

## Mothers Union



'A man that looks on glass,  
on it may stay his eye;  
or, if he pleaseth, through it  
pass,  
and then the  
heaven espy' George Herbert

At our meeting on Tuesday 27th February, 8pm in the Church Meeting Room, John Earle will present a talk with slides on the "peak period" of medieval stained glass from the 12th to 14th centuries. This will include development of church building, symbolism & French as well as English glass. John's talks are always instructive & entertaining & everyone is welcome to join us.

## Make a Mother's day

The Mothers' Union has an "alternative" gift catalogue for Mothering Sunday (18th March). This contains life changing presents for mothers in need at home & abroad. They start from just £5 & would make a thoughtful alternative or additional gift. They are also a lovely way of remembering mothers who are no longer with us. Please see the poster & sample catalogue in Church & ask me for a catalogue if you wish to order.

Ann Stephens-Jones

## Women's Fellowship

Instead of a Carol service for our December meeting we had a Christmas afternoon. There were two bible readings, several Christmas poems with Christmas music in between. This was followed by tea, mince pies and biscuits. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

This month's meeting is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 p.m. in the church meeting room. We shall start with the Annual General Meeting which will be followed by a talk by Mrs Stella Frost.

Mary Geering

## Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer service will be take place on Friday 2nd March at 2.00 pm at the United Reformed Church in Cowbridge. The service will be entitled *United Under God's Tent* and has been prepared by the women of Paraguay.

## All Saints Art

Dr Roger Aubery will be visiting All Saints Art to give an illustrated talk once again on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. His topic on this occasion is "*Modern Portrayals of the Passion in Art*" which we felt was appropriate as we approach Easter and will cover works by artists from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Those of you who have attended his talks in the past will need no reminding of how interesting and informative these evenings are. Dr Aubery has a huge wealth of information and knowledge on art and artists and a large collection of slides to illustrate his topics.

Everyone is very welcome to attend this talk which takes place in the meeting room at the back of the Church from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. There is a small charge of £2.00 for non-members of the Art Group to help cover our costs. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served in the interval.

Denise Dilley

## From Mick Holder

Dear Friends,

Just to inform you that we have now moved nearer to the town of Great Yarmouth. We are not far from the church that I have always attended as Server and Cross Bearer. We shall be writing to you all soon with details of our new address etc. In the meantime we offer you our best wishes for the Interregnum you are now in, and hope it won't be too long before you have your own priest again.

Mick & Vi Holder

## Flower Club

Floral displays are an important part of life at All Saints' and the flower arrangers at All Saints' are a team of amateur volunteers who enjoy flower arranging and are responsible for all flowers in Church. They provide arrangements to enhance the weekly services and do special arrangements at Festivals such as Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas. Flowers are also arranged for special events such the Civic Service, various concerts and Remembrance.

Colours and flowers are often specifically chosen to try to reflect the sentiment of the occasion; lilies at Easter, rich yellow and gold at Harvest, rosemary and poppies for Remembrance. Specific arrangements and colour schemes are available for weddings and the teams enjoy making the Church look special for the wedding couples.

The volunteers work in teams, with a leader, with responsibility for all the flowers within a calendar month, but all work together for major occasions.

The Flower Club is generally self funding, and relies on fundraising, and donations which are always most welcome.



In particular, we welcome requests for flowers in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. These may be on the Memorial Book in the

Memorial Chapel or on the Altar, and of course floral arrangements for special services such as weddings, baptisms and funerals can also be arranged.

The club is open to anyone interested in flower arranging and new members are always welcome. No formal training or experience is required – just an interest in flowers and a wish to join in, enjoy yourself and learn about what we do!

Please ring Gillian Harman for further information on Hertford (01992) 422042.

## Church Maintenance

We did about 130 hours work this year – a very good effort – and carried out some of the usual essential tasks including:-

- ✓ Removal of Yew berry seeds from the gutters – a never ending task!
- ✓ Remove, clean and reset further wood blocks within the church
- ✓ Re-pointed flashing to gutters and carried out various other minor works
- ✓ We also cleared blocked drains and rainwater down-pipes

There will be many similar jobs for 2007, together with other jobs that we have not yet had the time or labour to start. These include some additional re-pointing of stonework, repairs to lead flashing, treatment of oak doors etc.

We need more workers to do these tasks. The time that our ten volunteers have given has saved All Saints' maintenance fund a lot of money. This not only helps the church but it can be quite a social event if I remember to take along the tea and biscuits!

Some of our most regular workers have been finding it difficult to turn up lately due to pressure of work and some have moved (what people will do to get out of this!) so I am asking for new faces (and pairs of hands) to come forward and help in this essential work. We usually meet once a month on a Saturday, any time between 9am and 12.30 pm.

You do not need special skills for this work and, as long as you can stand up, we can usually find a job for you!

Dates for this year so far are 17<sup>th</sup> February, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Please join us!

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