

## **Mothers Union**



At our meeting on Monday 19th March, 8pm in the Church meeting room, Janet Bird will be leading our Meditation for Lent. This is always very moving & thought provoking. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

The annual Deanery coffee morning will be held on Tuesday 1st May from 10.30am – 12noon. Margaret Greely is kindly hosting this at 39 Fordwich Rise. There will be a raffle, bring-and-buy, and an opportunity to buy Mothers' Union cards and goods. Proceeds will go to MU projects. Again, all are welcome.

Also, please note that our May meeting is now confirmed as Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8.00 p.m.

*Ann Stephens-Jones*

## **New Hertford Deanery MU Chairman**

In a short, but moving, ceremony during Choral Evensong on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Pauline Higham, Rural Dean, commissioned Rosemary Bolton as the new Chairman of the Hertford Deanery Mothers' Union.

Please remember Rosemary in your prayers and give her your support and encouragement as she takes on this new and demanding role.

## **Women's Fellowship**

Full details of the 2007 programme were awaiting confirmation at the AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> February as we went to press.

The March meeting, on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room will be a special Lenten Talk. More details are available from me.

*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*

## **Flower Club - AGM**

The AGM & planning of Easter Flowers will be on Saturday 17th March at 10am in the Church Meeting Room. All members are asked to please make every effort to attend and if unable to please let me know if you can help at Easter.

New helpers are always welcome. If you are interested in joining in helping with weekly flowers in church or just at festivals please do join us at this meeting. If you would like to know more do ring me, Gillian Harman, on 01992 422042 or send me an e-mail [gillian.harman@ntlworld.com](mailto:gillian.harman@ntlworld.com)

## **Easter Flowers**

Flowers in church at Easter in memory of loved ones have always been special. Your donations are always appreciated and are a great help in making our church look its very best on Easter morning.

If you would like to make a donation this year Jean Lord or the Churchwardens would be pleased to receive your gift by Sunday 25th March 2007.

## **Fairtrade**

6<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> March is Fairtrade Fortnight. As usual we ask you to please consider buying some extra Fairtrade products during this period.

Meetings are being held with a view to making Hertford a Fair Trade Town. The first of these was held on Tuesday 20th February.

Forthcoming events include the following:

Saturday 3rd March - 10am until noon at Hertford Methodist Church - A Coffee Morning, Traidcraft stall, display of Fairtrade goods available in local shops.

Lent Lunches at Castle Hall - Traidcraft stall will be there as usual.

Saturday 10th March - 10.00 - 13.00 - Market Stall in Hertford to promote, inform, enrol support for the Hertford Fairtrade Town project from shoppers and residents.

Please give this your support if you possibly can.

## **Christian Vision for Men**

On Saturday morning 08:00 for 08:15 March 10th, there is a Men's Breakfast in St Johns Hall.

The Subject is '*Is the God of Islam the same as the God of Christianity*'.

Our speaker is Martin Goldsmith a very entertaining and knowledgeable speaker

who has written books on this subject, all are welcome.

Contact David Cramphorn 01992 558395 or david@annox.co.uk to reserve a place.

## **Diocesan retreats**

The diocese has organised two retreats in 2007 to be held in St Francis' House, Hemingford Grey (near Huntingdon). The first, entitled *How shall we sing the Lord's Song?* and led by Rev Deborah Snowball, Curate in the parish of Great St Mary, Sawbridgeworth, runs from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. The second, a traditional silent retreat led by Rt Rev Robin Smith, Hon Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of St Albans, runs from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Each retreat costs £89 per person and bookings should be made through Bob Ogden, 21 Oakridge Avenue, Radlett, WD7 8EW, telephone 01923 856039.

I have been on several of these retreats and found them of great value and enjoyable. If anyone wishes to find out more about what it entails, then I would be pleased to discuss it.

I am always happy to help with transport and I hope to attend the October Retreat. We used to have quite a number attending from All Saints', so it would be nice to see some new face.

These do get booked up fairly quickly so I advise you to contact Bob Ogden shortly.

Derek Westwood.

## **Center Church, Hartford, Ct**

Center Church Choir and Friends are visiting Hertford in August as part of their 375<sup>th</sup> year celebrations. As well as visiting local landmarks and historic links they will be presenting a concert in All Saints on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30 pm under the direction of Jason Charneski. More information will be published nearer the time.

If you want to know more about Center Church visit [www.centerchurchhartford.org](http://www.centerchurchhartford.org)