

Holy Baptism

9th December Elsie Elena Belén Diez

In Peace

26th November Linda Endozo

4th December Olive Rochester

17th December Susan Cornish

7th Jan (Memorial) Des O'Connor

10th January Pauline Sledge

10th January Ray Claydon

15th January Barbara Barrett

Mothers Union

Fri 1st March 2pm Women's World Day of Prayer

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me".
URC Hertford

Sat 2nd March Sharing Day Welwyn 9.45am

Sunday 10th March Mothering Sunday Service 10am

"Make a Mother's Day" – Mothers' Union ethical gift catalogues available from the back of the Church.

Mon 18th March St Patrick and the Celtic Church

Alan Stewart will give a talk in the Church Meeting Room at 8pm.

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.

All Saints becomes a 'Greater Church'

Late last year we were approached and invited to apply to join the 'Greater Churches' group. We have recently been informed that our application has been successful and we are now part of this 39 strong 'self-help' organisation.

The group was founded in 1991 as an informal association of non-cathedral churches which, by virtue of their great age, size, historical, architectural, or ecclesiastical importance, display many of the characteristics of a cathedral. Most churches in the group also fulfil a role which is additional to that of a normal parish church.

It aims to provide help and mutual support in dealing with the special problems of running a 'cathedral-like' church within the organisational and financial structure of a parish church; to enhance the quality of parish worship in such churches; and to promote wider recognition of the unique position and needs of churches in this category.

Lent Lunches

Quaker Room, 50 Railway St.

These will be held every Wednesday during Lent. Coffee will be served from 11 to 12

noon and a Sandwich and fruit lunch from 12 noon to 1.30pm. All proceeds to Christian Aid

Quiet Time

Every Wednesday, including through Lent, Quakers have a half-hour Quiet Time in the Meeting House from 12.30 to 1pm. For those that wish, this is followed with soup in the Quaker Room, except during the period of Lent Lunches. Quakers welcome anyone to join them, whether on an occasional or a regular basis.



Do you have a Heart for Hertford?.

Our Series of Talks exploring 'Connections' continues on Monday evenings during March

Monday 4th of March. *Connecting with Families* will be led by Reg Bailey, Chief Executive of the Mothers Union. Reg will be encouraging us to connect with families, Parents and Children. Especially exploring the progress that has been made since his publication in 2011 of a report for Government 'letting children be children'.

Monday 11th March. Fr Terence Phipps will lead us through *Connecting with Tradition*. Terence is well known to many in the town as Parish Priest of St Joseph's Catholic Church and is currently Chairman of Hertford and District Churches Together.

Monday 18th March. *Connecting with Community*. Led jointly by Jack Scarfe, Rick Hartwig and Mark Wood.

Jack is a staff associate with Young Life, the youngest of our speakers will bring a new passion energy and enthusiasm to working with teenagers.

Rick is a leader at the Community Church and manager of Street Pastors; he will tell us more about the Street Pastors in Ware and Hertford.

Mark is the Manager of Future Hope (the people with the bus). Mark's passion is for helping young people in crisis, often through their drug or substance abuse; he will tell us more about the bus, the schools education programme and work with other agencies.

Saturday 30th March. Connecting with Shoppers. An open air event in Bircherley Shopping Centre. Details to follow.

All of these events are hosted by the Methodist Church, Ware Road, Hertford.

You will be made most welcome with the opportunity to renew connections with friends from other churches over a coffee or tea.

A quiet day in Lent



Saturday March 9th 10am- 3pm
In the busyness of life; an opportunity to prepare and reflect in beautiful surroundings.

Short reflections followed by time to relax, read or enjoy the gardens
Grove Cottage, Port Hill

Spaces limited to 12 please book a place at standrew.hertford@btinternet.com or call 01992 504373

Please bring a packed lunch

The Christmas Tree Cross

A Cross made from our Christmas tree will be in church through Lent and various items will be placed with it, reminding us of the journey to Easter.

Ash Wednesday	Bread and Stones remind us of the Temptation of Jesus
Lent 2	A Purple Cloth symbolizes the robe Jesus wore
Lent 3	A Crown of Thorns tells of the pain Jesus suffered
Mothering Sunday	A Chalice and Paten, Bread and Wine and an open Bible remind us God is the mother of His family, the church
Passion Sunday	Nails and a hammer tell of the brutal Reality of crucifixion
Palm Sunday	Palms greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem
Maundy Thursday	A Towel and Bowl with which Jesus washed his disciples' feet
Good Friday	A bare cross with just a crown of thorns and cruel nails
Easter Sunday	The Cross will be covered in flowers representing the new life from the grave

Please remember to bring a flower to put in the Cross on Easter Day
Thank you.

Compline and Candles

Compline is a short evening service in which the majority of the liturgy is a shared experience of "call" and "response". If you have read or watched 'Cadfael' you will know that the monks of Shrewsbury Abbey, like their counterparts everywhere, sang Compline daily.

We have revived this lovely service, first by the choir learning the "ropes" of plainsong

and then by leading the congregation in their experience of it.

We stumbled a lot at first with the unfamiliar responses but were relieved to find some old friends, including the Lord's Prayer and a number of the responses. (Cranmer reused Compline when creating Evensong). As well as these there is a short Bible reading, psalm and motet (all based on a simple theme).

Most of the Compline prayers feel Lenten as they are plain and predictable (though there are some 'fancy' extra Alleluia's for Eastertide).

Being able to sing the responses well is not important – sharing in them is the thing. The tricky thing is that All Saints, being a well-trained congregation will always stand up when the choir do but then aren't quite sure when to sit down again – especially in the front row of the Choir Stalls!

We have produced a special booklet which covers the service from the Congregation's viewpoint. Do come and join us – either to join in or just to sit and let it happen.

