

# View from the pew

*Janet Oldham*

Looking back, we had an extremely successful February Frolic and, as always, a big thank you to everyone who supplied the delicious food, especially those mouth watering puddings. Particular thanks to Nick, Geoff and Doug for their splendid entertainment. I am pleased to say we were also able to raise over £300 towards the upkeep of All Saints.

Continuing the thanks, as many of you know Janet Bird will be stepping down as a Churchwarden this month and I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to her for all the hard work she has put in on our behalf, not to mention the guidance given to me as I "grew" into the role of Churchwarden. I can reassure you that Janet will not be disappearing below the parapet, as she will continue to take an active part at All Saints in her role as lay reader.

## **SPIRITUAL CHURCH**

Looking forward, the exciting news is that we will shortly be able to welcome our new Bishop of Hertford, Rev Michael Beasley and his family. He will be ordained by the Archbishop in Westminster Abbey on 14<sup>th</sup> May and there will be an opportunity to meet him at St Albans Abbey in June.

Ginni and her helpers have been busy re-creating the Easter Journey again here at All Saints and, judging from what happened last year, this year's groups of school children will gain a greater understanding of the story of Jesus and what happened in the week before Easter.

## **CREATIVE CHURCH**

As always our Church will look beautiful again as the Flower team decorate the Church in preparation for Easter Sunday. If anyone would like to donate money towards the flowers, please see Dorothy Toyn. I am also sure that if anyone would like to help with decorating the Church,

they would be sure of a warm welcome from the Flower team.

## **ACTIVE CHURCH**

I hope you have all noticed how tidy the flowerbeds are again. Thank you to Brian Dilley, George Satchell and Tony Weeden, for their hard work in making the beds look so smart. Those of you who walk past the East end of the Church will notice the Messy Church's flower bed beginning to show lots of bulbs peeping through, so keep an eye open for the full beauty of the display in the weeks to come.

A few more dates for your diaries. We do hope you will all support the following activities, as we now need to do some serious fundraising to replenish the coffers.

## **COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 – 12 noon**

There will be a variety of stalls including, refreshments, bric a brac, tombola and cake stall. Offers of help and donations of cakes, bric a brac or goodies for the tombola and raffle most gratefully received.

## **AFTERNOON TEA**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 4.00 – 5.30pm**

Advance notice of another opportunity for fellowship. More details in the next magazine.

## **PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 10.00 – 12 noon**

Again this is your opportunity to buy the lovely plants being carefully nurtured by our gardeners and, being a week later than usual, the plants will have grown even bigger. There will be refreshments and a wide selection of other stalls for your pleasure too.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter.  
Love Janet O