

In Peace



13th November *Eve Sangster*
14th November *John Chapman*

Confirmation



18th November *Irene Rawlinson*

Isabel Hospice

May I thank all of you who have been extremely generous in putting money into the Isabel Hospice box for my surplus vegetables over the autumn. This year I have been able to send £67 to the Hospice, which I know they will use to help those in need.

Again, many thanks
Derek Westwood



Mothers' Union

Our next meeting is on Monday 1st December 7.30pm St John's Hall Annexe We will be making

our door wreaths and Christmas decorations ready for the Christmas Tree Festival. Bring greenery, twine & secateurs.

Ann Stephens-Jones

Women's Fellowship

The talk *See the Wood and the Trees* given by the Rev. Bill Church at our October meeting was fascinating. We learnt that Forests grow trees, which are used for making beams, and Woods provide the wood for furniture.

This month's meeting is on Wednesday 17th December at 2.30 p.m. This will be a Christmas Theme afternoon.

Mary Geering

Cow Corner Junior Church news



Fireworks evening

We had a wonderful fireworks evening on 2nd November and were extremely lucky with the weather. A big "thank you" to those who organised the firework display and the bonfire. The Junior Church organised the refreshments as our first fundraiser for Send A Cow and were delighted to have raised the sum of £108. Thank you to all who donated food, helped on the stall and set up and cleared away afterwards. We appreciate your support very much.

We have two more ways in which you can help us to raise money to send animals to Africa:

Coppers for a Cow

Do all those heavy copper coins weigh down your pockets? Do you have little piles of pennies in the house that you never seem to spend? We have the perfect solution to your problem – Coppers for a Cow! We shall be putting a collection box at the back of church and ask that you put any unwanted coppers into it which we will then put towards our cow. This particular scheme will be ongoing.

Spring Bulbs

This is a more seasonal way of supporting our project! The children have been planting bulbs in decorated plant pots which will make lovely little gifts for Christmas. We will be selling them in the

coffee hour in December so look out for our stall.

Christmas Tree Festival

The Junior Church is also decorating a tree for the Festival. The children have been busy making decorations to reflect our theme of "Send a Cow". Do look out for our tree when you visit.

Thank you for all your support.
Kath Oates

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.

Our travelling cribs will be blessed at the Family Service on Sunday 7 December. They will 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 children of all ages. The Travelling Crib box may include dressing up clothes, a Traidcraft Advent calendar, a story book, 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).

Celebratory Peal

To celebrate the formation of the Hertford Team Ministry, a peal was rung on our ten bells on All Saints' Day, 1st November. It consisted of 5040 changes of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung in 3 hours 21 minutes. Ringers from St Paul's Cathedral, Chelmsford and St Albans joined more local members of the Hertfordshire Association of Change Ringers to complete the band.

Hertford's Ringing Master John Kemp, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, reported favourably on the standard of the

ringing. He has been ringing the bells of All Saints' and St Andrew's for nearly 59 years.

John Rank

Friends of Aschiana Child Sponsorship Scheme

A scheme has now been set up so that anyone who wishes to sponsor a child (girl or boy) to go to school at an Aschiana centre in Kabul can do so. You are asked to sponsor for a year in advance, so that your money is not lost in bank fees and charges.

The cost is £130, which provides a child with education, basic health care, training in vocational skills such as tailoring and carpentry – and emotional support.

A sponsor will receive a photograph, drawings and a message from the child being sponsored.

A leaflet giving further details is available from John or Fiona Earle at the Produce Stall after church on Sundays, and usually at Soundbites. They will also be available on the Aschiana stall during the Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints' 5th -7th December.

Soundbites

Wednesday 3rd December Erdem Misirlioglu - Piano

Etudes Op.10 - Chopin

If you watched this year's BBC Young Musician of the Year competition, then today's recitalist will be familiar to you. He was the piano winner and performed Rachmaninoff's 'Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini' in the televised Grand Final.

Erdem started piano lessons when he was nine. He is currently in his first year at Guildhall School of Music and Drama, where he has been awarded a full scholarship.

In 2006, Erdem was awarded 3rd place in the International Rachmaninov Competition for

Young Pianists and was also awarded both the Keyboard Instrument Prize in 2006 and the Principal's prize in 2008 at GSMD. He has enjoyed receiving masterclasses from top pianists David Dolan, Ronan O'Hara, Bernard Roberts, Peter Donohoe and Jeremy Menuhin and has performed in venues including St Martin in the Fields, Snape Maltings, The Wigmore Hall and Cardiff Millennium Centre as well as abroad in Poland, France and Russia.

**Wednesday 10th December
Michael Frith - Organ**

If you have seen this year's Proms prospectus, you could hardly have missed the fact that 2008 is the centenary of the birth of Olivier Messiaen. Not only at the Proms, but all over the world there have been special celebratory festivals and performances of his music.

Many composers suffer a decline in their reputations in the years following their death, but not Messiaen; since his death in 1992 his standing has increased and he is now generally recognised as one of the greatest composers of the twentieth century. He composed in virtually all musical forms including, belatedly, opera, but his contribution to organ music is unquestionably the most significant and original since Bach's.

December 10th is the actual centenary day, and Soundbites will be celebrating the event with a performance of Messiaen's famous Christmas work '*La Nativité du Seigneur*', one of his earliest masterworks and most frequently performed.

This is colourful and dramatic music with instant appeal. Among its nine movements there are portraits of some of the characters of the story – Virgin and Child, Shepherds, Angels, Wise Men - and quiet, mystical meditations on some of the ideas associated with Christmas; and there's a sensational toccata in the true French tradition to round it off in a blaze of glory.

Do come and try it!

**What Christians need to know
about Jews and Judaism**



a talk by



Jonathan Gorsky

Lecturer in Judaism and Jewish-Christian Relations
at Heythrop College, University of London

Tuesday, 2nd December
Christ Church, Radlett

Located on the main road (WD7 7JJ) with plenty of parking
or an easy walk from Radlett Station

**Informal buffet from 6 pm
Presentation starts at 7 pm**

Donations for food gratefully accepted
For further information please contact the Rev'd Jay MacLeod, Inter Faith Adviser to the Bishop and Diocese of St Albans
(01234 266945; jaymacleod@mac.com)

**Spectacular
Christmas Tree Festival!**

All Saints Church, Hertford

**Friday 5th and Saturday 6th December
9.00am – 9.00pm
Sunday 7th December 11.30am – 8.30pm**

100 Christmas Trees, Live Music and concerts throughout the Festival by local schools and members and friends of All Saints Choir, Refreshments, Stalls, Competitions, Tombola etc., hot chestnuts and toasted marshmallows
Craft Fair on the Saturday

Watch out for one of International Football's most famous faces at the Festival

Proceeds to the Isabel Hospice, Welwyn Garden City and All Saints Church

For further information, to sponsor a Tree or to offer help at the Festival
phone: Denise Dillely – 01992 587113
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