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In Peace



30th September Leslie Sullivan 9th October

Margaret Collins

Holy Baptism



12th October

Holly and Isabelle Fordham, daughters of Anthony and Kelley Fordham of 107 Duncombe Road, Bengeo SG143DA

and Frankie and Ronnie Wild, sons of Christopher Wild and Tanya Randularia of 166 Pioneer Avenue Hoddesdon

and Macy Isla Brown, daughter of Andrew and Cheryl Brown of 48 The Elms, Hertford.

All Saints' Sunday

As is becoming our custom, we will be holding a bonfire party after the evening service. If you have contributions to the fire or for the fireworks, please speak to Dorothy or Richard Toyn.

Women's Fellowship

There was a good attendance at our September meeting to hear Mrs Kay Juniper's talk about the charity work she did with Rotary members in Romania. Seventeen men and three women went, including a plumber and a carpenter. They had taken 22 lorries to Romania full of equipment for a hospital and toys for orphans who were deaf and dumb in an orphanaae.

They put new beds and mattresses in the hospital to replace the very old bedding, getting sheets and pillow slips from a nearby hotel which was being refurbished. They also installed toilets in wards which were without them.

The children in the orphanage had never had toys and at first did not know what to do with them!

Mrs Juniper went to Romania for one week for five years. She also told us that Romania is a lovely country for a holiday. It has a good climate and is very hot in summer. The hotels are also very good.

This month's meeting is on November 26th at 2.30 p.m. in the church meeting room at 2:30 p.m. when I shall show slides of my visit to Australia. You are very welcome to join us!

Mary Geering

Mothers' Union

Due to diary clashes the November meeting has been cancelled. We will hold our 'potluck' supper on January 14th

Ann Stephens-Jones

Commemoration of **Faithful Departed**

This will take place during Matins with Holy Communion at 10.00 am on Sunday 16th November. If you have someone that you would like to be included on the list of names read out please either add it to the list on the notice board or give it to Martin Penny by 5pm on Wednesday November 12th.

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Junior Church



Each year Junior Church supports a particular charity, and this year the children have chosen one by the name of "Send a Cow" for their project.

Send a Cow was started in 1988 by a group of Christian farmers from Britain, who sent 25 cows to Africa in response to an appeal for help. But it wasn't simply about giving someone a cow. The families who received a cow were asked to pass on its first female calf to another family. That family then passed on their first female calf to yet another family... and so on!

The charity has since grown and now sends both cows and other animals to poor communities in Africa to help families to be more self sufficient. Each of these families in turn helps other families. So appropriately enough, its slogan is "Pass It On!"

We will be holding various fundraising activities throughout the year so that All Saints Junior Church can send animals to Africa! The animals which we can send cost varying amounts of money, from a cockerel at £5 to a dairy cow at £750, with rabbits, goats, sheep, donkeys and others in between.

For our first fundraiser we will be selling refreshments in St John's Hall at the fireworks party on Sunday, November 2nd after the evening service. As well as the usual baked potatoes etc, the children will be selling cakes and buns. If you are able to donate any cakes for sale we would be most grateful. Please also do come along and support us at what is always a very enjoyable evening!

Kath Oates

Ringing for Saints

On 1 November some of the Hertford ringers and friends will attempt a peal at All Saints – the bells will be ringing continuously for about 3½ hours.

If successful, the peal will be recorded as marking All Saints Day. It will also be recorded as an 80th birthday compliment to our Ringing Master John Kemp.

Alastair Stracey

Christmas Tree Festival 5th-7th December



The preparations for the Christmas Tree Festival are going well and we now have sponsorship for a large number of the trees. The Festival will take place over the 5th, 6th and 7th December, when the Church will be open and all 100 trees will be lit and on display.

We have a full programme of musical entertainment throughout the Festival, together with stalls, refreshments, tombola etc. There will also be a craft fair in St John's Hall on the Saturday, so it promises to be a fun packed weekend for all ages.

The Church will be open from 9am until 9pm on Wednesday 3rd December and from 9am until 3pm on Thursday 4th December for people to come in and decorate their tree. Trees can be decorated in any way you like. People might like to decorate their tree in a way which promotes their particular business or organisation, individuals might choose to decorate their tree in memory of a loved one. You can choose any theme or colour you like and there will be a competition for the best dressed trees in various categories.

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We still have some left, so if you have not yet booked your tree, please don't leave it too late. Booking forms are available at the back of the Church or telephone Denise Dilley 01992 587113 who will be pleased to give you further details. All proceeds from the event will go to the Isabel Hospice, Welwyn Garden City, and All Saints Church.

We shall need lots of help with the preparation and running of the Festival, so if you can offer a couple of hours to lend a hand please let Denise know or sign the board at the back of the Church.

- P.S. You might also like to look out for one of football's most well known faces in attendance during the Festival!
- P.P.S. Don't forget to buy your Prize Draw Tickets to be drawn on the Saturday of the Christmas Tree Festival. Prizes include:
 - ✓ Trip on the London and Thames River, for two
 - ✓ Flight in a Light aircraft
 - ✓ Case of Wine
 - ✓ Watercolour of Waterford Heath
- ... and many other prizes

Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and seemed to fascinate the seven-year old. "All those names," he said to the minister. "Who are they?"

"Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 9 o'clock, or the 11 o'clock?"

Deep Thoughts

Everything you need to know about life can be learned from Noah:

- 1. Don't miss the boat.
- 2. Remember we are all in the same boat.
- 3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah started building the Ark.
- 4. Stay fit. When you are 600 years old someone may ask you to do something really big.
- 5. Don't listen to critics: just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- 6. Build your future on high ground.
- 7. For safety's sake travel in pairs.
- Speed isn't always an advantage.
 The cheetahs arrived no sooner than the snails.
- 9. When you are stressed, float awhile.
- 10. Remember: the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
- 11. No matter the storm, when you are with God there is always a rainbow waiting.



"It's a devil to start on these damp November Sunday mornings – luckily we have a sidesman who works for the AA"