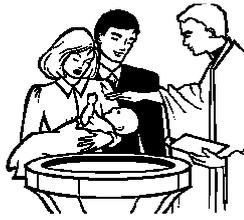


Holy Baptism



Christian James Golding

Toby Mark Suddick

Mothers Union

On 10th January, the Mothers' Union held its pot luck supper & planning evening. Roz Barron was thanked for her 2 years of work as Branch Leader.

Rosemary Bolton has taken over this role with me assisting her & continuing as Treasurer. We are putting together a range of talks & other events throughout the year & our new programme will be available soon at the back of the church.

We welcome everyone to our meetings, there is no need to join, be married or have children! If an event interests you, please just come along. The MU is a worldwide charity undertaking an amazing range of projects to support marriage & family life at grass roots level through its workers. If you would like further information on the MU's work or a copy of its excellent magazine "Families First" to read please ask Rosemary or myself.

Ann Stevens Jones

Theatre Games

The next Mothers' Union meeting will take place on Monday 7th February at 8pm in the Church Meeting Room when John Earle will lead us in "Theatre Games". Prepare yourself for an evening of fun and theatricals! Suitable for all ages! This and all our meetings are open to anyone who would like to come, you don't have to be a member of the MU or the

Church, you don't have to be married or a parent. Everyone is welcome. Just turn up! We can usually arrange lifts if you need one, just contact Rosemary Bolton on 01992 589535.

We need you!



It's coffee morning time again and we need your help! The next date is Saturday 26th February, 10.00am – 12.00 noon in All Saints Church.

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, books you have read, bric-a-brac, jigsaw puzzles etc that we can sell please bring them along and leave them at the back of the Church at any time before the sale. Cakes for the cake stall will be much appreciated on the day please.

Most importantly though we need you to come along and get involved. Coffee mornings are an important part of our fundraising at All Saints and in order to keep them attractive and vibrant we need lots of ideas for new stalls and fresh faces on board. If you have never been involved with our coffee mornings previously, why not come along and give it a go. They are great fun and a good way of meeting people and becoming part of a lively team. Please speak to Denise (01992 587113) or Renee (01992 303314) if you can lend a hand, have any ideas or would like more information.

View from the Churchwardens Pew

Welcome to the February "View from the Pew" and I just wanted to say thank you to all those who assisted in any way over Christmas. It is always a hectic time and it seems a long time ago now, but it was great to see so many families and new people being welcomed to All Saints. I hope you also enjoyed the "January Jolly" which seems to lighten this time of year with some fun and laughter.

Talking of events, we have most of the "All Saint's Social Scene" sorted for the year – Coffee Mornings on 26th February, 14th May + plant sale, 18th June, 24th September and the Christmas one on 3rd December. We had planned to have a "Summer Fete" in June. However, we have had no offers of assistance to run this, despite notices in the magazine, so we sadly decided to cancel this and have a coffee morning instead.

We *COULD* have some more stalls and games at any of the coffee mornings but they need manpower (or women power / teenage power – we are not fussed!) to run them. These events are amazingly successful so just think how much better they would be with more help! New helpers keep the ideas fresh also and we do not want these events to wilt for want of new help. Denise told me she has been doing coffee mornings in one format or another at All Saints for 30 years – I know she does them really well, but I am sure she and Renee would welcome "new" help. It is only for a few hours on a Saturday morning – even one hour would help!

We have been asked if we are doing another Christmas Tree Festival or similar, but again it is a question of helpers and forward planning. Too late for 2011 – how about 2012...?

Additional events we are planning are a talk / wine & cheese evening on 19th March about the fire at All Saints in the 1890's, a Barn Dance in November as well as the BBQ and Harvest Happening. We have 2 extra events also this spring / summer as Jo is going on her sabbatical in March we are having a Lunch on March 6th after the Family Service to wish her well, then Tea on 12th June to welcome her back!

When I was at St Andrew's recently I noticed that they had a "correspondence file" where they put letters and notices for people, in alphabetical order, rather than just leaving them lying around. Things get frequently moved around and covered up at All Saint's so I thought we might try the idea for ourselves. There is a folder, duly marked at the back so please check it if regularly as any rotas, letters etc. will be put

in there, and hopefully will not get lost. I will put an extra-large label on it for a few weeks so that you recognise it!

