

# View from the pew

*Janet Oldham*

Looking back briefly to June, it already seems a long time ago since a coach full of the All Saints family went to St Albans to join in the Alban Pilgrimage and to hear Archbishop Justin Welby preach. It was wonderful to join in the procession, with amazing model figures telling the story of Alban. A delightful group of young women dressed as red roses, was one of many in fantastic costumes. Although the skies were heavy with clouds, we managed a picnic in the grounds of the Abbey before getting onto the coach and, clearly, our dear Lord was watching over us as, within 5 minutes of settling into our seats, heavy rain fell.

The garden party held in Colin and Janet Bird's garden raised over £500 each for All Saints and the Ancient Charities of Hertford. Thanks to the Birds for their generosity in hosting this event and a special thanks to all who contributed to the food table, not forgetting the hardworking backroom team.

## ACTIVE CHURCH

A big thank you to three knights in shining armour (aka Brian Dilley, Ian Wilson and Derek Westwood) who worked extremely hard in August to remove polish, clean and re-polish the floor of St John's Hall, ready for another year's bookings.

Another big thank you is also due to the Working Party who tackled the Hall's overgrown hedge and trimmed it back into a very smart screen.

Last but not least, a big thank you to Brian Bromley and Michael Stephens-Jones for their lovely organ accompaniment to the hymn singing in August.

## SPIRITUAL CHURCH

On **6 September** Jo will lead us in the Family Service and we will be very pleased to have the full choir back to lead our singing.

The **All Saints Family Barbecue** will be held after this service at 12 noon. Do sign up on the list at the back of Church and come along and enjoy sharing fellowship and a tasty selection of food.

## Memorial Service

Jo and Ginni will lead us in this special service to be held on **Sunday 22 November**. If you would like a loved one remembered, please fill in a form, giving details of your loved one. These will be put out at the back of Church in October. Alternatively give the name to me or Helen.

## Advent Carol Service

This will be held on **Sunday 29 November at 6.30pm** so make a note in your diaries as this is a particularly moving service held by candlelight. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service.

**Nine Lessons & Carols Sunday 20 December at 6.30pm.** Wine and Nibbles will be served after the service.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Saturday 12 September Bike And Hike, Plus Tower Opening

Refreshments will be served between 10am and 3.30pm and there will be a range of interesting stalls, including Vintage bric a brac, cakes and produce. It would be good to see more of the All Saints family taking part in the sponsored Bike and Hike. Did you realise that you can walk to 8 Churches in Hertford and area alone if you don't fancy biking further afield. This day will also give you an opportunity to see views over Hertford from the top of the tower – well worth the climb!

### Saturday, 3 October Harvest Festival Supper And Quiz

This is an opportunity to enjoy fellowship and to try your hand at a Toyn quiz, as well as enjoying a delicious supper.

## **All Saints Alive**

### **BELLS**

If you are in Hertford on **9 September at 10am** you will hear the special peal of bells ringing out from All Saints to mark the day Queen Elizabeth II becomes the longest serving British monarch.

### **SIDESMEN**

Some of our teams are in need of an extra pair of hands. Can you help out? This would be roughly once every six weeks on a Sunday morning? If so, please speak to Richard Toyn, Janet or Helen.

### **Alzheimers**

A huge thank you to all my sponsors and I am delighted to say that the final total was over £500.

Love Janet