

Mothers Union

Tuesday 5th February

Talk with photographs by John Earle on Stained Glass windows. All welcome!

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

Make a Mother's Day

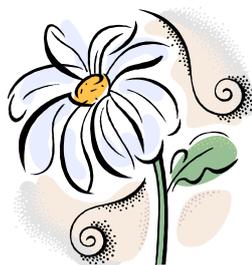
The Mother's Union has again produced a selection of ten alternative gifts for Mothering Sunday on 10th March. These start at just £4 & support Mother's Union projects at home & abroad, helping mothers & families in need at grass roots level. Gifts may be purchased for a Mother or in memory of a Mother as a tribute.

For "In memory" gifts a card can be supplied or a Mother's name entered in a remembrance book in the Chapel at Mother's Union headquarters in London.

Brochures to order gifts by 1st March are available at the back of Church. Gifts may also be ordered online and cards downloaded at www.makeamothersday.org.

Please consider giving these worthwhile gifts to remember your mother in a different way.

Donations for Flowers 2013



Flower Club members at All Saints are looking forward to keeping the church looking good with flowers over the coming year. The Flower Club tries to be self-sufficient financially but last year our expenditure exceeded our income. Donations are always welcome and these can be given for an arrangement in memory of loved ones or a special occasion. These arrangements are put on the Altar or by the Memorial Book which is in the Memorial chapel. General

donations towards flowers are also welcome.

The 2013 Flower Guild calendar is at the West end of the church. This sets out the dates on which flowers can be placed on the memorial book or altar. Please note that you cannot have flowers on the altar during Lent (when we have no flowers in church) or Advent (when we have only greenery); but you can still have flowers on the memorial book at these times.

Please write your name against the dates for which you wish to donate flowers. At the start of the month for which you wish to donate them, please contact the flower team leader for that month; this can be found in the list in the Rotas file near the meeting room. The team leader will then organize the flowers for you on the chosen date using your donation. You would be welcome to arrange the flowers yourself, rather than give a donation if you so wish. If you are unsure who to contact, please get in touch with me, as below.

I will also be collecting donations towards the cost of the lilies used on the altar at Easter from February to Easter. Please contact me if you would like to donate towards these flowers. Your help is always appreciated and helps make the church look special at Easter.

We are also happy to do the church flowers for weddings and I look forward to meeting wedding couples to discuss your plans, so please contact me for further details.

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 Flower Club Administrator

Riding Lights a different drum

URC, Cowbridge, February 28th 7:30 pm

Full of life and colourful music, **a different drum** imagines how different the world could be if we responded unswervingly to the golden rule – 'do unto others as you would have them do to you.'

More information can be found at www.ridinglights.org/drum

Tickets (£10 each) from Mrs. Megan Greenhill 01992 551299
E-mail: meganjohn43@sky.com

Lynford Neville



Lynford has joined the long line of All Saints' musicians who have moved on to greater things. In this case as an alto with Rochester Cathedral Voluntary Choir. The commitment is around 12 full weekends a year plus many additional Saturday services, occasional weekday services and festivals. He is also committed to the RSCM Voices schedule of cathedral services once a month and so feels it is the right time to step down from a regular commitment here.

Happily he will still join us from time to time as the above commitments (and work) permit. We said farewell at Christmas and presented him with a MusicRoom voucher to buy new music.

He writes:

Dear Martin,

Thank you for the Musicroom vouchers which were gratefully received. I look forward to choosing several books of anthem collections.

It is encouraging to see that Michael is undoubtedly going to become a fine organist in the very near future, Thomas is making excellent progress on the tenor line, whilst the new children are learning skills

that will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

Congratulations too on both the Advent and Christmas Carol Services for 2012. Your best so far and with very effective use of the new CFCGold anthems.

All best wishes for the Spring Term, Lynford

On the new Advent Star (formerly floorboards)



Made

From hidden wood

With a history of support

This advent star salvages

The new from the old

The light from the darkness

A beacon of hope

To all who view

What used to be unknown.

We meet and from one light

Illuminate a new star:

This is a reminder

Worship is collective.

What about Peace?

We had to exchange

That one flame

And before we knew it

A transformation had happened

A star from old floorboards,

Who'd have thought it?

This poem made out of All Saints Hertford
Stephen Bardle, Advent 2012



Hold a Fairtrade Coffee Morning

Fairtrade Fortnight this year is from 25th February – 9th March. To celebrate, **The Hertford Fairtrade Group** invites people in Hertford to hold a coffee morning in their home. Invite a few neighbours and friends, have some Fairtrade coffee or tea, and why not enjoy some delicious cakes and biscuits made with Fairtrade ingredients?

We shall be holding events throughout the fortnight, so do come and join us. For further details, visit the fairtrade website: <http://step.fairtrade.org.uk/> or contact us at: <http://hertfordfairtrade.org.uk>.

Christmas Alone 2012

Following the success of yet another Christmas Alone (I think it was the 25th) I would like to say a very big thank you to everybody who helped, both at the school on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and also by providing cakes, presents and money. It was truly a community effort which ensured that everybody who attended the party at Sele School on Christmas Day or had a meal, present, hamper and cakes delivered to their home, had as happy a Christmas as we could make it. This year we had 70 guests at the school and took meals out to 35 people in their own homes. Volunteers who were working at the school cooking, serving, washing up and entertaining also enjoyed taking some time out to eat a beautifully cooked meal. In addition to this we provided 12 hampers to local needy families which were delivered just before Christmas, as well as finding a home for a donated turkey!

Every year I am amazed by the generosity of people in Hertford and this year I must especially thank all who supported us by placing their Waitrose green tokens in our box. Amazingly we were given £1731 by Waitrose which went a very long way

towards paying for the event. I would also like to thank the anonymous donor who put an envelope containing £150 cash through my door, as well as church groups, local organisations and individuals who gave donations.

Presents were donated by a number of people and I must thank especially the parents, staff and children of Morgan's JMI as well as the ladies of Hertingfordbury WI who have so kindly supported us for a number of years. We had enough presents this year, not only for Christmas Alone but also to give to the elderly residents of Beane River View nursing home.

There seemed to be more volunteers than ever, especially on Christmas Eve when we finished in record time and I thank them all for their enthusiasm. I would also like to thank all those who drove on Christmas Day, either taking meals to the housebound or providing transport for the guests (many of whom had to come out halfway through their own Christmas celebrations to take the guests home once the party at Sele School had ended). I would also like to thank those who provided the entertainment which was of a particularly high standard. My only regret was that a nasty cough and cold prevented me from joining in with the singing!

The headmaster of Sele School, Nick Binder came along with his family and enjoyed the lovely meal, along with everybody else, which had been prepared under the watchful eye of Rosie, the Sele School cook, who, together with her husband Ian, gave up their own Christmas Day for a "busman's holiday!!" We were also pleased to see local clergy visiting and speaking to the guests and we were especially grateful to our Mayor, Jane Sartin for coming along and welcoming the guests when they arrived.

It is a great privilege to be involved with such a happy event and to see the love of God at work in all we do.

Janet Bird