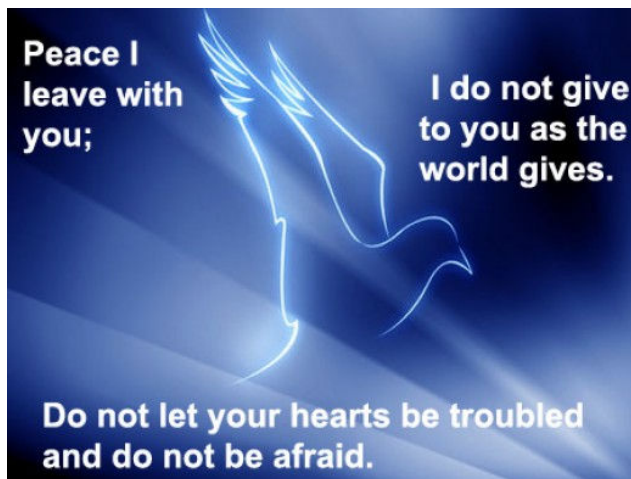# All Saints Alive

VICAR'S VIEWPOINT

True Peace?

Dear Friends,

> *Peace I leave with you;*
> *my peace I give to you.*
> *I do not give to you as the world*
> *gives.*
> *Do not let your hearts be troubled,*
> *and do not let them be afraid.*
> —John 14.27

What an amazing offer! But how do we really find that true peace?

If we stop right now and allow God to enter into our lives we can find the quiet peace of this present moment, without hurry, anxiety or the need to be elsewhere, but right here, right now, as we are, at rest.

Peace is also amazingly strong, the peace of forgiveness and the knowledge that God loves us for who we are, with no need to prove ourselves or even do better in this present moment. Peace can also be vibrant as we remember our oneness with all living things, and all of God's creation that peace of deep belonging and reconciliation with all people and all things.

Peace also allows us to heal and feel whole again even if we struggle and are in pain, as we know that in God ultimately all shall be well. Peace is experienced not so much on the outside where the world might judge but from within; and nothing can take this away.

Our services often start with a greeting of peace reminding us of the peace of God, setting the scene for our worship and enabling us to set aside the things and events that we may have been struggling with all week.

Then, in the middle of the Eucharist we have the Peace and we greet one another, wishing those we greet God's peace, helping us to overcome the issues we may have with difficult relationships with others and even with those we love.

At the end of each service we are sent out with the blessing which contains the words *the peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God.*

As we continue to pray for the peace of the world, surely one of our duties as Christians to do, let us be mindful that we

can experience true peace in God's presence and then share this in our words and actions in our lives.

In love and peace,
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Confirmation with Holy Communion

Candidates from across the team, including six from All Saints, will be confirmed by Bishop Paul here at All Saints on **Wednesday 5th June at 7:30 p.m.**

The service will be both Confirmation and Holy Communion.

All are invited (and strongly encouraged) to come along and support the candidates in this important step in their spiritual journey.

St Alban's Day

Saturday 22nd June is the feast of St Alban, the first English Martyr and Patron Saint of our Diocese.

If you are unable to take part in the Pilgrimage (see page 5) you might the following prayer useful at some point in the day:

"Among the roses of the martyrs brightly shines Saint Alban."

Almighty God,
We thank you for our Cathedral built to your glory
and in memory of Alban, our first martyr.
Following his example in the fellowship of the saints,
may we worship and adore the true and living God,
and be faithful witnesses to the Christ,
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Pray for us Alban, pray for us all Saints of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen.

Hertford Team Ministry Calendar of Events

June
1st	Coffee Morning – St Andrew's
8th	Concert by Alex Rolton – St Leonard's
	Quiz Night – All Saints
9th	Open Afternoon & Evening Service – St Leonard's
22nd	Church Fete – Holy Trinity, Bengeo
	Alban Pilgrimage – St Alban's Abbey
23rd	Open Church Sunday
	Cake Stall at Hertford Carnival – St Andrew's

July
6th	Churchyard Market – St Andrew's
	Concert by Mimram Singers – St Leonard's
7th	Hertford Hospital 150th Anniversary – St Andrew's
14th	French Themed Barbecue – All Saints
	150th Anniversary – Holy Trinity, Little Amwell

August
3rd	Coffee Morning – St Andrew's
	Concert by Simon Smith & Students – St Leonard's

September
14th	Beds & Herts Historic Church Trust Bike n' Hike
	Coffee Morning – St Andrew's
	Coffee Morning – All Saints
	Concert By Artesian Quartet Plus 2 – St Leonard's
28th/29th	Open Weekend – St Leonard's