

View from the Pew

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First of all I wish to thank Janet B for all her hard work during my absence and in keeping everyone so well informed through the April and May's View from the Pew. Australia was wonderful, as indeed was New Zealand and it was lovely to share in the Easter Worship with family and new friends down under.

Messy Church

Another exciting session was held on 19 May with a group of approximately 25 children and their families. The theme this month was Jesus calming the storm and the children had great fun with a wide variety of activities, before enjoying a God slot and singing.

Open Church

It is always heart-warming to see how many people turn up to walk on behalf of Christian Aid and this year was no different. In spite of a very wet day some 225 plus people and the odd dog strode forth from Wodson Park to do their bit for this very worthy cause. A very big thank you to Rosemary Bolton and her team of helpers who manned the starting point.

The Plant Sale and Coffee Morning was also another plus for All Saints – this time raising funds for Messy Church's Send a Cow Charity, as well as helping Church funds. Thanks again to all those hardworking members of All Saints who have carefully nurtured plants and been busy baking and making, to ensure we were able to raise funds for these worthwhile causes.

We also welcomed Hertford's new Mayor, Cllr Chantel Geall and her Town Council, together with visiting dignitaries from other Councils.

Creative Church

Looking forward, you will have read elsewhere about the Posy Festival and if you

haven't already been in touch, do take the opportunity of booking a posy end to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special anniversary. These can be decorated by our wonderful flower team at a cost of £15 or you can buy the backing holder and decorate your own for £10. Children can claim a free holder to participate and Dorothy Toyn is the person to contact for more information.

This is an exciting project and being so near to the anniversary of WWI, it will also feature many interesting artefacts from that period as well as a prayer area for quiet reflection, so bring your family and friends along to enjoy the Festival with you.

As well as enjoying listening to our magnificent organ being played by our organists. Malcolm Hollow and his amazing Show Stoppers will perform a selection of summer songs on the Saturday evening at 7.00pm, so make a note in your diary now, as this is one show not to be missed. Refreshments will be available on all 3 days, including a delicious barbecue on Sunday (must be booked in advance) at 12.30pm.

Spiritual Church

Whilst last month you were able to read of the first brother and sister to be installed as honorary Canons at St Albans Cathedral, those of us who attended the service found the whole service very moving and we were so proud to see such a well-deserved honour being bestowed upon our lovely Vicar Jo. It was also witnessed by one very proud mother and equally proud family.

On 18th May, we had the pleasure of seeing our lovely bubbly Curate, Ginni Dear being ordained at All Saints by Richard, Bishop of Bedford and we ask that you continue to remember Ginni, Colin and family in your prayers at this time.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Posy Festival next month.