

Annual Church Meetings

This year's annual meetings will be held on Sunday 13th April, commencing with the Vestry Meeting (to elect our Churchwardens) and swiftly followed by the Annual Parish Church Meeting.

This is your chance to air your views, ask questions and to hear of various plans and activities. It will also be Jo's first chance to report on her time as Vicar. What she has shared with the PCC so far suggests that there will be plenty of interesting and exciting ideas to think about.

Please do join us if you can.

Women's Fellowship

Our AGM in February was quite short. All the Committee members agreed to continue; they are: Mrs M. Geering Chairman and Treasurer; Miss P Geering Secretary; Mesdames S.Frost, E.Pile and B.Squires. Stella keeps the register and Brenda and Elaine do the refreshments.

The Chairman gave a report on last years meetings, which had been interesting and varied, often with slides. This was followed by the Treasurer's report. The year started with £627.20 in the bank and £47.15 in cash. During the year we made a donation of £30 to the church and £25 for flowers for the Festival of Music and Flowers in September. The year ended with £619.25 in the bank and £37.53 in cash. The subscription remains unchanged at £3 and is now due.

This month's meeting is on Wednesday 23rd April at 2.30 p.m. in the church meeting-room when Mrs Margaret Greely will give a talk on Assisi.

Mary Geering

Mothers' Union

We are invited to a Mothers' Union meeting on Wednesday 2nd April 2008 at 2.30pm at St Peters Church, Buntingford. The speaker will be Rachel Halsall, who is Faith & Policy Officer at Mary Sumner House. Rachel is part of the team that represents the MU at the

United Nations and she will be talking about her work for the MU at MSH and at the United Nations.

On Saturday 12th there is an action and outreach day "Hands across the World" in the Civic Centre, Old Welwyn 10am-3pm. Tickets are available from Rosemary Bolton.

On Tuesday 15th April, Dr John Earle will give a talk about Aschiana and recent events in Afghanistan, apart from the war. It will be illustrated with slides and will take about half-an-hour. It could well interest young adults. All welcome to join us in the meeting room at the back of church.

On Wednesday 16th April the Mayor will be holding the annual Vintage Tea Party at Castle Hall from 3.00 p.m. As usual, we will be hosting a table – help and party food are needed please!

You are invited to a Hertford and Ware Deanery Mothers' Union Coffee Morning on Tuesday 29th April 2008 at 10.30 am at 39 Fordwich Rise.

Look forward to seeing you there!

All Saints Flower Club Demonstration/Workshop

Jenny Stutley, who is a Flower arranging advisor from The Church of England Flower Arrangers, will be coming to All Saints to give a demonstration and workshop on Saturday 5th April 2008.

Coffee will be served at 10am and the demonstration will commence at 10.30, followed by a light lunch which will be provided. The practical session will follow lunch. The day will finish about 3pm.

Participants need to bring their own flowers. Bowls and stands will be provided. Cost for the day will be £7.

If you are interested in coming please contact Gillian Harman 01992 422042 or Dorothy Toyn 01992 589781.

Coffee morning

A very big "thank you" to everyone who supported our coffee morning in February.



You will be pleased to know that we made £630.00. This will be put towards the Christmas Tree Festival to be held in the Church in December to raise funds for the Isabel Hospice and All Saints.

Following this successful and very enjoyable morning we are planning another Coffee Morning in the Church on **Saturday 17th May from 10.00am – 12.00pm** to raise further funds for setting up the Tree Festival. We are planning to have a Bring and Buy Stall, Cakes, Second hand books, Raffles etc at the Coffee morning as well as refreshments.

For this event the Junior Church Plant Sale will also be joining the Coffee Morning at the Church when proceeds from the plants they sell on their stall will be donated to the current Junior Church charity.

We do need your help to make this event a success and should very much appreciate offers of cakes for the cake stall.

If you have been spring cleaning recently and have any unwanted items in good condition which could be sold on the Bring and Buy Stall, there will be a box at the back of the Church where these can be left.

We shall also be glad of any second hand books or donations of raffle prizes. If you have any bedding plants or cuttings to spare for the Plant stall please bring them along on the morning.

