



## Mothers' Union

Our planning meeting and AGM will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January in the Church meeting Room, with "pot luck" supper. Please come with good ideas for 2010!

*Ann Stephens-Jones*

## Women's Fellowship

We had a very enjoyable afternoon at our November meeting, starting with a quiz that proved quite a challenge! Then we enjoyed tea and cakes

There will be no meeting in January. The AGM will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30 pm in the meeting-room.

*Mary Geering*

## Nick scores eight!

Here's my best effort:

Two teachers were checking over English grammar homework. In particular they were testing when one should use 'had' and when 'had had' would be better. They found an example.

Whilst Susan had had 'had,' Peter had had 'had had.' 'Had had' had had the teachers' approval.

## Christmas coffee morning

We congratulate everyone involved in the Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December which raised £683.

## Transport

If anyone needs help with transport to and from our services, please contact Martin Bird on 01992 587544.

## Street Pastors - Support them in Prayer



Street Pastors have now been patrolling the streets of Ware and Hertford for several weeks. Give thanks that they have been well received and have the enthusiastic support of the Police and the Local Council. The team of fourteen volunteers come from four different churches in the area with ages ranging from the 30's to almost 80.

A prayer support group is now being set up and we would like you to consider joining it. As a **Prayer Partner** you can pray for the pastors and their work in your regular prayers. As a **Prayer Volunteer** you can join the pastors in prayer before they take to the streets. This requires a commitment of around an hour's time from 9 to 10pm once a month on a Friday or sometimes a Saturday evening. All supporters will receive updates on what's happening and issues for prayer and will become an important part of the Street Pastor ministry.

If you would like to join us or would like more information then please don't hesitate to contact one of the following.

David Tweedale *Street Pastor Prayer Co-ordinator* on 01279 777931 or e-mail david@tweedales.co.uk

Rick Hartwig *Street Pastor Co-ordinator* on 01992 304324 or e-mail rick.hartwig@ibd-uk.com

## All Saints Art



One of our best known speakers, Dr Roger Aubery will be coming along to our meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February to give an illustrated talk on **The Annunciation in Art from early times to modern day**. Dr Aubery has a large collection of slides and has given a number of talks at All Saints in the past which are always very popular and well attended. This promises to be a very informative and entertaining evening, so do come along and join us whether you are a member of the Art Group or not.

The talk will be held in the meeting room at the back of the Church . £2.00 per person payable on the night. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided in the interval.



**Sun 21 Feb 2010**  
**100 Mile Endurance Swim 2010 - STAR THEME**  
**08:00 - 17:00**

Following the success of our Spotty swim in 2009, 2010 will see a Star themed swim. To be held at Haileybury College Pool once again, the Star theme means you can come as the twinkling variety or the celebrity variety! Swim as a team or an individual. this is a fantastic way for all the family to have a go and enjoy a great event whilst raising much needed funds for Isabel Hospice. Call Maria Alexander on 01707 382500 for details.

**Fri 19 Mar 2010**  
**Murder Mystery - A Tribute to Fawlty Towers**  
**19:30 - 23:00**

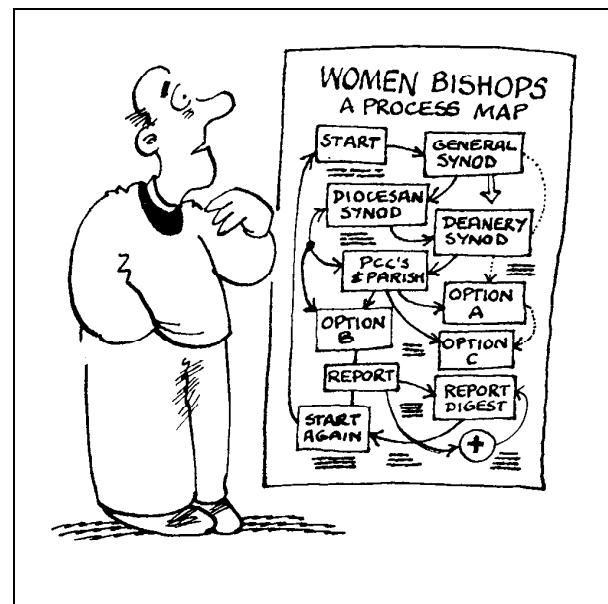
Join us at The Manor of Groves Golf and Country Club, Sawbridgeworth, Herts CM21 0JU for a hilarious evening of entertainment in aid of Isabel Hospice.

No riff raff or AA Inspectors please, don't mention the war and keep an eye out for Manuel's Siberian Hamster!

This amazing Murder Mystery is a tribute to the number one voted comedy of all time - Fawlty Towers. Join Basil, Sybil, Manuel, Polly and the Colonel (all played by professional actors from Laughlines) for an evening of hysterical comedy.

Between classic comic moments there will be a superb 3 course meal, amongst all this fun someone "gets it", but who would commit such a crime? Experience classic sketches from this famous TV show, it will have you reeling with laughter right to the end.

Tickets cost £50 and are available from Lisa Seccombe 01707 382500



## Those New Year resolutions

Some New Year Resolutions can be bad for you. Mind, the mental health charity, has warned that New Year resolutions based on our insecurities - such as being overweight, feeling unhappy, or not living up to our family's expectations - can be doomed to failure. We can end up feeling worse than when we started.

Instead, here are three New Year Resolutions which will do you good:

First, get more active. Even gentle exercise releases endorphins, which will lift your mood.

Second, visit somewhere green: being in the countryside also promotes well-being.

Thirdly, join a group with the aim of giving, not receiving. It seems that helping out in your community or church can help you as much as it does them.

## Great writing

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer. When asked to define "great," he said, "I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream in disbelief, cry in despair, howl in pain, and vent their anger in ways they've never dreamed of!"

He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.

## Five Talents

Currently supporting 12 microfinance projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America, Five Talents provides loans and training to over 20,000 entrepreneurs in 10 countries – helping them to build their businesses, create jobs and improve family livelihoods in a sustainable and dignified way. Each partner is linked with the local Anglican church, which helps provide oversight and effective delivery.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, said: "Five Talents' approach to microfinance brings dignity and economic sustainability to some of the poorest communities in the world. I am delighted to endorse its programmes, working through established church networks, which bring hope and a route out of poverty for thousands of people."

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## Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth



### Children's Worker

**(3 days/week equivalent – 3 year contract to start January 2010)**

£12,000 to £13,500 depending on qualifications & experience

- Could you work with an existing team to teach and enthuse our children (aged 0-11) about their faith?
- Could you develop our church's outreach activities with children and families in Sawbridgeworth?

If you think you might be the person we're looking for and would like to know more, please contact The Revd Canon Robert Sibson on 01279 723305 for more information and an application pack.

Closing date for applications: 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010