

Holy Matrimony



6 th Sept	Jason Lee Holt and Stephanie Diana Tyler
20 th Sept	Steven Keith Smith and Kay Elizabeth Scott

Mothers Union

Weds 22nd October 8pm "Go West! USA Road Trips"

Nick Hoyle will give us a talk with slides of recent USA holidays in the Church Meeting Room at 8pm. For more details see either Rosemary Bolton or Ann Stephens-Jones.

Harvest Study

All things Bright and Beautiful....and murder, taxation, sex, race relations, and the end of the world.

From Genesis Chapter 3 to Revelation Chapter 14 (that's pretty much cover to cover) the Bible has plenty to say about Harvest Festival, and these are just a few topics we might touch on.

The first recorded act of worship, the earliest known liturgies, the foundations of the welfare state, and the long struggle between Abrahamic religion and paganism all have their roots in the harvest traditions of the Old Testament. It's amazing how much fun and stress has grown out of the simple act of thanking God for the bounty of His earth. And that is before we even start to think about harvest as a metaphor for God's Last Judgment.

Join us for an hour of exploration on Tuesday October 7th, 8.00pm in the meeting room at the back of Church.

Social Events

Please mark these dates in your diary/on your calendar so you don't miss an important opportunity to support All Saints.

Harvest Quiz Evening.

Saturday, 11th October 7.00 pm
Please sign up on noticeboard at back of Church.

Christmas Bazaar.

Saturday 6th December
Donations of prizes for the Grand Prize Draw would be much appreciated.

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February Frolic

Saturday, 7th February 7.00 pm

Seniors Afternoon Tea

Saturday, 26th April (to be confirmed)

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

Saturday, 16th May 10.00 am

Bike 'n Hike and Coffee Morning

Saturday, 12th September 10.00 am

The Social Committee.

Pack the app, says CofE, as downloads reach 100,000

Join the 100,000 strong app crowd - led by the Archbishop of York - and get a daily dose of prayer and reflection wherever you are, say church leaders. Whether at home or on holiday, the five different free apps from Church House Publishing (CHP), are reaching Christians across 140 countries via their smartphones or tablets.

The Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu said: "I use the apps regularly whilst I am travelling. I even used the app on a recent overseas trip to Ephesus and Cairo, so didn't need a suitcase full of books with me - marvellous!"

The Ven Christine Hardman, Archdeacon emeritus of Southwark said she had found the Daily Prayer app invaluable on her 2,500 mile cycle trip this year, along the

East coast of the United States. "Not only did it supply the Bible readings, but also the prayers so I didn't need any books."

The Daily Prayer app released earlier this year is free to download. It is the fifth app to be released by the CofE and complements existing apps including Reflections for Daily Prayer, Sunday Worship and the Lectionary of Services for the Church of England.

Celebrate 100

On August Bank Holiday Monday this much awaited event took place at Keysoe Equestrian Centre, deep in the heart of rural Bedfordshire, to celebrate the 100 years of service of the Diocese of St Albans in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Luton and Barnet.

A full programme of fun and games had been planned including Dog and Falconry Displays, Messy Centenary church, The Charnborough Ring (a portable bell tower to enable everybody to have a go at bell ringing without having to climb a bell tower) and displays of magic and information about Diocesan activities.

There was also to be a varied musical programme, with gospel Choirs and the highly talented Jonathan Veira as well as preaching and teaching from Very Rev Jeffrey John, Dean of St Albans Abbey, a much loved local preacher and storyteller. Pam Rhodes, much admired local presenter of Christian broadcasting, was also to be a key member of the team taking part.

The afternoon was to end with a Festival Eucharist which would involve the thousands of people expected to attend. In fact most of this did actually happen - despite the absolutely awful weather!!!

August Bank Holiday has a habit of being a wash out and this year was no exception. Due to the choice of a venue with a vast indoor arena and much hard work over-night on the Sunday to bring over a thousand chairs inside that arena,

and the fact that several events were already due to take part in marquees, and also that the people of the Diocese of St Albans are not fair weather Christians, the event was hailed as a great success by all who attended!

Yes, we got wet and muddy but when, after enjoying the events of the day, we all came together to celebrate the Eucharist; the feeling of joy and fellowship was shared and appreciated by everybody.

The bread and wine was shared amongst us and we administered to each other which, although unusual, was highly spiritual and the sound of several thousand (damp but not downhearted) people of all ages singing such stirring hymns as He who would valiant be and To God be the glory is something I will long remember.

The official number of attendees (for at least some part of the day) was 4000, perhaps not as many as might have come had the weather been fine, but for those who did manage to get to Keysoe it was a thoroughly enjoyable day and a wonderful opportunity to feel that we were part of a huge family which consists of the whole worshipping Community in the diocese of St Albans.

Many thanks to all who had the vision and the organisational skills to provide the opportunity to attend this once in a lifetime event for the people of the Diocese of St Albans.

Janet Bird



View from the Pew (concluded)

You may have noticed that the Memorial Chapel is looking darker than ever as one of the bulbs has now gone.

This has spurred us into action and, thanks to some money which has already been received and some more that has been offered, we are hoping to be able to go forward with some sort of improved lighting scheme which will make this Holy space more welcoming and easier to use both for worship and for group meetings.

Having had very large numbers of people in All Saints on a number of occasions over the last few months we have decided once again to pursue the subject of creating more room at the back of the church. Removing some pews will enable us to provide space in the church not only for worship but also for fellowship and hospitality.

We are planning to have further discussions with the Diocesan advisors about the best way forward. Again thanks to the generosity of a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, we will not need to rely on using already stretched church funds to begin this project.

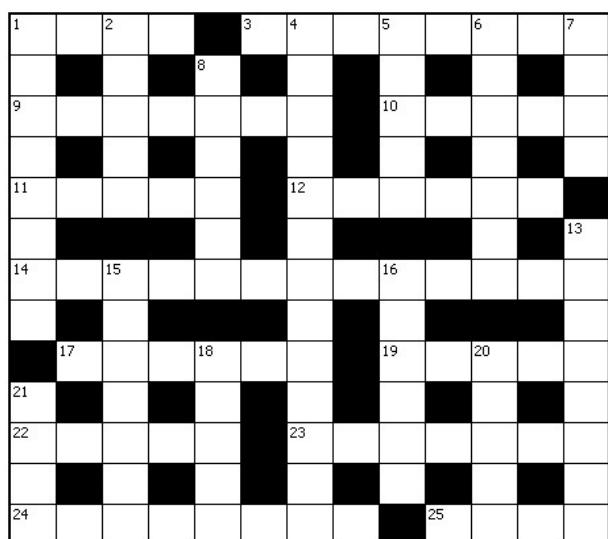
Once again, many thanks to you all for supporting all that we are doing, and will continue to do, at All Saints.

Special thanks to Jo, Ginni, Gerry and Doug for leading us in our worship and supporting Geoff and I in our Ministry. Thank you also to Martin and the choir for the wonderful music and not forgetting the flowers, church cleaning, work parties etc., etc.

My View from the Pew is of a loving, lively and spiritual Church and I am pleased to be a part of the family of All Saints.

With love
Janet B

Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?!"' (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 'Let the little — come to me' (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)
- 18 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (Philippians 3:20) (5)
- 20 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (Psalm 34:3) (5)
- 21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)

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