

In Peace



16th July Don Jacobsen

3rd August Nick Irwin

Holy Baptism



14th July Maya Rose Meggison
Lottie Louise Meggison

Holy Matrimony



7th July Mark Andrew Bartlett and
Caroline Elizabeth Abbott

20th July Mark David Beale and
Kellie Groucutt

3rd August Thomas Fredrick Freeth and
Beth Mary Claire Wilkerson

Autumn Events at All Saints

Details are given on page 3. Watch out for our new Christmas Tree logo soon, and further information about how to help – we really do need everyone to help in some small way either before or during the Festival!

Mothers Union

Tues 10th September 10:30am
Walk to Ware for Lunch

We will meet at 10.30am and take a gentle walk along the towpath for a sociable lunch in Ware, or just join us for lunch.

Sat 21st September 10:00am – 3:00pm
Diocesan Faith Event at All Saints'
'A Time to Sow: a Season to Grow'. We will be hosting this event from 10am to 3pm in the Church.

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

Bishop's Harvest Appeal

The 2013 Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal is **A Sweeter Deal** - a project in Ethiopia that is teaching farmers about better beekeeping methods.



For years, 78-year-old Geji Tie devoted time and energy into making a living through beekeeping and farming.

But working alone, the results never quite seemed to match his efforts. So when Christian Aid partner, Action for Development (AFD), approached his community with the idea of setting up a beekeeping cooperative to improve honey production, Geji was keen to get involved. He has now learnt how to get the most from his hives and, with equipment provided by AFD, the cooperative is able to make more honey and sell it at a higher price at market. Establishing the business has been a slow process, but Geji believes

the cooperative will soon have the capital it needs to invest in bringing new facilities to the community.

'I used to earn money from agricultural work growing crops and coffee, and I was involved in small-scale coffee production,' Geji explains. 'My sons and daughters help and I try my best to provide for my family. Previously we used to eat twice a day, and now we are eating three times a day. Before, we used to think that was enough, but now we have a greater understanding and realise we should eat three times a day. Now also, as a result of the education we've received, we have a more varied diet.'

AFD held consultations with the community about what work would make the most difference, and then helped community members with the funding, training and resources needed to set up a beekeeping cooperative.

Geji continues: 'The amount of honey has increased. It used to be such a small amount. Even the wax board [on which honey is made] was small, so the amount of honey we could produce was very small. It is not just the number of beehives that increases the honey, it is how we make it. I planted flowers in the garden so the bees can increase the amount of honey they produce.'

Geji is delighted at the difference the project has made. 'I have so many beehives and about 20 of them are working. We are able to sell the honey at a higher price than usual. Things have certainly changed for me and my family. For instance, I am sending my children to school with the money I earn. I have more clothes so can change them more often. Before, whenever one of the family was sick it would take them more than a month to get better. Now, whenever a family member is sick we take them straight to the clinic and within a week they will be better. They get sick less often.'

Geji's cooperative has great hopes for the future to benefit the community. The members want to expand their business to

include buying a flour-grinding machine and would even like to set up a community pharmacy.

Choir News

We held our Annual Meeting and BBQ at Andrew 'Mac' and Nicola McClean's home and garden on 30th June. In between burgers, cakes (Ciera's 17th birthday) and much socialising, we reviewed music in 2012, our finances and agreed two things:

1. The New Committee, which is: Nicola McClean (Chair), Julia Gough (Treasurer), Fiona Ford, Graham Jones, Mihaela Wraith James Gough (who was with us for the occasion) and Martin Penny. Mihaela has kindly agreed to join us to replace Kath Oates who is standing down after five years service. Thank you to them both and also to those who are continuing to serve.

2. A revision of the practice arrangements to reflect the age-range, bedtimes and learning needs of the front-row.

Chorister prizes were awarded as follows:

Joint 3rd : Lottie Meggison,
Maya Meggison

Joint 1st : Romarilla Blanche-Drammeh,
Trixie Wraith

We also presented a music gift voucher to Michael Stephens-Jones to mark his impending retirement from the 'front rows'. We presented similar gifts to Eleanor Mackay and Patrick Mackay on Sunday 21st July as they were unable to join us at the barbeque. Hopefully all three will still be with us, but in the back-rows, in the Autumn, after a short break.

