

## In Peace



30<sup>th</sup> March *Ivy Dunnage*

6<sup>th</sup> April *Joyce Poole*

## Holy Matrimony



27<sup>th</sup> March *James Hiscock and Angela Bryant*



## Mothers' Union

Our May meeting will be on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room when newly commissioned Diocesan president Susan Roberts will talk to us about the Mothers' Union theme for 2010 *Relationship not rules*. The choir will be singing *Compline* at 7.15 p.m.

Our Provincial President, Felicity Hawke will be commissioned at 11:00 am on 5<sup>th</sup> May in Coventry Cathedral.

*Ann Stephens-Jones*

## Norah Anderson

As we went to press we learnt that Norah passed away on the afternoon of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> in the Lister Hospital after a short illness.

She was a prolific writer for the magazine (I have sixteen yet-to-be published articles in

the files) and an appreciation will appear in next month's edition. A short reflection on May, written in 2007, appears on page 9.

## Coffee Morning and Plant Sale



We are holding a coffee morning and plant sale in All Saints Church on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 10.00am – 12.00 noon. There will be lots of stalls,

including cakes, books, treasure, jigsaws, greetings cards, raffle etc together with lots of bedding plants, shrubs, cuttings etc for the garden. Do come along and join us for a cup of coffee and a browse round our many bargains!



We shall be very pleased to receive offers of plants or cakes and other items to sell on the day. Treasure, books, jigsaws and raffle prizes may be

left at the back of the Church suitably labelled at any time. Cakes and plants should be brought along on the day please. Offers of help will also be much appreciated too.

Proceeds from this sale will go to the Junior Church Send a Cow project.

For further information please contact:  
Denise Dilley – 01992 587113 or  
Renee Booker – 01992 303314

## View from the Churchwardens Pew!

We would like to thank all those who helped to make Angela and James's wedding on 27 March a marvellous day for them even though the church had been double booked. The work of the Flower Guild together with all the candles on the staging was fantastic- thank you all very much. In

order for the whole to run smoothly there was also a lot of hard work put in by many others to ensure as smooth a change round as possible – thank you to them also, particularly Martin Penny.

Kay and I were away at Easter and we worshipped in a little church in the Trossachs which was miles from anywhere and had only one service a month. Before we got there we thought there might be half a dozen others on Easter Day if we were lucky. In the event we were astounded to see about 30. Likewise when I took a look at the registers at All Saints I was very encouraged by the numbers that turned up on Good Friday and Easter Saturday, that is not to say that 200 on Easter Sunday isn't tremendous as well. I think we can all take heart from this that God is very much alive and present in the hearts and minds of those in our parish, but we need to continue to encourage others to come and join us.

The Lent course that ran for 6 weeks prior to Easter was very successful, although the numbers from other churches other than our own was fairly small and our thanks goes to all those who led the discussions. It is the intention that the All Saints bible study group will re-convene in September, unless you tell us that you would like to continue during the summer.

For the energetic among you the Christian Aid Walk is only just around the corner – Saturday 8 May, starting this year at Wodson Sports Centre, Ware. So there is an opportunity for those of you who may have had too many Easter eggs, like me, to walk them off or just enjoy the countryside at a gentle pace. If you are asked to sponsor anybody please be as generous as you are able to be. However it should not be forgotten there will be a house to house collection and we would be grateful if you could all help out to make it a bumper collection in All Saints this year.

### **Don't forget**

- **COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE on Saturday May 22 10 - 12 noon**

- **ASCENSION Day –Thursday 13 May 8pm – a team service**

**A date for your diaries – 19 June – Summer Fete in St. Johns Hall grounds**

Love

Dorothy and Andrew

## **Model Railway Show 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Just a reminder – if you need one – that this year's All Saints Model Railway Show is happening on Saturday 5 June. Our one previous event, in June 2008, attracted a large number of people, many of them from families and groups who might not have attended other church events, and raised a net contribution of £700 for church funds. This year we hope to do the same. Because of the focus, we would like to see the net proceeds particularly applied to the church's programmes for children, young people and families.



The main show will take place in St John's Hall, where there will be ten operating layouts, static displays and a model railway trade stand. The layouts will be a mix of expertly modelled scenic layouts and others running vintage model trains – including a Hornby 'O' gauge one on the stage! Refreshments for visitors will be available in the church, together with some other displays and videos. And, of course, this will allow visitors to see the church.

We would like to involve as many church members as possible. All the exhibitors have agreed to waive expenses for attending because it is an event for the church (as they did in 2008). So let's match their

enthusiasm! On the Friday evening (4 June) we will need fit people to help set up the hall. On Saturday 5 June we need plenty of stewards in the hall and catering staff to help Dorothy Toyn run the refreshments in church. People don't have to do long stints, an hour or two would be fine if you can arrange that. Offers of help please to Reg Harman (phone 422042) – but I will be coming round to ask as well! Young people are particularly welcome.

*Reg Harman*

## **Hertford Disability Support Group**

The Hertford Disability Support group is a registered charity which supports disabled people in the town of Hertford. The group has been in existence for about 40 years.

This charity is run by volunteers who raise funds and organise events. They are grateful for the help of other local organisations and are actively seeking help from interested individuals and other groups.

The main activity of the group is to provide a monthly Social at the Red Cross Hall in Baker Street, Hertford, usually on the third Thursday in the month from 7.30pm- 9.15pm. Entertainment varies from music and singing or dancing to talks, games and even a conjuror. Our members enjoy getting together for a chat over refreshments and sometimes take part in a game of Bingo.

Once a year we arrange a day visit to the seaside (often to Felixstowe) where there is an excellent Hall with facilities for the disabled right on the promenade. We hire a special coach with tail-lift access for wheelchairs, have a fish and chip lunch finishing with tea and home-made cakes.

From time to time we take members to local shows at the Castle Hall in Hertford and arrange local Christmas shopping trips, often including lunch.

We can refer people to organisations who are able to help with any problems associated with disability and we consider requests for financial help towards the purchase of "aids", holidays etc. We have

just received a very useful grant from the Hertfordshire Community Fund to enable us to obtain professional posters and leaflets.

We would be delighted to hear from any disabled people in the town of Hertford who would benefit from our activities. We would also welcome volunteers to help us with our work especially those who will help as drivers. The continued success of the Charity is dependent, not only on enough new members, but also on volunteers to support them.

Please contact Mrs Ann Kirby, Hon. Secretary.

Telephone 01992 558634

## **Hertford Voices**

HERTFORD VOICES (Hertford's Touring Choir) invite you to a SINGING DAY on Saturday 8th May, 10am-5pm, at St Nicholas Church, Great Munden, SG11 1HG, led by AIDAN OLIVER. Aidan is Director of Music at St Margaret's Church, Westminster; chorus master of Philharmonia Voices, director and founder of Spiritus Chamber Choir and conductor of Wokingham Choral Society. Aidan has also worked with the BBC Singers, the Bach Choir & English National Opera.

Cost: £12 for the day 'Bring & Share' Lunch (tea and coffee provided). We plan to explore a wide range of choral music with a short performance at 4.30pm.

To book a place and find out more, please ring 01992 589730, 552916 or 304606



**"That's the trouble with these cheap cruises, Amanda darling. They treat you like cattle."**