

# View from the Pew

*Andrew Povey-Richards*

By the time you read this Back to Church Sunday will probably have come and gone. Thank you very much to everyone who contacted a friend or relation and invited them to the service. Please keep in contact and try to persuade them to become more regular members of our congregation.

**Sunday October 7 is a very important day for us, not only is it our Harvest Festival but it is also the day we are asking for donations for the repairs to the Kempe window.**

Early indications are that a considerable amount has already been raised towards the restoration. Please use the envelopes in the pews or at the back of church to make your donation and bring it along on the 7th.

Whilst you probably can't see the centre of the window close up I assure you Chapel Studios have done an excellent job; if anyone is interested I have photographs that Derek took while the work was going on. Please give as generously as you can.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food. As last year, the donated food will be going to the Harlow Food bank to distribute among the needy. The loose collection will be given to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

Recently Bishop Paul has approved two new Chalice assistants - **Helen Wright and Ann Stephen-Jones** - and we welcome them to the new role; please remember them in your prayers. In addition Helen has taken over as our Child Protection Officer from Annie Gaudencio. Thank you Annie for all you have done over the years.

I hope you have all visited the revamped **All Saints website** – if you haven't then please do. It really is a step change from how it was and is doing us proud. Our grateful thanks go to Martin for all the time he has put in and also to Rachel for her contribution, particularly in the photographic area.

**Prayers and Bears** on the first Tuesday of the month has seen a significant increase in numbers in the last two months, a little surprising considering they were both in holiday time. There have been about twenty children and parents/guardians recently and the meeting room is getting quite congested during the activities. Well done to Kay, Jo, Linda and other helpers.

If you walk round the church on your way home you will see a significant improvement in the flower borders recently and this is due to **Janet Oldham and her team of helpers**. Thanks to all of you.

Finally two dates for your diary:-

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9AM.**

**Autumn clean of the church**

There are tasks to suit everyone – please come and help to keep our beautiful building smart.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm –**

**Short Messy Church** followed by fireworks in St John's Hall grounds.

## Ginni Dear The Curate in the Hertford Team June 2013

We are delighted to have been selected by the diocese to have the privilege of having a curate serving her title in the Hertford Team and training with us.

Ginni is lively, enthusiastic and very committed. She is married to Colin, they have three children. She is a former bus driver from Stevenage and is currently studying for the ministry and a degree in Theology at Westcott House Cambridge.

Ginni will live in the curate's house on the Sele estate in Hertford.