

View from the Pew

Janet Bird

My view from the pew has changed radically over the last few weeks with the appointment of Janet Oldham as Churchwarden and Marion Hassell as Deputy Churchwarden. I look forward to working with both of them. Hopefully having two Janet's as Churchwardens will not cause too much confusion!

During May the people of All Saints have supported Christian Aid week, for which especial thanks to all who helped with registration for the walk on Saturday morning and in particular to Martin, Julia and Dorothy (ably supported by Millie the dog) who actually took part in the walk. Through their efforts, and those of the people who delivered and collected door to door with envelopes or stood in the centre of town with collecting tins vital funds are raised to help with the work of Christian Aid tackling the problems caused by poverty and hunger in the world's poorest countries.

On Saturday 17th May we held a successful Coffee Morning and Plant sale together with Junior Church. This raised over £600 of which £370 will go to church funds and the remainder will be sent to "Send a Cow". The following day we were pleased to host the Civic Service which marked the beginning of the new Mayoral year following the installation of Councillor Patricia Moore as Mayor of Hertford.

In June we are looking forward to a Quiz night on Saturday 8th in St John's Hall at 7pm. Tickets, to include supper, will cost £10 for adults but will be free for children under 16. We have decided to defer our planned Auction of Promises until later in the year - but would still like offers and ideas of promises.

Sunday 23rd June is Open Church Sunday when churches throughout the Diocese will be open for the day to encourage visitors to learn more about our lovely buildings and what happens in them. In Hertford it is

also Carnival Day! We will be open from 12noon until 5pm offering refreshments and hopefully one or two stalls and hope to be able to give a donation from money taken on the day to the Carnival Charity. We will need stewards in the church and also help with refreshments and stalls so please speak to the Churchwardens or the vicar if you can spare an hour or two to help.

On 30th June our new Curate, Ginni Dear is to be ordained as a Deacon at St Albans Abbey and we are planning to hold a Bring and Share lunch at 2pm (to allow her and her family to get back from the service at the Abbey). Offers of food and drink will be most welcome and a list will be going up at the back of church in mid June to enable us to co-ordinate offers. In addition we will be having our Barbecue on 14th July and again would value offers of help.

Finally I would like to thank you for your support of all that is happening at All Saints and remind you that the Churchwardens are always available to listen to your views and suggestions of ways in we can enrich the life of the family of our Church.