Benedict Wilson

Congratulations to Benedict on passing ARCO at the first attempt this summer.

Ben writes: *Thank you all very much for the kind gift you gave me back in July. I plan to use it to help buy the complete organ works of Bach.*

Three Nights; Three Questions

Do you sometimes struggle to express what you believe? Over three consecutive Tuesday evenings we will be exploring through teaching, testimony and discussion how we can grow in clarity and confidence in our faith by responding to three important questions Jesus asked.



'What is the Kingdom of God like?

What was the message of Jesus?
24th Sept

'Who do you say that I am?'

What do we believe about Jesus and why? 1st Oct

'Will you give me a drink?'

How do I put faith into words and action? 8th Oct

St Andrew's Church 7.30 for 8pm

Work Group Insight:

You can fix loose screws using old matchsticks!

Struck
To provide
Molecular Energy -
So much, so long, Matchstick!
You were born a slave to the law
Of thermodynamic Entropy
And so perished a supernova,
Sacrificed for human pleasure.
Yet what's after's still a mystery.
I once asked an honest cosmologist
"What follows a supernova?"
He replied, "Often a black hole."
Exploring the dark I asked for some light:
"A black hole – is it Space/
Time, do Nature's Laws apply?"
And he replied, "God Knows".
The mind behind E=MC2 preferred
Imagination to Knowledge,
So I let mine leap:
"Could black holes be constituted

By what poets and churchmen call
Spirit? By definition Spirit's
Not molecular, and (puzzling-out
Further), I'd suggest Spirit's
Immune to thermodynamics."
He indulgently shrugged, "All things are possible."

But
For now,
I'm Law-bound
To polite notions of rationality.
I'll fall back to the earthly conceit -
The Matchstick -
To salvage my speculations.
In space-time (Hertford, three Saturdays ago)
From the black hole of
Some pocket-grave,
The atrophied Matchstick
Fixed a ladder out-of-joint.
Climbing the salvaged ladder
Tottering atop the
Poor-man's podium,
A prophet could shout
To the world below:
"You're a Matchstick,
Subject to Entropy's Law!
But humbled and spent
Another purpose awaits you!"

Stephen Bardle



The Hertford Passion

An Update

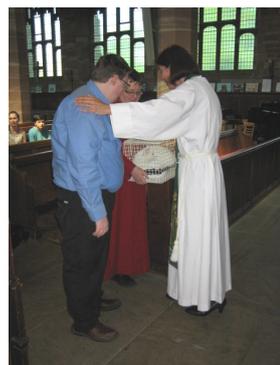
As many of you will be aware, a dramatic reading of the first act of a new Passion Play for Hertford by local playwright Kate Miller took place last Easter at St Andrew's Church. Thank you to those who attended and especially to those who expressed an interest to being involved in the production. We will be in touch!

If anyone else would like to be involved in acting/backstage and we don't have your details please contact Julia Hollet at juliahallowell@gmail.com.

We're delighted to tell you that performances of the Hertford Passion will take place at St Andrew's Church next Easter on the evenings of Good Friday (18th April) and Holy Saturday (19th) with a matinee also on the Saturday. Tickets will be available in the New Year through the box office at Hertford Theatre.

Pet Service 1st July 2013

Here are some images from our annual Pet Service taken by David Dean.



St Andrew's Church Sexton/Caretaker

faith hope love

St Andrew's Church in Hertford is looking to employ a part-time sexton/caretaker for the Church and the new St Andrew's Centre. Responsibilities will include opening the church in the morning and locking-up in the evening, cleaning and small maintenance jobs. Interested applicants must be flexible as far as working hours are concerned as they will vary each week.

Application is by CV. Please send to:

Catherine Sleath (Church Warden)
St Andrew's Church, St Andrew Street
Hertford SG14 1HZ
or e-mail to: catherinesleath@gmail.com

Deadline Friday 13th September.

For a copy of the job description or for any further information, please contact Catherine Sleath (as above) or Viv Thornton
castlemoathouse@googlemail.com



**LISTENING...
CARING...
HELPING...**

INFORMATION EVENING

An open meeting to all who want to know something, in fact anything, about the way we work.

- What does a Street Pastor do?
- How do I become a Street Pastor?
- Can I Pray for Street Pastors?
- How do they operate?

**Christ Church Ware church centre
12th September 2013
19:00 to 21:00**

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