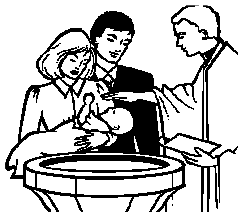


Holy Matrimony



3rd November *David Colin Trapmore and
Joanna Louise Crawley*

Holy Baptism



14th October *Evelyn May Summers*

Ella Charlotte Downing

Archie James Haydon

18th November *Melissa Kate Armitage*

Kerry-Lyn Coughtrey

Jordyne Erin Robinson

Charlie Jared Coughtrey

Mothers Union

Sun 2nd December Advent Sunday. Our MU travelling cribs will be blessed & sent on their journeys from home to home until Christmas Eve. If you would like the crib to come to your home please speak to Jean Gilby.

Monday 3rd December Wreath Making

As part of our preparation for Advent and Christmas we will be making our Christmas wreaths **in the Church** from 7.30pm. Bring greenery, secateurs and garden twine.

Weds 9th January 2013 New Triennium AGM and Planning Meeting

This is our AGM and planning meeting, followed by "pot luck" supper with refreshments and finger buffet food in the

Church Meeting Room at 7.30pm. Please come with good ideas for 2013.

For more details see either Rosemary Bolton or Ann Stephens-Jones.

MU Advent calendar – free!

In keeping with the new Labelled for Life resource Mothers' Union has produced an [Advent calendar](#) for families to download. 'Stable Family Life' offers daily thoughts and reflections to focus the build up to Christmas on the importance of spending time together as a family.

Direct link:

http://www.themothersunion.org/faith_in_the_family.aspx

All Saints' Travelling Cribs

There is an old Mexican custom which uses the idea of people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelling round the village, knocking at doors to see who will give them hospitality. We have adapted this custom with our very own travelling cribs. The crib boxes contain nativity figures, an Advent calendar, a story book and pictures to colour.

Our cribs will be blessed at the Family Service on Sunday 2 December and then they will move from home to home so that by Christmas Mary and Joseph will have travelled round Hertford to arrive at the Crib Service at All Saints on Christmas Eve. We invite young families to take part.

If you would like a family to bring a travelling crib to your home, please speak to Jean Gilby (01992 583125) or any other Mothers' Union member.

Come and join us!

Have you ever considered joining with us at the 8am service of Holy Communion using the Prayer Book? The language is beautiful and timeless and it reinforces our vision of the eternal nature of God's church - the concept so dreaded by the senior devil in The Screwtape Letters by C S Lewis. When I

have been going through difficult times in my life I have been comforted and supported by thoughts of Jane Austen and many others throughout the centuries hearing and saying the same prayers as me.

To welcome newcomers who might be worried about finding their way through the old Prayer Book and some of the no longer used parts of the service we have produced a simple, easy to follow booklet with just the Holy Communion Service in it.

I realise it is easier for me because I live near the church so the early start is less difficult but somehow I find that walking to and from the church for the 8am service seems to make the birds sing more sweetly and me feel more alive.

Do come and join us in the warmth of the side chapel at 8am one Sunday morning for Holy Communion and hopefully we can make you feel welcome and glad.

Love, Jo

Christmas Alone

Helpers still needed

Volunteers are wanted for Christmas Alone 2012, to help make Christmas Day special for many housebound, lonely, young or old people living in our area. There is an invitation, no strings attached, to anyone who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day, to join the party at Sele School, or if they are housebound or prefer to be alone, to receive Christmas lunch in their own home

A traditional lunch will be served followed by entertainment and tea. Transport will be laid on for those who need it. Churches Together makes no charge but obviously needs all the help it can get from the community and all the churches to make this day a success. Financial help is needed and gifts of cakes, shortbread and mince pies are important. We need help with preparation, cooking and serving food, transport and entertainment.

More information can be found in the November magazine (Page 9) or at

<http://www.allsaintshertford.org/2012/nov12xmasalone.pdf>

Janet Bird 01992 587544

After three years ... a first!

A few weeks ago, the Street Pastors set out for what seemed another routine evening of doing what we do ... Hanging around the streets of Ware and Hertford from 10pm until late. The team were watching people leave a pub. One of the pastors out that night tells how a young lady came out the pub looking very drunk. Immediately she thought 'i must keep an eye on her'.

A minute or so later she noticed that this young lady had sat on the ground and was not looking at all well. They approached her, chatted, and wrapped her a space blanket to keep her warm. It was established that in spite of her condition, she had called for someone to come and collect her.

The team waited with her until her boyfriend arrived. On the following Monday, we received our first email to say thank you for the help. Here it is, with the italicised text being edited to hide personal details.

Hi,

This email is to say a huge warm thank you for your kind, caring and patient services.

My Girlfriend phoned me Saturday night in a complete mess from the pub, in which panicked me already as i live outside Hertford it takes a while to drive, so i told her i would come and collect her, she didnt know where her friends were and said she felt really sleepy, then the phone went dead, i panicked so phoned back but to no answer, i was driving as fast as i could trying to block out the horrible thoughts of what could happen to her or who may take advantage of a drunk girl, when i finally arrived i was greeted

by some pastors and was so amazed to see my girlfriend covered with the heat blanket and being looked after by the team, i seriously cannot put across in words just how relieved and shocked at this modern day miracle, i admit it is very rare to have such confidence in human nature these days but seeing the person i love and being so worried about her welfare being cared for and looked after by the Street pastors restored a lot of faith in us as humans.

Thank you so much for all your support and keep going, although it may not be obvious people are and will be forever grateful.

Kind regards

We regularly have people come and say thank you for help in the past. Most times that had been from areas right across the country. We have been really blessed to receive this.

The tragedy is that this scenario is one we encounter regularly. To listen, care and help does make a difference.

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www.hertfordandware.streetpastors.org.uk

All Saints Wednesday Badminton Club

Do you play badminton with a social accent and usually have Wednesday evenings clear? The Wednesday Badminton Club has space for two or three more members and would welcome new faces. We meet at St Johns Hall from 8 pm to 10 pm on Wednesday evenings from the start of October to the end of March or mid April.

Some lively games of badminton are interspersed with genteel chat over tea and biscuits! If you are interested, please

contact Brian Dillely on (01992) 587113 or Reg Harman on (01992) 422042.

Volunteers wanted

Harlow Foodbank are currently looking for volunteers to help sort out donated supermarket & harvest food donations at LOKnSTORE in Harlow on the following days:

Tuesday 4th December
 Thursday 6th December
 Friday 7th December
 Saturday 8th December

Monday 10th December
 Tuesday 11th December
 Thursday 13th December
 Friday 14th December
 Saturday 15th December

Volunteers working shifts will be 9 am to 2 pm or 9 am to 12 noon or 12 noon to 2 pm and we can also be flexible dependant upon each volunteers availability.

If you can help or need more information please ring Joshua Asir (Foodbank Manager) on 07886 930053 or email him at joshuaasir@mrct.org.uk

