

## Holy Matrimony



16<sup>th</sup> April *Philip Owen Barrett and Lucy Claire Budd*

30<sup>th</sup> April *Ben Thomas Robins and Helen Ros Llewellyn*

## Holy Baptism



*Tyler James McClung  
Samuel Jacob Thomas  
Sophie Isabelle Thomas  
Rebekah Elizabeth Lee  
Bella Mae Slattery*

## In Peace



31<sup>st</sup> March *Margaret Mary Moss*

27<sup>th</sup> April *John Hedley*

16<sup>th</sup> May *Denise Dilley*

19<sup>th</sup> May *Raymond Garrett*

## Mothers Union

After Compline at 7:15 pm on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** MU Training Officer Kim Wilkinson will talk to us about the MU 2011 theme, *Faithful Relationships* in the Church Meeting Room – this will be a meeting of the whole Deanery.

We are also planning a visit to Butterfly World on the afternoon of **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – please contact me for details.

Hope to see you there.

Rosemary Bolton 01992 589535

## Plant Sale/Coffee Morning

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Along with additional sales following the Civic Service on May 22<sup>nd</sup> a total of over £850 was raised for Send-a-Cow, meaning that we have bought another whole cow to add to our 'herd' of donations and are well on the way for yet another.

Well done to everyone involved.

## Sam Hudson

We congratulate Sam on his appointment as Director of Music of Blackburn Cathedral, starting September 2011.



Whilst we are very sorry to see him and Rebecca leave us, this is a well deserved promotion and we wish them both well in their new surroundings. We will have an opportunity to say "thank you" and goodbye on Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime we are already in the process of seeking a suitable replacement – possibly in conjunction with Haileybury and hope to have someone in post by September.

## **Fête at Holy Trinity, Bengoe**

On Saturday, 25th June, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. there will be a Fete at Holy Trinity Church, Bengoe, in aid of their charities. Holy Trinity have adopted The Friends of Aschiana (UK) as their overseas charity for this year. We shall have a stall there, and hope to have a new consignment of scarves etc from Kabul if they arrive in time.

On Sunday, 26th June, John has been invited to describe the work of Aschiana in place of the sermon at the Morning Service. This is a kindly move on the Vicar's part. John will tell the congregation about the aims and activities of The Friends of Aschiana (UK) and of Aschiana itself, who are supporting some of the most disadvantaged children in the world.

Any support you can give would be most welcome and please tell your friends. Half of the proceeds from the fete will go to Aschiana.

## **HOST**

Host is an organization that seeks to introduce overseas students who are studying in the UK to families in the UK. It has been running for 25 years and we have enjoyed meeting people from many parts of the world through them. A recent one was a lady wildlife vet from Mexico (she spoke perfect English) who treated one of our hens!

Host are suffering from a lack of funding under the economic squeeze. They will be holding a Coffee Morning at The Methodist Church, Ware Road, on Saturday, 18th June, 10.30 — 12.30 (Parking at Tesco's or car park off Townshend Street). Do support this event if you can, and take along any books, DVDs etc, cakes or plants that could be added to the stalls. Host does a

magnificent job. Welcoming international students to the homes of local residents, promotes international understanding and goodwill between nations.

Thank you.

*John and Fiona Earle*

## **Women who know their place**

Barbara Walters, of 20/20 (ABC's prime time news magazine programme), did a story on gender roles in Kabul, Afghanistan, several years before the Afghan conflict. She noted that women customarily walked five paces behind their husbands. She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands. Despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women now seem happy to maintain the old custom.

Ms Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, 'Why do you now seem happy with an old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?' The woman looked Ms Walters straight in the eyes, and without hesitation said: 'Land Mines.'

## **National survey reveals state of UK churches**

The results of the National Churches Trust Survey, recently published, was open to all of the estimated 47,000 churches, chapels and meeting houses in the UK. It has found that these buildings play a key role in local life as venues for volunteering and community activities – but need support in undertaking repairs and maintenance.

The survey is unique in revealing not just the physical condition of churches, but also the way they are managed, funded and used by their communities.

Here are just some of the findings of the survey:

- More than 90% of the UK's church buildings hold a service at least once a week

- More than 50% are regularly open to the public beyond their worship services.
- 1.4 million members of church congregations volunteer in any capacity in their church building along with an estimated further 200,000 people from the wider community.
- Nearly half of the UK's church buildings are used for arts, music and dance activities.
- More than half of the UK's church buildings facilitate activities such as nurseries, youth groups and additional activities for young people.
- More than two-fifths of the UK's church buildings are used for support services such as homelessness, drug & alcohol misuse, finance & debt, parenting & mental health. For further information about the National Churches Trust and to download the full report visit [www.nationalchurchestrust.org](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org)

## Last minute

A minister waited in the queue to have his car filled with petrol just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."



The Hospice has a large number of fundraising events over the next few months. We list some below.

