

In Peace



The following funerals have been held:

28 th September	<i>Harold Pike</i>
2 nd October	<i>Richard David Wrangle</i>
9 th October	<i>Jeanette Bell</i>

Holy Baptism



2nd September *Poppy Katherine*, daughter of Nicholas and Julia Higgs of 33 The Copse, Hertford.

16th September *Daniel James*, son of Paul and Clare Hardcastle of 2 Cublands, Hertford.

Holy Matrimony



14th September *Neil Trevor Perry* and *Claire Louise East*, both of 13, Ryder Close, Hertford.

6th October *Matthew James MacDonald* and *Helena Clare Elliston-Ball*, both of 14 Maidensfield, Welwyn Garden City.

All Saints' Sunday 4th November

As this will be Jo's first Sunday there will be a **single morning service at 10.00 am** so we can all welcome her and celebrate together. There will be Junior Church and a crèche.

Choral Evensong will be at 4.30 pm and will be followed by a fireworks party at 6.00 pm.

We hope many people will come to these. As a result we would like to have rather larger fireworks than in previous years so that everyone can see and enjoy them. If you wish to bring one or two they will be very welcome. Alternatively, you may wish to make a contribution in advance to Richard Toyn to allow us to buy some really splendid ones.

Christmas Bazaar

We will be holding a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 1st December in St John's Hall. This is being co-ordinated by Janet Bird. If you can help or supply cakes, prizes for the raffle and/or tombola or (quality) Christmas gifts please contact her either in church or on 01992 587544

Commemoration of Faithful Departed

As usual, our annual Commemoration will take place during Morning Prayer at 10.00 am on the first Sunday in December (2nd).

If you have someone that you would like to be included on the list of names read out please give your name and theirs to Martin Penny by 5pm on Wednesday November 28th.



Mothers Union

At our meeting on Monday 12th November, Nick Hoyle will be giving a talk entitled "How to read a church".

Throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, Nick spent many a summer holiday giving guided tours of mediaeval French churches as a

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member of a Paris-based association of volunteers. The association's approach was to encourage people to discover churches for themselves, with the aid of some helpful pointers, rather than simply be confronted with a guide reeling off a potted history.

Join Nick on a voyage of discovery of "a mediaeval church". Find out why churches came to be the shape they are. Learn more about the panoply of messages that can be detected in church buildings - theological ideas, biblical and not-so-biblical sculptures, the historical context, artistic trends, symbolism of shapes and numbers. And discover how all church buildings are a statement both of their age and of eternal truths.

Refreshments will be served before the talk at 8pm in the Church meeting room. Please join us.

Ann Stephens Jones

Treasurer needed

St Alban's Diocese Mothers' Union need a new treasurer. No formal qualifications necessary but the applicant must be good at arithmetic, be financially aware and have some idea of how accounts are handled.

The job has so far been carried out on a voluntary basis, but a small honorarium can be offered. The Treasurer does not need to be a member of the Mothers' Union.

For more information please contact Eileen Smith, MU diocesan president, (01767 260583), or Elizabeth King (01707 328905).

All Saints' Art

The Art Group continues to meet at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings in the meeting room at the back of the Church. Our summer meetings have included flower paintings under the tuition of Lyn Bruce and some painting outside, although this was limited due to the wet weather and poor light. However, we have had a full and varied programme and some of the results of this are now on display in the Memorial Chapel

where they were exhibited during the recent Festival of Flowers and Music.

During the Autumn we continue to have monthly tuition with Lyn Bruce when we are concentrating on portraits and life drawing. We shall also be arranging for one or two speakers to come along in the New Year and give illustrated talks on various artists and topics.

Our membership continues to expand but we still have room to accommodate another two people. We are a friendly group of people of all ability, and are pleased to welcome absolute beginners. Our evenings are relaxed and fun.

If you would like further information or are interested in joining us please contact Denise Dilley on 01992 587113

The Travelling Cribs

Several years ago the Mothers' Union revived an old Mexican custom whereby a couple went from house to house, symbolising Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem and asking for shelter on the way.

For us, our travelling cribs are blessed at the Family Service at the beginning of December. They go from family to family, finally arriving back at church for the Blessing of the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

We have at least 5 cribs with figures and animals made of wood, porcelain or wool to allow for younger and older children. The Travelling Crib box may include dressing up clothes, a Traidcraft Advent calendar, a storybook, pictures to colour and a candle.

If you would like a family to bring the Travelling Crib to your home, please speak to MU member Jean Gilby (01992 583125).

Women's Fellowship

At our September meeting Pauline showed us slides of her holiday in Umbria, Italy. They were very interesting, especially the architecture.

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This month's meeting is on Wednesday, 28th November, when we shall have our tea-party in the meeting room at 2.30 p.m.

Mary Geering

Choir CD

You may be aware that the choir has been working with the University of Hertfordshire to record a new CD here in All Saints'. We expect this to be available later this month – an excellent stocking filler!

Young Life Herts

Young Life Herts Fundraising Festivity is coming up at Castle Hall on Nov 11th. This will be an afternoon of fun, fellowship, food, updates on all God is doing through YL Herts and a chance to hear how you can be involved. If you haven't received an invitation but would like to come, please call the YL office at 01992 509001

Bell Ringer's Outing

"One of the best outings I have been on." That was John Kemp's verdict after this year's Ringers Outing, held on 6th October.

North Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire was this year's venue, beginning with two rings of 8 bells. We started at St John the Baptist, Royston before driving into Cambridgeshire to Holy Trinity, Meldreth. All were agreed that these are an extremely musical ring of bells - no wonder they are popular with those who spend most of their spare time on the end of a rope.

