

## **Service arrangements in August**

During the month of August, like members of the congregation, clergy (working and retired) and organists take holidays, so the availability of people to lead our worship is significantly reduced.

The PCC have decided therefore that for the month of August there will be two services on each Sunday as follows:

10:00 a.m. Parish Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (Said)

There will also not be a mid-week celebration on Thursdays.

The 'normal' pattern will resume on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

## **Mothers Union**



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Wave of Prayer. St Alban's Diocese continues the MU worldwide cycle of prayer. Our Deanery day is Friday 6<sup>th</sup>. Service sheets are available

Following our visit to Bill and Jean, there will not be a meeting in August.

We begin again on September 14<sup>th</sup> in the Church meeting room to share stories, photos, postcards and souvenirs of our holidays.

*Ann Stephens-Jones*

## **Harvest Festival of Music & Flowers September 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007**

### **July Update**

**Prize Draw:** The Prize Draw tickets will go on sale this month so if anyone has any last minute prizes please talk to Janet and Colin Bird by early July. We will need you all to help sell tickets over the summer, and we are

hoping the extra time will mean we sell more tickets!

**Flowers:** Sponsorship for floral arrangements is coming in steadily and we can continue to take this right up to mid September. Forms are available at the back of the church. Various people have also approached organisations and business in the town. There will be a "Preview Evening" with drinks and nibbles on the Thursday evening for those who have assisted and contributed.

**Music:** The full programme of music will be published soon, but we are looking at a "Soundbites Extra" on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, concerts on Friday & Saturday evening, and various musical items throughout the days.

**Publicity:** Posters and fliers will be available soon and again we need your assistance to distribute these it will be on hands on deck!

The next planning meeting will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm in the meeting room and anyone who has any ideas is welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you.

*Dorothy Toyn*

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## **Womens Fellowship**

At our meeting in May, Pauline played us a tape of the BBC programme "Down your Way" that came from Hertford in 1984. This was very interesting and stirred some memories for us. Stella read some of the entries in an old family autograph book and Kathleen played a selection of recorded music. We had a very enjoyable afternoon.

This month's meeting is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July when Mr Peter Ruffles will give a talk, with slides, on Hertford.

There will not be a meeting in August so the next meeting will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

*Mary Geering*

## Age Concern

**Do you have an hour or two to spare every week to support older people in your community?**

Across the county Age Concern Hertfordshire (ACH) runs schemes that aim to "promote the well-being of all older people and help to make later life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience".

One way in which we do this is by recruiting volunteers to spend social time with older people. Visits usually happen on a weekly basis and ideally a friendship develops.

ACH also runs day centres and 10-3 clubs for older people. These clubs and centres provide opportunities for social contact and healthy and creative activities are organized. Volunteers take on a variety of activities: escorting members on the club transport, helping in the on-site charity shop, helping to serve meals and leading or supporting an activity group.

Volunteers also give short-term support to older people who have just come home from hospital. This support might involve accompanying the older person on a short walk. It might involve taking them shopping. It might involve directing them towards another organization that can help them with their particular needs. The help that our volunteers give at this difficult time can make the difference between the older person coping successfully at home and having to be readmitted to hospital.

M lives in a village near Welwyn garden City. She benefited from a volunteer's help earlier this year. She was admitted to hospital when she fractured her shoulder. When she came home, her volunteer arranged a place on a door-to-door shopper bus from her village to the nearest supermarket. Initially the volunteer accompanied M on the bus and helped her with her shopping. On later trips M felt confident enough to go alone. M's volunteer also arranged for a supermarket assistant to accompany M around the store for her first couple of solo trips. The assistant

picked up items from the higher shelves that M still had difficulty reaching.

M feels that she couldn't have got back to this level of independence without her volunteer's help. "Marvellous" was her description of the scheme.

These schemes always need more volunteers. If you feel that you could spare an hour or so every week to support older people in your community, please contact Jackie Noonan on 01707 323272.

## Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust

[www.BedsHertsHCT.org.uk](http://www.BedsHertsHCT.org.uk)



**Sponsored Bike 'n Hike**

**Saturday 8 September 2007**

**10 am to 6 pm**

**Over 600 Churches and Chapels to visit!**

Raise money for the repair of our local churches and chapels by getting sponsorship for cycling, running or walking between churches in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Anyone can take part and enjoy a day visiting these beautiful buildings.



Details and sponsorship forms from:

Dorothy Toyn 01992 589781

Last year's Bikers and Hikers raised over £94,000 for the Trust, including Gift Aid. Half of the sponsorship money was sent to the churches nominated by the Bikers and Hikers. So by taking part this year you help both the Trust and your local church or chapel.

Of every £1 that you raise in sponsorship, 50p is returned to the church of your choice. All organising is done for you so the *Bike 'n Hike* is a very effective way of raising funds for

## All Saints Alive

your church. In addition you will be helping the Trust to give grants to churches and chapels in Beds and Herts that need financial assistance for restoration projects.

So what are you waiting for? Enjoy a pleasant day Biking or Hiking to churches in your area and at the same time boost your church's funds as well as those of the Trust. By using gift aid you can further increase the funds available to the Trust.

## Concert by Choir from Hartford, Connecticut

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 7.30 p.m.



*Choir of The First Church of Christ  
Hartford, Connecticut  
Conductor: Jason Charneski*

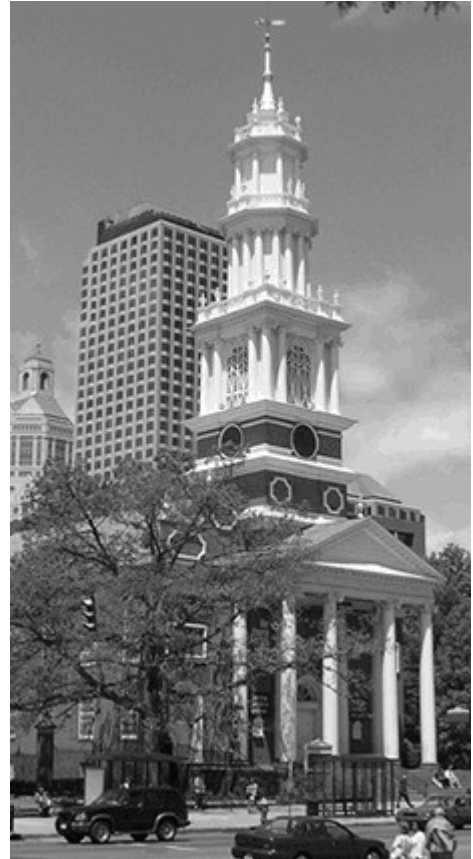
Center Church was founded in 1632 and is celebrating its 375 anniversary this year. As part of the celebrations they have arranged a "Journey through Thomas Hooker's England." Thomas Hooker was their first minister and Samuel Stone the second.

For their concert they have prepared a program of sacred works spanning the 375 years of Center Church's life and ministry.

Admission is free with retiring collection; there will be a Tour Souvenir Programme and refreshments available.

The Center Church Choir is a semi-professional ensemble that rehearses Wednesday evenings and sings the worship service each Sunday morning, September through May. In addition, the choir sings at other important services during the year.

More information about Center Church, the anniversary and the choir can be found at <http://www.centerchurchhartford.org/>



One of the founders of Hartford was Samuel Stone who was baptised at All Saints Church and preached at St Andrew's Church in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.

A Statue in his memory stands on Mill Bridge and a copy was placed two years ago at the entrance to the Ancient Burial Ground in Hartford. Center Church stands at one corner of this.

More information on this can be found at <http://www.theancientburyingground.org/>

Samuel Stone



Hertford, UK



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