We are getting better at checking if meetings and events clash – thank you! However, keep up the good work so if you are responsible for booking anything for any reason, please check the diary in the Vestry or the on-line Church Calendar at <http://www.allsaintshertford.org> to check availability. Please contact Martin Penny to confirm your booking and it can then be put into the diaries. It is useful to note the dates of various meetings even if they are not in the Church as this will aid general communication. Andrew and I can assist in this if needed.

I am afraid that I missed most of last Sunday and the PCC meeting on Monday due to one of the variety of bugs going around at present, so apologies if I have missed anything vital that I should be telling you. Please come and talk to Andrew or I if you have any ideas or suggestions for All Saint's, and keep an eye on the Notice board and pew sheets for forthcoming events. Take Care.

Love Dorothy

Donations for flowers on the Memorial Book and Altar 2011

We would like to remind everyone that donations can be given for a flower arrangement in memory of a relative or friend throughout the year. The resulting arrangements are put on the Altar or by the Memorial Book which is in the Memorial chapel.

The 2011 Flower Guild calendar sets out the dates on which flowers can be placed on the memorial book or altar. This calendar can be found on the board at the back of the church. Please note that you cannot have flowers on the altar during Lent (when we have no flowers in church) or Advent (when we have only greenery); but you can

still have flowers on the memorial book at these times.

Please write your name against the dates for which you wish to donate flowers. At the start of the month for which you wish to donate them, please contact the leader of the team arranging the flowers that month; this can be found in the list in the Rotas file on bookcase near the meeting room. The team leader will then organize the flowers for the chosen date using your money donation. If you are unsure who to contact, please get in touch with me, as below.

Please note that we also do flower arrangements for weddings.

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All Saints Art



The Art Group is going from strength to strength with an increase in membership last year.

We had a very exciting year and covered several new topics which both challenged and inspired us. We enjoyed a variety of subjects including perspective, life drawing, pastel work, decorated candles (which we sold at the Christmas Bazaar), designing stained glass windows, illuminated lettering, abstract painting, Chinese brush painting with Sybil Hammond who has studied this extensively, and we even had a couple of sessions working with clay under the guidance of Lyn Bruce, who comes along from time to time to offer tuition.

We also had a few relaxing outdoor evenings in the summer drawing and painting at Hertingfordbury Church and at St Leonards Church in Bengoe. All in all 2010 was a very busy and enjoyable year with membership holding up well and increasing. We are planning another full and varied programme for 2011 so do speak to Denise Dilley or Gillian Harman if you would like

more information or are interested in coming along.

Art Group Talk – All welcome

There will be an illustrated talk by the ever popular Dr Roger Aubery at 7.30pm in the meeting room on Thursday 10th March. As many of you will know, Dr Aubery is an excellent speaker and his talks are always well attended. He has a huge collection of slides and an endless knowledge of religious art.

This time he will be speaking on Mary Magdalene as depicted in art. If you have never been to one of Dr Aubery's talks before do give it a try. You will be very pleasantly surprised. We can guarantee you an informative and light hearted evening with lots of opportunity to ask questions.

The cost is only £2 on the night which includes tea, coffee and biscuits and all proceeds go to the Isabel Hospice.

Fire at All Saints



There will be an illustrated talk by Sheila White in St John's Hall, at 7.30pm on Saturday 19th March entitled "**All Saints – the Disastrous Fire of 1891**". Sheila gave this talk at Hertford Museum in the summer and it proved extremely popular and entertaining as some of the members of our congregation who attended (and are coming to hear it again!) will verify. She has a good collection of slides and a wealth of knowledge on the fire in the old All Saints Church – how it started and how the money was raised to rebuild the Church etc. Tickets are available at £5 per head from the Churchwardens and Denise and Renee and include cheese and wine. The talk and slides will begin at 7.30pm followed by refreshments and then there will be a question and answer session. Do book early as this is likely to be a very popular evening and not to be missed!