

Mothers Union

Tues 12th November Advent Preparation Evening

This has been cancelled. This will now be held at 1:30pm on Thursday 7th November.

Sat 23rd Nov Diocesan Forum Hoddesdon 9.45am

Sun 1st December: Advent Sunday. Our MU travelling cribs will be blessed & sent on their journeys from home to home until Christmas Eve. If you would like the crib to come to your home please speak to Ann Stephens-Jones or Rosemary Bolton.

Mon 2nd December: Wreath Making

As part of our preparation for Advent and Christmas we will be making our Christmas wreaths in the Church Meeting Room from 7.30pm. Bring greenery, secateurs and garden twine.

For more details see either Rosemary Bolton or Ann Stephens-Jones.

Isabel Hospice

Over the Summer/Autumn period I have been bringing surplus vegetables to the church and giving them away in return for a donation to the Hospice.

Due to your generosity I have sent a cheque for £63 to the Hospice. Many thanks to all of you who have given so much

Derek Westwood

Macmillan in Hertfordshire

Macmillan in Hertfordshire are currently fundraising to help build a new cancer centre in Hertfordshire, which we are hoping will be able to open in summer 2014. It will nearly double Lister Hospital's capacity for chemotherapy treatment and promises to transform cancer care in Hertfordshire. The current facilities are overcrowded and not fit for purpose so the new centre is desperately needed. The

new centre is going to cost £3 million and Macmillan has committed to raise £1.5 million in the local area.

Further details can be found at www.macmillan.org.uk/lister

Please support us at our Christmas celebration here at All Saints on Saturday 30th November at 16:00.

WE CELEBRATE

WE AGE
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

**RAISING FUNDS TO BUILD THE NEW LISTER
MACMILLAN CANCER CENTRE**

Join us for a carol concert of Christmas songs, music
and readings

SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2013
4pm
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, HERTFORD

Featuring the Hertfordshire Concert Band, Schrödinger's Strings & Preston Ladies Choir

ADULTS: £7
CHILDREN (under 14): £3

Tickets available from the Hertford Tourist Information Centre: in person or by phone 01992 584322

For further info, contact Laura Bazzoni on 07793 579363

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (214107), Scotland (SC23902) and the Isle of Man (204)

Choir Promotions



Congratulations to Michael and Romarlla.

New national Advent campaign aims to put Jesus 'back' into Christmas

This year the UK has reached a tipping point: a recent survey* has found that 51 per cent of people now say that the birth of Jesus is irrelevant to their Christmas. And just 12 per cent of adults know the nativity story in any depth; and 36 per cent of children do not know whose birthday is being celebrated during the festival.

And so it is that ChurchAds.net, the group behind the annual Christmas advertising poster campaign, has teamed up with a number of leading churches this autumn in order to reverse this trend, and 'save' Christmas.

Christmas Starts with Christ will run from 1st December to Christmas Day. It will begin with the first ever nationwide Christmas Starts Sunday on 1st December. ChurchAds.net has the support of the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the Bible Society, Traidcraft and the Evangelical Alliance.

Francis Goodwin, of ChurchAds.net, said: *"Christmas is a time when Christians shine light in their communities. But the good news is being lost. We can't sit back and let that happen. We cannot let the nation lose the real meaning of Christmas; and we are passionate about bringing the Church together for this cause to remind everyone that Christmas Starts with Christ."*

Arun Arora, director of communications at the Church of England, said: *"At Christmas time thousands of churches around the country do a huge amount to carry the Christmas story into their local communities, through word and deed. The vision for the Christmas Starts with Christ campaign is to use a common logo to join the dots of these activities and project a powerful message to our entire nation that the reason for the season is the birth of Jesus."*

If you would like to join in this Advent campaign, there are a number of resources on offer, including posters, logos, and Advent Calendars. Visit: www.christmasstartswithchrist.com

*survey findings from ComRes 2007, 2010, 2012, Children's Society 2010

Hymn or maths?

A father had taken his small son to church. The boy listened attentively without saying a word until the clergyman announced: "We will now sing hymn two hundred and twenty-two: 'Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand', two hundred and twenty-two."

Alarmed the little boy nudged his father. "Do we have to work this out?"

Why go to church?

A church-goer complained to his minister: "wrote I've been coming to church every Sunday for 30 years, and in that time I have heard thousands of sermons, but for the life of me, I can't think of a single one now. So I think I have wasted my time."

The minister thought for a moment and replied: "I've been married for 30 years and my wife has cooked me thousands of meals. For the life of me I can't recall the entire menu of a single one of those meals now. But I do know that each one nourished me and gave me strength to carry on living. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would have been stunted and eventually starved. Without regular Christian nourishment, we also will starve – spiritually."

New Hall Treasurer needed

After many years of loyal and valuable service, Tony James wishes to retire in early 2014. A full appreciation will follow in due course.

In the meantime, if anyone feels able to take up this role please speak to Jo.