

Vicar's Report April 2013- April 2014

Thanks

It is a great family to belong to and a privilege to serve you all.

Thank you everyone for your part in the family of All Saints, it would not be the same without each one of you.

Janet Bird

Janet Oldham

Kay

Colin

Martin P

Ginni

Geoff

Gerry

Martin B

The Choir and James

Derek and his team

Members of the PCC

Kath O

Nick Hoyle

Marion

Chris Benham

Our Soundbites Team under Ann SJ

Megan Roworth

Tony James

Dorothy Christmas tree fest

Flower club

Richard

Wendell

Andrew

Don and Rosemary

Mothers union

Linda Dye

Helen Harvey Wright Child Protection officer.

Rosie Dean

Tony and Sandra

Malcolm and Judy

Charles Murkin

Church cleaners

Coffee makers .

Welcome Team

Bell ringers.

Those who work with our young people.

Fiona and John

Readers and intercessors

The Vergers

Sides people and welcomers

Pastoral care team

Your generosity love and prayers

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There have been so many highlights this last year with Schools, the wider community and the Church

Schools

As well as the large numbers of Schools having Christmas services, over 5,000 through the doors, there have been M Sunday and Easter services.

Ginni joined us, bringing with her a gust of fresh air with her questions, Oh really, and brilliant ideas: The Easter Journey has been a huge success with 130 children with additional adults joining us to learn and experience more of the Easter Story.

The wider community

The Christmas Tree Festival was very successful and enjoyable, with its wide appeal to everyone including schools and charities. Large numbers passed through our doors and a good amount of money was raised. We now look forward to our Posy Festival in July!

We now have a Church hall website with online booking! We continue to have and build upon our excellent relationship with the Town Council and East Herts.

Church

We are becoming a church for the diocese with the diocesan service for The M. union, and our Celebrating 20 years of Women in the priesthood which were very successful! We held a great confirmation service at All Saints, which included among others four adults Megan, Dave, Tony and Jeanette and two young people, Michael and Ciera and later a confirmation of Dave Francis took place at Stevenage.

Our "Messy Church" activities for children continue to grow, with a number of new families on our books and the Messy Team are about to take part in Messy Cathedral! We had a very successful all ages team service, with Bishop Paul, which filled the church and built up excellent relationships amongst us all.

Our Christmas services in December were attended by more than 5,000 people, many of them in the under 16 age group.

We welcomed James Gough as our new Assistant Director of Music, an excellent organist. The choir have grown and lead us in some brilliant works.

Our east window was repaired and restored, and we now have a large work party every month which spends time repairing and improving our buildings, at a considerable saving to the Church.

And the great generosity of you all and the hard work of raising money through church, hall, concerts and events means that we have managed to balance our books and are once again in the black.

Finally it is thanks to everyone here at All Saints and the wider Team that I have been given the honorary title of Canon of St Alban's and as Chair of the house of clergy, which gives me a senior role in the Diocese.

This coming year we are keen to build on our work in all three of these areas:

Revisiting and revising our Mission Action Plans and building on our very successful schools work and looking at how we reach all ages in our community.