

Church Bazaar

The annual Church Bazaar will be held in All Saints Church from 10.30am – 3.00pm on Saturday 27th November.

There will be a variety of stalls, including books, treasure, jigsaw puzzles, cakes, tombola, raffle, games and children's activities. Coffee and light refreshments will be served throughout.

We shall need lots of help on the day so if you are available to lend a hand we shall be very pleased to hear from you. We also need second hand (good condition) books, jigsaw puzzles, treasure and unwanted gifts, together with suitable prizes for the tombola and raffle. These can be left, suitably labelled at the back of the Church. We shall be very pleased to receive cakes for the cake stall and these can be brought along on the day.

If you are able to offer help or would like further information please speak either to Renee Booker (01992 303314) or Denise Dilley (01992 587113) or to the Churchwardens.

If you are not able to help please come along on the day anyway and join in the fun – bring all your friends too!

Mum-to-be wanted for Live Crib

St Andrew's Church, Hertford, is searching for an expectant mum to play Mary in a 'live' crib at the Festival of Cribs and Carols being held 11-12 December.

Along with the 50 cribs on display around St Andrew's during the Festival, the live crib will really bring the event to life. "We are hoping that three or four mums-to-be will help us out at this special time of year" says festival organiser Peter Risby.

The church is also looking for Josephs to accompany the Marys. As Peter adds: "We

wonder whether there are any couples that may play both parts."

The aim of the festival is to break away from the commercially driven Christmas and allow a time for reflection and understanding of the Christmas story. The festival will also form part of the Christian Aid Big Sing with choirs from all over East Herts, including local schools, churches and singing groups, entertaining visitors throughout the weekend. The Saturday evening (11 December) will also see the East Herts Concert Band performing in the church.

Anyone interested in portraying the roles of Mary or Joseph or who would like to find out more about the event should contact Peter Risby on 01438 747754.

Theatre Outing

The Mill at Sonning, Saturday 9th April 2011

Cost: £53.50 to include coach; 3-course meal; and theatre production.

Coach pick-up details:

The Avenue shops, Bengo	8.45am
Hagdsdell Road, Hertford	8.55am
The Goat, Hertford Heath	9.05am
St Margaret's Stanstead Abbots	9.15am
John Warner School, Hoddesdon	9.20am

"Joking Apart" is a comedy by Alan Ayckbourn and is described as being full of the wonderfully funny ingredients that will leave you rocking with laughter.

We shall arrive in Sonning in time for coffee and a stroll around the pretty village, or perhaps along the Thames, before arriving back at The Mill at 12.30 for lunch and the performance at 2.15.

Departing after the production, we should arrive home at approximately 7.00pm.

Details and to book: Val Worboys, 37 The Avenue, Bengo, Hertford, SG14 3DR.
01992 002154

Litter picking

Following the success of our last litter picking session we are planning to hold another one on the morning of Saturday 6th November. We usually work for about 2 hours and although we work hard we enjoy ourselves too and aim to make a real difference to our environment.

Gloves, litter picking sticks and high visibility tabards are provided, but we do need to have an idea of numbers in advance so we can ensure there are enough to go round. If you would like to join us (and we hope you will!) please speak to Denise Dilley (01992 587113).

Messages from Friends

It is good to hear occasionally from friends who have left All Saints and moved away, and we have recently had a letter from Mick Holder in Norfolk, who still receives our magazine and is an interested reader.

He sends his best wishes to everyone who remembers him. He was very involved in the Church and in running the football team and his son was in the Choir. He wishes to thank all those Choir members who contributed so much over the years and wishes the Choir every success in the future.

Nature Club

On Saturday 16th October we went badger watching at Tewin Orchard. We had four sightings of at least two different badgers, we saw a fox, and had two very good sightings of a muntjac that came right up in front of the hide to eat the badger's food. There were masses of rabbits playing around, and we heard tawny owls calling. As we left we spent a few minutes looking at a stunning display of stars in the night sky.

Our next event is planned for January. If anyone has an idea of something they would like to do or hear about, please let me know.

Fiona Earle

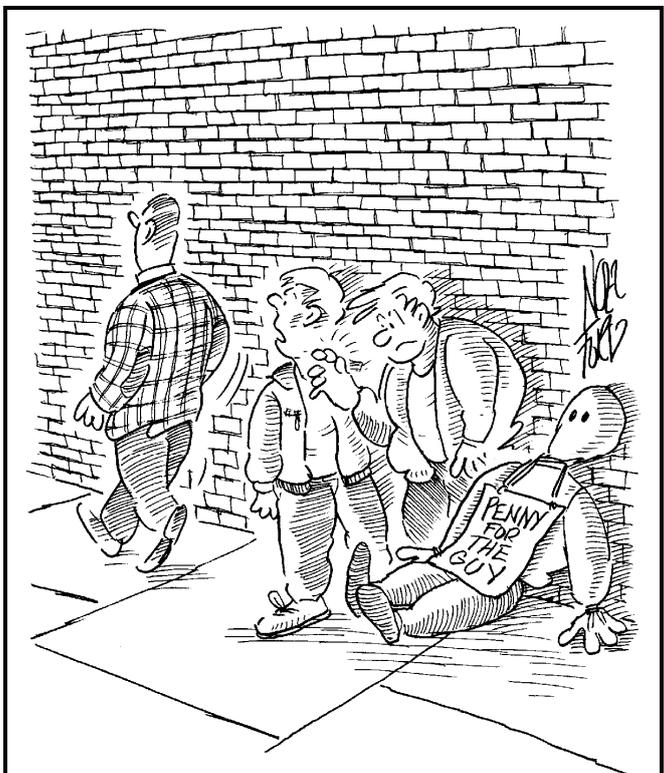
The Hertford Team
Advent Quiet Day
 Saturday 27th November
 10am-3pm: The Grove, Port Hill

'The waiting rooms of Advent'

An opportunity to pause, relax and reflect in beautiful surroundings, in preparation for Advent & Christmas



Please bring a packed lunch –
 Call Alan 01992 582726



"Thanks, Vicar... er... actually, *PENNY* was meant more as a figure of speech..."