Mary Penny

Easter Flowers

Flowers in church at Easter in memory of loved ones have always been special. Your donations are always appreciated and are a great help in making our church look its very best on Easter morning.

If you would like to make a donation this year please give it to Dorothy Toyn or a Churchwarden by Sunday March 24th.

A Passion Play for Hertford

Dramatic reading Wednesday 27th March
2013, St Andrews Church 7pm

Would you like to get involved in a community production of a modern Passion Play? Come along to this reading to hear the play and find out if you would

like to act, perform music, help backstage, raise funds or help out in any other way to get a production off the ground.

Full details appeared in last month's magazine see .

Please do contact Alan on h.alanstewart@tiscali.co.uk (01992 582726) if you would like to know more.

MRCT Boot Sale

One of our members of staff (Karolina Sadowska) has arranged for MRCT to have a stall at a BOOT SALE at The Pinnacles in Harlow on Sunday 28th April 2013 to help raise MUCH NEEDED FUNDS which will go towards the general work of The Michael Roberts Charitable Trust (MRCT).

In order for us to make this fundraising initiative successful we need to obtain donated items for this sale and I wondered if you would advertise this within your church publicity.

We are looking for good quality bric-a-brac, toys, puzzles, games, ornaments and any other saleable items which you think we may be able to sell. These items can be delivered to Karolina at the following locations/times:

Maybury Open Door at St Pauls Church, Harlow Town Centre on Tuesdays & Fridays between 09.30-16.00

Maybury Open Door at Harefield Church, Momples Road, Harlow on Thursdays between 9:30-16.00

For any general enquires regarding the BOOT SALE please ring me on 07734 128430

Many thanks for your anticipated support in our fundraising efforts.

Regards

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Michael Roberts Charitable Trust (MRCT)
The Rainbow Centre
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www.mrct.org.uk

Peter Ruffles' Hertford

A slide show in Hertford Methodist Church on Saturday 9th March at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (including tea or coffee and biscuits) available now from the Oasis Coffee Bar at the church (open 9am-3pm Monday to Friday) or by ringing 01992 589730.

Outing to Hever Castle and Gardens via Royal Tunbridge Wells.

Saturday 22nd June 2013 Cost:- £25.

Coach pickup:- 8.30am The Avenue Shops, Bengeo.

8.40am Hagsdell Road, Hertford.

8.50am The Goat, Hertford Heath.

9.00am St Margaret's Church, St Abbots.

9.05am John Warner School, Hoddesdon.

Arriving at Royal Tunbridge Wells in time for coffee, we have a couple of hours to browse the Pantiles shops, perhaps visit the museum and have an early lunch.

We re-board our coach to arrive at Hever Castle for the afternoon. This childhood home of Anne Boleyn enables us to explore 700 years of history. The Castle is hosting a rose weekend and the grounds will be magnificent in their summer splendour.

There will be time for tea in the café before leaving for home at 5.30pm.

Contact:- Valerie Worboys, 01992 730565. 37

The Avenue, Bengeo, SG14 3DR

Deposit of £5 per person with booking please.

Outing to The Mill Theatre at Sonning On Thames.

Saturday 5th October 2013

Cost: - £46 inclusive.

Coach pickup:- 9.00am The Avenue Shops, Bengeo.

9.10am Hagsdell Road, Hertford.

9.20am The Goat, Hertford Heath.

9.30am St Margaret's Church, St Abbots.

9.35am John Warner School, Hoddesdon.

Arrive in Sonning in time for coffee and perhaps a walk around the village or along the Thames, followed by a 3 course meal and a theatre production: - "I`LL BE BACK BEFORE MIDNIGHT" BY

PETER COLLEY, Described as a "spine chilling mystery thriller". If you love a ghost story, you won't want to miss this dark and horrifyingly twisted production.

Contact: - Valerie Worboys, 01992 730565. 37 The Avenue, Bengoe, SG14 3DR.

Deposit of £30 per person with booking please.



PRAYER LETTER FEBRUARY 2013

The Hertford and Ware Street Pastors are now into their fourth year and have become an accepted part of the night time street scene in the towns at weekends.

Their helpful presence is not only welcomed by those out to enjoy themselves but also by the police and Local Councils. During the past year around 1000 individuals have been helped directly or been involved in meaningful conversations with the Pastors.

Give Thanks for

- The commitment of the volunteers serving as Street Pastors
- The Prayer Pastors and all who support us through prayer.
- The new volunteers who have come forward this year
- The good reception the pastors continue to received on the streets
- The enthusiastic support given by the Police and the Local Councils
- The positive way the Churches of Hertford and Ware continue to work together
- Others who, both nationally and locally, willingly give their time to support Street Pastors throughout the Country

Pray

- That more volunteers will come forward to join the prayer team
- That sufficient funding will be forthcoming for the work to continue
- That we can encourage the congregations of the local churches to feel and get more involved in the work.
- That new volunteers will come forward to be Street Pastors
- For the protection and safety of the pastors when they are on the streets
- For the continued support of the local community, the police the councils and businesses.
- That as the pastors become more accepted they will be able to have more meaningful conversations with those they meet
- For the work of our Co-ordinator, Rick Hartwig, and those who work nationally.

David Tweedale - Street Pastor Prayer Co-ordinator

Anyone interested in joining the prayer support group can contact me on 01279 777931 or email david@tweedales.co.uk

Transform

**P R A Y I N G
L I K E J E S U S**

Speaker: John Hookway

Date: March 3rd - Tme: 6:45 to 8:30

Venue: Cowbridge Halls

Transform is a monthly youth worship event - young people coming together to worship through music, word, art and community.

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April 7th - May 5th - June 2nd - July 7th

Transform is supported by Hertford District Churches Together
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