The first one for 2009 will be held from Wednesday 10th June to Friday 12th June. Entitled '*The Kingdom, the Power and the Glory*' it is a Creative Retreat and will be led by The Ven. Jonathan Smith, Archdeacon of St Albans.

The second retreat will be held from Friday 2nd October to Sunday 4th October and will be a traditional silent retreat entitled '*In the Footprints of Christ: Praying with St Francis of Assisi*' led by The Revd. Guy Buckler, Rector of Bushey. The cost of the Retreat is £89. Application forms are available from The Revd. T Bell Tel. 01462 768123.

I have been on several of these retreats and

have found them of great value and enjoyable, so if anyone wishes to find out more about what it entails, then I shall be pleased to discuss it with them. Normally they are silent but the June Retreat will include some optional creative work.

I am always happy to assist with transport and I will attend the October Retreat. Those people that I have taken in the past have said how much they have enjoyed it and what a good experience they have had.

I must say that they do get booked up fairly quickly so if you do decide to go then do get the booking form shortly.

Derek Westwood

Concert 10th May

Our Choir will be joining the Maltings Sinfonia for a concert in church on Sunday May 10th at 7:30 p.m. The programme includes the *Barber of Seville* Overture by Rossini, the Second Piano Concerto by Saint-Saens and the *Requiem* by Mozart.

Watoto Children's Choir

The Watoto Children's Choir will give a concert at All Saints Church, Hertford on Saturday 6th 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.



Looking for a Christian friend or soul mate?

The economic crisis seems to be having an inverse effect on organisations like **friendsfirst**, the UK Christian friendship club that puts single Christians in touch with others. With rising numbers of members, they've had 8 engagements and 3 marriages in the last 6 months.

It seems that people are realising that friendships and relationships are the best thing to invest in when everything else seems so uncertain. If you feel the same, then ring **friendsfirst** for an informal and confidential chat about how membership could help you. Ring Patricia on 0207 100 1220 or look at their website <http://www.friends1st.co.uk/>

Thought for the month

A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in a process of becoming.
Martin Luther

