

All Saints Alive

VICAR'S VIEWPOINT



Let's raise the roof!

Dear Friends,

Looking at the definition in the dictionary, this phrase can mean "to show great enthusiasm" or "complain really loudly."

At All Saints we want to raise the roof physically because as you will have heard All Saints Vestry Roof has rotted away.

The damage is so great that not only has the rain poured through it could also soon collapse.

We are facing bills for around £20,000 to replace it !

There is an article written by our Church Architect, Francesca Weal, later in this magazine, outlining the problem and a display of photos, not very pleasant, at the back of Church.

Over Easter we are going to have a time of gifts and we are asking you all to think about giving a substantial gift, the sort of amount that you would give to a very close relative or beloved friend at special times in their life.

It would be great to be able to cover this amount during the six weeks of Easter.

Cheques can be made payable to All Saints Church Hertford Fabric Fund and put into the special gift aid envelopes.

We have also applied for grants to help us with this project but these will not cover the cost and our fabric fund is very low. Thank you for your generosity in raising the roof!

The Six Weeks of Easter are also a time for raising the roof metaphorically, as we can show great enthusiasm in our life and worship, in response to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

He offers us life in all its fullness if we follow and trust him.

In some Easter services as the Paschal light is brought into the church and the Priest announces ***Christ has Risen, Alleluia***, everybody in the church responds playing musical instruments, percussion, shouts and whoops of joy and generally raising the roof with thanksgiving and celebration.

We could put this celebration into our daily lives as well by saying alleluia over all the things that go well for us, small or large.

As to raising the roof with complaint, why not, when things go wrong, not get angry but see what we can do or say and pray to put things right.

Be the bridge builders, following Jesus in his sacrificial example of pouring out his love for the world.

Let's get involved, make a joyful response to the world and make a difference.

Alleluia!

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Love,
Jo