



Mothers' Union

Our planning meeting/AGM was deferred to Wednesday 27th January due to the weather, so the full 2010 programme was not available when the magazine went to press. It should be available by the time you read this and copies will be at the back of church.

Our February meeting is on Monday 15th at 8pm in the meeting room. John Earle will give an illustrated talk "Global Warming- save carbon, save cash". All are welcome!

Ann Stephens-Jones

Women's Fellowship

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 24th February at 2:30 pm in the meeting-room.

Mary Geering

Nick scores eight!

I hope you took up my challenge on page 2 and didn't just peek here first! Here's my best effort:

Two teachers were checking over English grammar homework. In particular they were testing when one should use 'had' and when 'had had' would be better. They found an example.

Whilst Susan had had 'had,' Peter had had 'had had.' 'Had had' had had the teachers' approval.

View from the Churchwardens Pew!

Hello and welcome to the new **Churchwardens** slot in the magazine!

Each month we are going to try and let you know a little about what is going on behind the scenes, and by doing that, hopefully improve the communication within All Saints.

As you are aware there is the PCC (Parochial Church Council) elected at the Annual Meeting in April and this is responsible, together with the Vicar and Churchwardens for the running of the church.

What you may not know is that we have 5 sub-committees below that where the real work occurs. These look at worship and mission, events and outreach, finance, buildings and fabric and St Johns Hall and we thought you may like to know a little more about what is happening in these five areas and understand how All Saints ticks!

Each reports back to the PCC but sometimes information gets lost in the grand scheme of things so we hope to improve that a little here!

Worship and Pastoral Care (names still under review) look at the service patterns at All Saints. Long and hard debates were had over Matins versus the need to bring in younger families, and link those who do come to the Family service into the regular worship.

We feel this is a fundamental need as these people are the future of All Saints. Bible Study, Baptism and Wedding preparation link into this group as do Choir matters and service themes, and our major challenge and debate for the future is around children. How do we attract them to All Saints both through the choir and generally? If they want to sing – great, but if not sing what do we have to offer.....?

Events and Outreach does just that. The various social events of All Saints are organised through this group and we hope to be planning a year ahead – notoriously difficult for All Saints...!!! We are more of the "Last Minute. Com" variety as seen with the "Parish Jolly" – early on Sunday 17th we had 20 replies, by Tuesday we had 80! This does not assist planning at all and we really need to change!

We are working on a rolling Parish Calendar with all important dates published months in advance. We want to have events that will

bring in new people while nurturing our present members and build the family of All Saints as a welcoming and fun loving church committed to working with God.

Buildings and Fabric is just that – looking after our great building and working with the Town Council to look after the churchyard. By the time you read this the car park will have been resurfaced thanks to the excellent relationship we now have with Nina Villa, the Town Clerk and the Council.

Future projects include re vamping of the Vestry and a major project on renewing the lighting. However, all this costs money and we must mention Derek and his amazing team of ladies and gents who assist at the monthly work parties. This group saves All Saints an amazing amount of money and he is always looking for new recruits to join the team! This team also look after the cleaning rotas and the next big spring clean will be on March 6th – everybody welcome and there are jobs for all.

Finance is also just that and also looks at Stewardship. 2009 was an excellent year for All Saints and we made more money than anticipated, which is good news.

There are always things that swallow it up – we need to boost the fabric fund and the Organ fund to say nothing of the lighting project....

The St John's Hall Committee looks after the running and bookings for the hall which is financially independent and also provides some funds for All Saints. It is excellent outreach into the community and is a real asset for All Saints. However it does get booked up easily and therefore we must improve our planning to ensure that we are able to use the hall as we need to – we need to think ahead and plan the BBQ and Christmas Bazaar – Gone are the days of "All Saints Last Minute.com"!!

Each month we hope to add a few snippets as to what has been going on and what is planned and hopefully it will lead to a greater understanding of who does what

and improve our communication within All Saints. Until next month – God Bless.

Love Dorothy & Andrew



First Aid Course



British Heart Foundation Heartstart: specialising in treatment of unconscious casualty, resuscitation (adult and child) and bleeding

Open to all congregation members of the Hertford Team

Saturday 6th February
2.30 - 6pm
The Guide Hut, West St Hertford
Cost £15
Maximum 16 places
To book, please call Val Morey 01992 304577,
val@valandpetermorey.free-online.co.uk

Christian Aid Walk 2010

This year's walk will take place on Saturday 8th May.

All Saints' is once more hoping to be responsible for the initial checkpoint, which this year is at Wodson Park.

I wonder if you would please let me know if you are able to help.

We need to be there by approx 7.30am to 7.45am ready to check in the walkers who start arriving from about 8am for an 8.30am start BUT we finish promptly at 9.30am and are free then. It will only take 2 hours of your time and it is a very worthwhile cause.

I would appreciate you letting me know if you can help.

Thank you!

Rosemary Bolton

Transport

If you need help with transport to and from our services please contact Martin Bird on 01992 587544.

COFFEE MORNING



A coffee morning will be held in All Saints Church on **Saturday 13th February**, from 10.00am – 12.00 noon. There will be a cake stall, second hand books, treasure, jigsaw puzzles, raffle etc. Come and join us for a friendly welcome, coffee and biscuits and a chance to browse round our various stalls. Bring your friends too!

If you have any unwanted items in good condition (no clothing please) suitable for the Treasure stall, second hand books, jigsaw puzzles or can make us a cake or donate a raffle prize, please leave your items at the back of the Church suitably labelled, or speak to Denise Dilley 01992 587113 or Renee Booker 01992 303314. Cakes can be brought along on the day please.

If you can come along and help with the setting up on the Friday, or Saturday, or the clearing up afterwards, or can lend a hand with serving, washing up etc on the day, Denise or Renee will be very pleased to hear from you.

*** We are also looking for new stalls to add to our repertoire – if you have any ideas or would like to organise one yourself, do let us know. ***

Grand Spring Clean

Yes, its that time of year already and we need to start getting the church in fine fettle for Easter and the months ahead.

So we have our annual Spring Clean on March 6th 9 am – 12noon All welcome (please!) and jobs for all, many hands make light work, & "elevenses" provided. There is a list to sign in Church.

All Saints Art



One of our best known speakers, Dr Roger Aubery will be coming along to our meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 25th February to give an illustrated talk on **The Annunciation in Art from early times to modern day**. Dr Aubery has a large collection of slides and has given a number of talks at All Saints in the past which are always very popular and well attended. This promises to be a very informative and entertaining evening, so do come along and join us whether you are a member of the Art Group or not.

The talk will be held in the meeting room at the back of the Church . £2.00 per person payable on the night. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided in the interval.