The final three towers of the day each contained 6 bells. First All Saints, Barrington, where the bells have recently been refurbished and rehung with the aid of a substantial grant from the Lottery Heritage Fund – and a good job they have made of it too. Next was All Saints, Haslingfield which sounded splendid but were a little more difficult to ring. Finally into the outskirts of Cambridge to St Andrew, Cherry Hinton – another fine ring of 6 bells.

All of the bells were easy to ring, and we produced a very high standard of ringing

which added to the day's pleasure. As an added bonus, three of the five towers were rung from the ground floor, reducing the number of stairs to be climbed!

There was one more stop to be made as we drove into Fulbourn and the appropriately named 6 Bells for supper. Unfortunately some had to leave before supper; nevertheless all who had stayed enjoyed both a splendid meal and a fine selection of real ales.

As always we were joined by friends old and new to renew friendships and catch up on news and activities.

All the best reports now seem to mention a "star of the day". For us this would have to be Lorraine Brown, who has been ringing for less than a year but rang extremely well all day. Even better, these were the first towers she has visited outside Hertford.

Jill Crocker again made all the arrangements with the towers and our thanks go to her for all her efforts.

Alastair Stracey

Be part of a Miracle

Global Poverty Prayer Week starts on 12 November. With suggestions for daily prayer and a host of resources and ideas, the Be Part of a Miracle website is worth a visit.

<http://www.bepartofamiracle.org.uk>

World Aids Day

Young people from across the diocese are invited to take part in a free youth event for World AIDS Day on Saturday 1st December. **'positive'** is organised by Christian Aid and takes place on Saturday 1st December at St Luke's Church in Watford from 7-10pm. For more information, to request free e-tickets, or to book a pre-event youth group session on HIV/AIDS, contact positive@christian-aid.org or call 01865 246818. Also see www.positive07.blogspot.com for the latest information.

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For further information on the Diocesan HIV Support Group, please contact Kemi Akinruli at Holywell Lodge, 01727 851 748. E-mail: Kemi.akinruli@stalbens.anglican.org

Isabel Hospice

Many will know that I have been making surplus flowers and vegetables available for donations to the Isabel Hospice. May I thank all of you who have been extremely generous in putting money in the box for my surplus stock. £95 has now been sent to the Hospice.

Derek Westwood

The Ultimate 'Plum Pudding'

We are selling puddings in aid of Aschiana – Plum Pudding, Triple Ginger Sponge Pudding and Chocolate Pudding – all made by The Ultimate Plum Pudding Company in Kendal. The 1lb puddings cost £5.50 (sufficient for four servings) and the 2lb Plum Pudding is £9.50. The plum puddings have won the Great Taste Award. Delicious, vegetarian, they are reasonably light. The ginger pudding is super, and we have not (yet) tried the chocolate, but it has twice won a Bronze Great Taste award. All are of the highest quality.

We have some that will be on sale at the Produce Stall on Sundays (but not 11th or 18th November), and you can order any of them for delivery in the second week of December, cash with order please. We'll need to send that order in by the end of November. Either see us at the Produce Stall on a Sunday or phone us on 01992 462467. They make good Christmas presents!

John and Fiona Earle

Soundbites

Wednesday 7th November

Maltings Sinfonia Winds
Barbara Manning. *Piano*

Earlier this year we welcomed the Maltings Sinfonia to All Saints' for the first time, On that occasion local pianist, Barbara Manning, joined them for a performance of Beethoven's fifth piano concerto. On this occasion, Barbara will

join wind players from the Ware based orchestra for a performance of Mozart's Quintet for Piano and Winds in E flat major.

Wednesday 14th November

Asasello String Quartet

Jill Crossland - *Piano*

Piano Quintet in F minor - Brahms

The Asasello Quartet will be appearing at the Wigmore Hall, London, on the 16th of this month with Jill Crossland so we are very pleased that they will visit All Saints' as part of their preparations. The Quartet is based in Switzerland and the four musicians formed the group in 2000 having met at the music school in Basel. Since then they have given concerts throughout Europe and Russia and many of their performances have been broadcast on Swiss Radio. In 2005 the Asasello quartet recorded its debut CD containing works by Beethoven, Kojevnikov and Mendelssohn.

For those of you with a literary interest, the Quartet takes its name from a novel 'The Master and Margarita' by Michail Bulgakov, finally published 1967 having been banned by Russian authorities for thirty years.

Wednesday 21st November

Adam Magee - *Tenor*

Adam Magee graduated from the Royal Northern College of Music in 2002 and subsequently took up a place on the opera course at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama studying with Peter Alexander Wilson. Whilst at the RNCM, he performed in many of the college's productions and more recently has worked with a number of companies both here and abroad. He is currently singing at Scottish Opera in their performances of Il Barbiere di Siviglia.

Adam's nephew Joby is a young member of our choir and is already excited about his uncle's performance!

Wednesday 28th November

Corina Vince - *Violin*

David Boarder - *Piano*

Bringing to a close our celebration of Elgar's life and work, Corina and David will perform his Violin Sonata in E minor Op.82. This Sonata was one of three chamber works Elgar composed more or less concurrently towards the end of the First World War at Brinkwells, the country cottage the Elgars had rented near Fittleworth in Sussex. Elgar was himself a competent violinist and work proceeded quickly to completion in little over a month. The first performance was given by violinist W.H. Reed at the Aeolian Hall, London in March 1919.