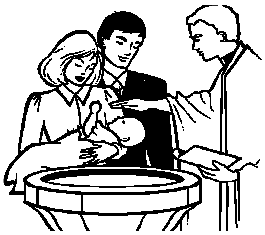
Holy Matrimony

18th June Robert Joseph Hales and Jean Gleeson

Holy Baptism



12th June Grace Alice Delahunty

Noah Terrence Stone

Mothers Union

Summer Outing - Guided tour of Waterford Church, **Tuesday 12th July 7pm.**

The churchwarden, Malcolm Wandrag is giving us a tour & talk about the beautiful Pre-Raphaelite Morris & Co stained glass windows including many by Edward Burne-Jones. We are requesting a donation of £2 per person to be given to Waterford Church.

Please let Ann know if you would like to join us so she can advise them of numbers. Everyone is welcome & lifts are available.

Weds 3rd August 12 noon
Lunch and visit to Hopleys Garden Centre in Much Hadham Lifts available.

Sat 10th Sept 2-5pm
A Celebration of Faith. Diocesan 140th Birthday Party St Albans.

For more information, please speak to Ann or Rosemary.

Next sessions are on Fri 1st and Thurs 7th July.

Sponsored Bike 'n Hike
BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Remember, Remember the 10th September!

2016 is the Silver Jubilee of the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust

Fancy a bike ride or walk where you can enjoy yourself **and** help raise funds for All Saints? Riders and walkers are needed to help raise money for the annual "Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust".

Churches of all denominations are open to be visited across the county. Pick up a sponsor form and YOU can be sponsored to ride your bike or hike to as many churches as you can visit – you can visit 8 Churches just by walking around Hertford!

You can even be sponsored for sitting at All Saints and signing in visitors! *How easy is that?!* Helpers for this are needed between 10 am & 6 pm.

Visit www.BedsHertsHCT.org.uk for information about the Trust **50% of your sponsorship money raised will come back to All Saints** and each year All Saints' receives at least a couple of hundred pounds!.

However, for many years it is always the same few people – usually Martin, Julia and myself, and so **we would really welcome some NEW FACES to join in** this fun day out.

You can spend as much or as little time as you like, and it is always a fantastic day so please do come and join in!

Further details and sponsor forms from Dorothy Toyn - Tel 01992 589781, e mail: dorothy.toyn@ntlworld.com

Hertford College Youths

We recently discovered that the Hertford College Youths, the name under which the bellringers operated for many years and certainly until the 1950s, was founded on 5 September 1767, so that next year will mark the 250th anniversary. I want to capitalise on this in some way and have already started to try to gather information about the founding of the Society.

I do not know quite what we will do, but would simply ask that you make a note in your diaries that something will be happening. Of course, if you have any ideas we will be very pleased to receive them.

Alastair Stracey

Choir Promotions

On June 5th

Trixie Wraith – Head Chorister
Soraia Jorge – Junior Singing Girl

June 19th

Brook Davies – Member

Ginni Dear – Junior Singing Girl

Congratulations to them all!

The Archbishop of Canterbury has spoken out about creating a more just financial system to help millions of people who are struggling with debt.

Following successful pilot work in two regions, the plan is for a national roll out to tackle the issue head-on. The Archbishop of Canterbury's Mustard Seed Appeal is raising vital funds to make this happen.

Churches throughout the country are organising fundraising events for the Mustard Seed Appeal as we work together to build a just financial system.

More information at https://www.cuf.org.uk/mustard-seed-appeal

Living God's Love
– countdown to Autumn

All our deaneries are beginning to plan their autumn visit of a bishop, when we will be seeking inspiration and encouragement together to Live God's Love. The dates are fixed – 20th October for our Deanery.

Our bishops are looking forward to being with people in every deanery and to helping us to explore new ideas for reaching out in our mission to show and share God's love.

Every deanery is different – so each will have its own ideas and create an individual programme. Could you come together with a group of people with a shared focus to discover good ideas that might help your parish to grow?

Do you have other ideas and want to get involved in planning the visit? Talk to your parish clergy or your Rural Dean and see how you might be able to contribute.

HDCT Food Bank Report June 2016

The Foodbank can report that our operation continues to run successfully helping individuals and families locally in a time of crisis. The number of clients fed has risen over last year's numbers, although on some months numbers have been similar or lower. On the whole though there is an upward trend.

Volunteers - come and go but there is a very steady core of experienced volunteers and we are continually grateful

for the effort they put into running the Foodbank. We continue to hold volunteer get-togethers to exchange information and recently listened to a speaker from Herts Young Homeless.

Administration - The administration of the Foodbank is undertaken meticulously, with an end of the Financial Year stock check and a soon to be held Quality Assurance Visit by the Regional Foodbank Network Development Officer of Trussell Trust on 17th June. This involves an extensive review of our operating procedures and ensures that we adhere to good practice in every aspect of our organisation.

A new and improved data collection system from Trussell Trust has also been introduced and this again has involved a considerable amount of work and readjustment. We are glad to report that this is now running smoothly and we are indebted to Howard Ward and Cheryl Jackson for their work on this. Our Referral Agencies stand at 57 at present.

Publicity – The Foodbank has a new website at the same address – https://hertforddistrict.foodbank.org.uk/, and soon a new pamphlet will be available. This has just been re-designed by Trussell Trust and will be released shortly, probably not in time to bring to the meeting but as soon as it is ready we will supply all the churches with a quantity and a plastic display stand.

The Future – There is the possibility of a Fuel Poverty Scheme being introduced - discussions are underway with Trussell Trust and there has been an approach made by a Charitable Foundation with possible funding.

We have been fortunate to have a CAB representative attending Foodbank Sessions once and sometimes twice a week over the past year but this has now been withdrawn due to funding issues. However the CAB still run an outreach open session every Wednesday at the URC which helps us to signpost Foodbank clients easily. We continue to give talks to visiting schools and colleges and go out to Scout and Cub groups to talk about the Foodbank.

Food Collection - A supermarket collection will be held at Tesco on Thursday 30 June to Saturday 2 July. Permanent Collection Points are available at Tesco, Sainsbury's and Waitrose and we are of course continually grateful for the constant donations from churches in the area.

Finance - Our financial position remains very positive.

Lent Lunches 2016

The Lent Lunches took place this year on five Wednesdays in Lent and raised £674.70 for Christian Aid. This includes 10% of the money received from the Traidcraft and Malawi Link Charity stalls. This compares to £1092 last year when the lunches were held on all seven Wednesdays in Lent.

As always the volunteers from the churches were efficient and cheerful and members of different churches enjoyed the opportunity to work together this year. However the numbers each week were considerably down on last year and the format seems to have become rather 'tired'. We would expect most of the 'lunchers' to come from the churches but it is clear that it is not a priority for most Hertford churchgoers. Even the majority of helpers only come on the week they are actually helping. The clash with 'Soundbites' may be one reason for poor attendance but is probably not the main reason.

Following soundings across the churches the October Forum of HDCT will consider whether we wish to continue with this format in 2017 or think of a new way of raising money for Christian Aid during Lent. Saturday morning prayers and breakfast is one of the ideas that has been floated and could take place in a different church each week of Lent.

If you have any thoughts/suggestions please let Janet B know.