

## All Age Team Eucharist with Bishop Paul All Saints' Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 10.00am

Please join us for this celebration of All Saints' time at our All Age Team Eucharist led by Bishop Paul, the Bishop of Hertford, arranged by St Andrew's Church.

Last year our Team service at Pentecost was a marvellous spiritual experience of worshipping together as a Team and we hope that we can build on this.

Everyone is invited and everyone counts, it will not be the same without you so we do look forward to welcoming you and ask that you really make this a special priority.

The choirs of all the churches will lead our praises and all the children will be very involved throughout the worship.

### From Red to Black

We do hope that you can respond generously to our stewardship campaign.

The knowledge of increased pledges to give more money would mean that we would have security for the coming years and know that All Saints' could continue to thrive.

Promises of your time and talents would mean that we could share the tasks that need to be done to keep All Saints' flourishing.

On **Advent Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** during the offertory at the **10.00 Christingle Service**, there will be an opportunity to offer our **pledges** of money, time and talents and put the completed forms on the offertory plate along with our usual offering and these pledges will be blessed.

Of course you are very welcome to return the forms at any time that it is convenient

to you and we will add those to the plate on that day as well!

#### How Much?

We are really looking to raise an extra £20,000 a year.

You may wonder why we have found ourselves in a situation where we are in the red at the end of the last couple of years. All expenses and all outgoings have been kept to the lowest possible figures thanks to the loving care of everyone who helps out at All Saints' and the main rise in cost has been and will continue to be our heating!

Experience has shown that we need to keep the Church warm, at a steady 63F, otherwise some of our more elderly and frail members of our congregation really cannot worship with us!

#### Comparisons

Worth considering.....

How much do we spend if we are members of a sports club or gym?

How much do we spend going off on holiday?

How much is the cost of our daily paper?

How much do we spend on eating and drinking in restaurants and coffee shops?

Our prayerful challenge in our stewardship is:

Can we begin to think more in terms of: First to the Lord?

### All Saints Prayer Ministry

The prayer and healing ministry is a vital part of what goes on here at All Saints and whilst praying for each other is part of our daily lives, sometimes circumstances occur that people would like specific prayer for.

We have two specific ways of doing this.

There is a monthly prayer group – which meets on the third Tuesday of each month, co-ordinated by Helen Wright. This is currently attended by up to ten people

and Helen would be delighted to tell you more.

There is also a small prayer ministry team that meets daily. A new email address has been set up so that if anyone would like the prayer ministry team to pray for a particular person or circumstance then they can email their prayer requests directly.

All prayer requests will be held in the strictest confidence within the prayer ministry team and prayed for during our daily prayer times. The email address is [allsaintsprayerteam@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsprayerteam@gmail.com)



## Street Pastors

Please pray for these pastors and those they help.

Saturday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison, Peter, John and Margaret

Saturday Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Ali, Hilda, Graham and Rick

Friday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Judith, Mark, Brett and Kathryn

Saturday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Shirley, Peter and Hilda

Saturday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Jessica, Kathryn and Mark

Saturday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Margaret, Graham, Judith and Alison

Friday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Brenda, Brett, Mark and Ali

Friday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Jessica, Shirley, John and Rick

1) Give thanks that Street Pastors have now been patrolling the streets of Hertford and Ware for over four years having first gone out in October 2009.

2) During these times of austerity funding has become more difficult so please pray that Local Authorities and other bodies will wish to support our work and the necessary funding will become forthcoming.

3) As the co-ordinators role can no longer be a paid role, changes in the organisation and administration have to be made. Please pray that volunteers will come forward to share these responsibilities.

4) As the nights draw in and become colder please pray for the Street Pastors on the streets and that they will continue to be welcomed and have many meaningful conversations.

5) Please continue to pray that new Street Pastors and Prayer Supporters will come along to join the work.

## Songs of Praise

### A Service of Encouragement and Anticipation - December 8<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm

In Advent we are planning a service at All Saints to help us all get in tune with what Advent really means for us today. This service will be a chance for us all to break from our busy lives and reflect on how often Jesus gets pushed to the sidelines.

In using periods of silence there will be a chance to put him back at the forefront of our lives, guiding our steps. It will be a chance to remember that Advent doesn't just mean opening an Advent calendar or a chance to get a chocolate a day for 24 days, as it does for so many people at the moment. It means anticipating the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the coming of a saviour who would ultimately die for us to save us from our sins.

The service will be a mix of prayers, readings, silence and Advent Carols. **This is where you come in. We would love you to let us know your favourite Advent Hymns** so that we may use some of them in the service itself.

Please could you let either Martin Bird or Jo have your suggestions by the 24<sup>th</sup> November?

