

Holy Baptism

May 6th *Alice Charlotte Higgs*
 May 13th *Lewis James Parry*
Madeline Ruby Parry
Benjamin John Baker
Isabella Rose Bake
Scarlett Autumn Woodward

Mothers' Union

We have a number of events over the summer months – all welcome!

Tues 3rd July: Summer Lunch.

Summer social lunch from 12 noon.

Fri 6th July: Wave of Prayer. Our Deanery Wave of Prayer service is at Watton Church at 3.30 pm.

Tues 14th August: Visit to Mary Sumner House.

Join us for a tour around this beautiful building early booking essential.

Parish Barbeque

Our annual Parish Barbeque will be on **Sunday 8th July** in the grounds of St John's Hall at 12.30 pm.

Mission Action Plan Letter from Bishop Paul

Dear Jo,

Thank you so much for all the work that's gone into your MAP and for sending it to us. Bishop Alan and I have received your summary and we shall be praying for you and your community as you work to put your plans into action.

I was particularly interested to see the emphasis on hospitality space and the consequent decision to remove pews. This can often be a fraught process, as you

know! In framing those conversations you might want to let people know that under the leadership of the Bishop of London the national church buildings division shares the focus on making buildings fit for purpose and they have a range of resources; your people can see details at <http://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/our-buildings/helping-you.aspx>.

As you know John Kiddle and the Mission team, and Jeanette Gosney and the Parish Development team, are there to help and support your ministry. Do please contact them if you need any practical help, or any pointers to resources that will enable your parish and benefice to put its MAP into action. Get in touch too with any suggestions on how, across the Diocese, we can live God's love more thoughtfully, prayerfully and effectively. Emails are jkiddle@stalbans.anglican.org and jgosney@stalbans.anglican.org.

Many parish MAPs are now available to view on the Living God's Love website (go to <http://www.livinggodslove.org/maps/>). We hope to get them all online eventually. This will give you a chance to see what other parishes are doing, and in due course to search the MAPs in order to find out whether other parishes might be able to help you with your own mission and ministry.

May God continue to bless you in this Pentecost season as you and your co-workers seek to do His will.

Warm good wishes as ever,

+Paul
The Bishop of Hertford



BackToChurchSunday

BacktoChurchSunday is now the largest single local church invitational initiative in the world. It is based on the simplest and shortest step in evangelism - that we should invite someone we already know to

something we love; invite our friend to our church.

We want to ensure that anyone who doesn't currently attend church can be guaranteed an especially warm welcome. We believe success isn't a percentage, a number, or a line on a graph. Success is one person inviting one person. We believe we best support success when we all act together as One Big Church: personal invitations supported by national advertising - one message on one day. This is why we set a national day each year. This is always the last Sunday in September.

BacktoChurch **Sunday:** 30th September 2012 <http://www.backtochurch.co.uk/> .

Elderflower Cordial

Elderflowers are plentiful in the hedgerows at the moment, so here is a recipe I was given some years ago. The cordial can be put into plastic bottles and frozen, or kept in a refrigerator for several weeks.

20-30 elderflower heads (picked in flower but before petal-drop – when they can smell a bit rank)

2 lemons, sliced

2 grams of Tartaric or Citric Acid

2 lbs of Sugar

3 Pints of boiling water

Put all the ingredients into a bowl, pour the boiling water over it, stir to dissolve the sugar, cover with a cloth and leave to soak for 24 hours. Drain and Bottle. Use plastic bottles if freezing. Dilute with water to drink, as you would squash.

If you don't have any elderflowers, the same recipe makes a good home-made Lemon Cordial.

Fiona Earle

Wanted – your pictures

Over the last few weeks we have been collecting, creating and collating photographs of All Saints, the events that take place here and our people.

If you have any pictures, or videos that you feel could be of interest, please talk to Martin Penny. We are particularly interested in images of people doing things – and enjoying themselves!

In the mean time, please enjoy the images in this edition of the magazine and website. Most were taken and/or edited by Rachel Morgan. Many thanks to her for the hard work – and for meeting all the deadlines.

Items for sale

Annabelle and Graham Miller have a number of items which they will not be taking to Canada. If you have use for a microwave, a child's bike, a bar roof rack with bicycle holder or similar items please see the list at the back of church or give them a ring on 01992 586712.

Curry Night



On Thursday 31st May about 35 men from across the Team churches gathered upstairs at the White Horse, Castle Street to sample some real ale and fine curry. Fed and watered we broke into teams for a Pub Quiz prepared and compered by the erudite Rev Bill Church. A healthy amount of competitiveness and joviality ensued. Thanks to everyone who came and helped to make it such an enjoyable evening.

Plans are afoot to do this more regularly, so watch this space!

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