### JUNE

**Wed 1 Jun 2011**

#### Care 4 a Cuppa

Individuals or groups are invited to hold tea parties in aid of Isabel Hospice throughout the summer from June - September. For more details contact Katie Robertson on 01707 382500

**Sat 4 Jun 2011**

#### Ball

A Ball in aid of Isabel Hospice to be held in a marquee in the grounds of Ware Park Manor. In

excess of 200 guests expected. More information to follow. Contact Nadine on 07979 857890

**Sun 5 Jun 2011**

#### Teas in Gardens

**14:00 - 17:00**

White House, Dane End, Herts SG12 0LP will be open as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Proceeds from the teas will go to Isabel Hospice. For details contact Renee Friend 01279 755320

**Sat 25 Jun 2011**

#### Karting Endurance Event at Rye House

**12:30 - 18:00**

Sign up for our kart endurance race to be held at Rye House Kart Raceway. This is a four hour race, with teams of four. Entry fee is £500 per team and includes bacon rolls on registration before a practice run at 1.30pm. The race is 2pm-6pm, followed by a buffet meal, auction and raffle.

To sign up, call fundraising on 01707 382500 for an application form, or email the Director of Fundraising, Lisa Seccombe at [lisa.seccombe@isabelhospice.org.uk](mailto:lisa.seccombe@isabelhospice.org.uk)

**Sun 26 Jun 2011**

#### Teas in Gardens

**14:00 - 17:30**

Thank you to Kate Slack of Dasselsbury, Dassels, Nr Braughing, Herts SG11 2RW for opening her garden as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Proceeds from the teas will go to Isabel Hospice. This traditional country house garden comprises double herbaceous borders, formal lawn, large kitchen garden with soft fruit and asparagus bed, a pond, woodland garden and a fine glass house. Excellent views. Visitors are also welcome to walk through the field and wildflower areas. For details contact Renee Friend 01279 755320

## JULY

**Fri 1 Jul 2011**

#### Madrigal Concert

**21:00 - 21:45**

Madrigals will be performed in the beautiful setting of Amwell Pool, Nr. Ware by Haileybury Madrigal Society. There will be a collection for Isabel Hospice.

**Sat 2 Jul 2011**

#### Teas in Gardens

**13:30 - 17:00**

The gardens of Kingfishers 49a High Street, Watton at Stone, Herts SG14 3SX will be open as part of the National Gardens Scheme. A long narrow town garden with pond, Mediterranean

planting and vegetable beds. Proceeds from the teas will go to Isabel Hospice. For details contact Renee Friend 01279 755320

**Sun 3 Jul 2011**  
**Teas in Gardens**  
**13:30 - 17:00**

The gardens of Kingfishers 49a High Street, Watton at Stone, Herts SG14 3SX will be open as part of the National Gardens Scheme. A long narrow town garden with pond, Mediterranean planting and vegetable beds. Proceeds from the teas will go to Isabel Hospice. For details contact Renee Friend 01279 755320

**Sun 10 Jul 2011**  
**Open Garden, Fanhams Hall**  
**14:00 - 17:00**

This is a lovely opportunity to look around these beautiful gardens which are not often open to the public. (Opened by kind permission of Exclusive Hotels) Built in the Jacobean style and accompanied by original Japanese gardens, Fanhams Hall is set in 27 acres of beautiful Hertfordshire gardens. Although not all Japanese style, there is a great Eastern influence throughout. The Japanese Garden areas were laid out by Professor Suzuki in 1900.

A Wisteria Walk, fountains, waterfalls, bridges, lakes, trees, and stones, each has a great significance within the garden.

Come and enjoy Teas and home-made cakes. Admission price to follow with all proceeds going to Isabel Hospice. Enquiries 01920 462992

**Sun 10 Jul 2011**  
**Caribbean Marquee Lunch**

You are invited to join us at The Old Rectory, Bramfield, near Hertford for this Caribbean style lunch.

For further details, contact Barbara Doherty, Isabel Hospice President on 01279 842140 or email [barbara.doherty@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:barbara.doherty@tiscali.co.uk)

**Sun 17 Jul 2011**  
**Tandem Skydive**  
**07:00 - 17:00**

Fancy doing something a little different in 2011? Take part in our Isabel Hospice Tandem Sky Dive at Chatteris.

You will exit the aircraft securely strapped to the front of your Instructor who will control the free fall element of your skydive, open the parachute for you at around 5000 feet, and then steer your

parachute safely back to the landing area for a soft controlled landing.

The jump will cost a minimum of £375, of which Isabel Hospice will receive £230. Join our band of merry jumpers and help raise valuable funds in an Extreme way.

If you wish to take part in this exciting event, you must be aged 18 or over (or 16+ with parental consent). Each jump will be undertaken with an instructor and training will be given prior to the jump.

For further information or to register for the Sky Dive please contact Lisa Seccombe on 01707 382542

**Sun 17 Jul 2011**  
**Teas in Gardens**  
**14:00 - 17:00**

The gardens of Benington Park SG2 7BU will be open as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Come and see rose gardens, rockeries and herbaceous borders. Proceeds from the teas will go to Isabel Hospice. For details contact Renee Friend 01279 755320