But, most importantly - Please come along on the morning for a cup of coffee and a chat. You will receive a warm welcome!

Further details from, and offers of help to, Denise Dilley 01992 587113.

Outing to Althorp

An outing to Althorp in Northamptonshire with the morning spent at Stoke Bruerne

Canal Museum, including a trip on a narrow boat has been arranged on **Saturday 5th July 2008**.

We shall arrive at Stoke Bruerne in time for refreshments before splitting into two groups for the museum and boat trip. Leaving Stoke Bruerne at 12.30 pm, we shall arrive in Althorp for lunch in their café or picnic in the grounds.

Althorp is the family home of the Spencer family and of special interest is the exhibition celebrating the life of Diana, Princess of Wales. The magnificent interior of the house is available to view as well as exploring the delightful gardens.

Price: £25.25 per person, to include coach, Althorp, canal museum & boat trip.

Coach pickup details:

Hertford, Hagsdell Road: 8.00
The Goat, Hertford Heath: 8.15
St Margaret's Church, Stanstead Abbots: 8.25
John Warner School: 8.30

Return to Hertford will be by 7.00 pm approximately.

All enquiries to Val Worboys: 01992 582487.

All Saints Model Railway Show



The Church is holding a model railway show on Saturday 7 June in St Johns Hall. It is likely to feature about ten operating layouts, some static exhibits and a couple of trade stalls. The layouts will be a mix of scenic model railways and vintage train circuits.

Refreshments will be provided, probably in the back of the church.

The Show is being organised by Reg Harman and Geoff Oates. Profits will go to Church funds. Help will be needed with refreshments, stewarding and other activities. You are invited to volunteer your services, even if only for an hour – please contact Reg on 01992 422042.

Front Cover

This month's cover features two items specifically commissioned for All Saints as part of the 'Stations for Hertford' project in Lent 2008. This project was the subject of an extensive article in the *Church Times* on 21st March entitled "A Via Dolorosa for an English County Town" by Rev Jonathan Evens.

The following is a short extract:

Al Gray, who made the eighth Station, *Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem*, said: "I have a faith in Christ; so this is something personal to me. As an illustrator, it is quite rare that I am allowed to make personal responses in my work."

"The piece is about the women weeping for Christ. He tells them not to cry for him, but for themselves. Destruction was coming. Forty years later, the Romans besieged Jerusalem, and razed the Temple to the ground. In the image, Jesus has his arm raised over the heads of the women, and it strikes a blank gash through the city behind the women, illustrating what would happen.

"I don't know if these women were professional mourners or real followers of Jesus, but his focus is away from his suffering and towards them and their future troubles."

This Station was accompanied by a specially commissioned choral work *Daughters of Zion* by Martin Penny, which was performed at All Saints' at the end of Compline on Wednesday 19th.

The full article, with more pictures, can be found at:
<http://www.churchtimes.co.uk/content.asp?id=53637>



Car Boot Sale

There will be a car boot sale in the grounds surrounding St John's Hall, Hertford, on

Saturday 28th June
 8.30a.m. – 11.30pm

Site open from 7.30a.m.

Cars £10.00 Vans £15.00

Advance bookings only

Booking forms from:
 Denise Dilley 01992 587113

Proceeds towards the costs of the Christmas Tree Festival in aid of the Isabel Hospice and All Saints Church

All Saints Art Presents 'Wood in Our Lives'

An illustrated talk on
 how wood affects our lives
 past, present and shaping our future

By Leon Ajao

On Thursday May 1st 2008
 Cost £2.00 (All Saints Church Talents)
 Venue: All Saints Hertford. 7.30 pm

MICHAEL ROBERTS CHARITABLE TRUST ASSISTANT COMMUNITY WORKER

Part Time: Thursday 08.30-16.30 (8 Hours)

Salary: £2,823

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Christian charity seeks applicants for the above position preferably with experience of working with people with a disability. We are looking for a self motivated person to assist at a local drop in centre in Harlow. Additional work may be available as required on Mondays & Tuesdays

Contact Gary Knott on
07734 128430

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