

HERTFEST 2008

Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the town of Hertford!

Love, service, words and action

We are people from all the churches in Hertford, and we are coming together to demonstrate God's love for the town of Hertford in many different ways during 2008.



About us

Hertfest 2008 is a year long initiative in which Christians from different denominations in Hertford and the surrounding areas are uniting to do the mission of Jesus Christ in our town and villages.

This means, we will love and serve the people of Hertford, preach the good news in both word and deed, and pray for those who are sick, and those who are oppressed. As we do this, we respond to God's call and join with thousands of other churches across the UK under the banner of 'Hope 2008' to make this year different from any year - a year of doing more together than ever before, both in word and deed, to see lives transformed and communities changed through the love, power, mercy and good news of Jesus Christ.

Our Core Values

Our core values are the core values of Jesus Christ. As delegates of Hertfest 2008, we will strive to live out the following through all we do:

- *Grow in our love for God and in our relationship with Jesus.*

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.' (Luke 10:27)

'If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.' (John 15:7)

- *Grow in our love for one another, for the Lord's plan is that we shall reach unity in the faith.*

'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' (John 13:34-35)

'Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ' (Ephesians 4:11-13)

- *Respond to God's call to make known the name of Jesus by loving and serving the people of Hertford and surrounding areas, preaching the good news in word and deed and praying for the sick and the oppressed.*

'You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.' (Matthew 5: 14-16)

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour' (Luke 4:18-19)

'Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the

dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." (Matthew 11:4-5)

'As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.' (John 17:18)

'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' (Matthew 28:18-20)



We also sign up to the Hope 2008 values which are:

- To do more in 2008. More than we've ever done before.
- To follow Jesus' example and preach the good news in both word and deed.
- It's not about 'hit and run' evangelism or one-off service projects but about getting involved in our communities to bring lasting change.
- HOPE 08 isn't an event that is being put on, it's a catalyst to help and support each of us as we respond to the needs around us.
- It is flexible so that you can join with churches in your village, town or city to find out what your area needs and respond accordingly.
- Everything we do should be steeped in prayer as we seek God's power and presence as we go.

Hertfest events coming soon:

Hertfest Week 27th July – 3rd August

A whole week of events during the summer put on by the churches of Hertford for the people of Hertford – there will be something for everyone including sports and activities on Hartham Common, music evenings, café style drop-in, Fun Day on Hartham Common, holiday clubs, litter picking and more.

Town Party

We're looking into the possibility of hosting a party for the town of Hertford, something we'd like to invite everyone along to. Watch this space for developments...!

Prayer Survey

You might see Hertfest volunteers out and about in Hertford town doing a survey about prayer. We'll be asking you questions like: Do you ever pray? When do you pray? Have you ever had answers to prayer?

Our Hertfest volunteers will be able to take your requests for prayer back to a monthly evening of prayer, where people from all the churches in Hertford will come together to pray for you and for the town of Hertford. If you like, you can ask the Hertfest volunteers to pray for you there and then too.

We will publish the results of the survey on the website (www.hertfest.org.uk) where you can also find more details about Hertfest.

'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 4:6-7.)

Forms to "sign up" for Hertfest are available at the back of the church. Please contact Janet Bird (01992 587544) for more details