

Holy Baptism



6th December Jack David Melton-
Chaproniere

13th December Gracie Bloom Dale
Lucas William Viander
Joseph Frederick Terry

In Peace



23rd December Jacqui Gudgin

Mothers Union

The Mothers' Union will be following a "Count your Blessings" calendar during Lent to raise funds for MU projects. If you would like to participate, please pick up a calendar from the back of Church or ask Ann Stephens-Jones.

Travelling Cribs

The Mothers' Union travelling cribs have been very popular this Advent, mostly visiting Messy Church families with Kath Oates' help & returning for the Crib Service.

We are looking for more spare crib figures or sets, either knitted, wooden or plastic (no porcelain please). Appropriate small animals such as donkeys or sheep would be appreciated together with any nativity storybooks suitable for young children. We can also supply patterns for keen knitters.

If you have anything suitable, please give it to Kath or Ann Stephens-Jones.

Next Meeting

This will be a Lent Meditation on Wednesday February 17th led by Jo. Rosemary will be starting work on planning the rest of our programme when her feet touch the ground!

Womens' World Day of Prayer – 4th March

It is All Saints' turn to host the Women's World Day of Prayer Service for Hertford on Friday 4th March at 2pm. The service this year "Receive Children. Receive Me" is written by the Christian women of Cuba. We provide tea afterwards in the Meeting Room for our guests & if anyone is able to help serve or provide sandwiches or cakes please let Ann Stephens-Jones or Rosemary Bolton know.

Lent Lunches

Once again Churches Together in Hertford invites you to support the Christian Aid Lent Lunches which will take place in the Quaker Room, every Wednesday in Lent, beginning on February 10th.

Coffee is available from 11.00 and lunch (soup, sandwich, fruit and tea or coffee) is served from 12.00 – 1.45pm.

This is a great opportunity to support the important work of Christian Aid as well as meeting new people from other churches.

Parents with young children are very welcome.

Many Hands Make Light Work...

The church has been booked for a deep clean between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on **Saturday 20 February**. The season of Lent seems an appropriate time to carry this out so that our church will be ready for Easter. It would be good to see as many people as are able to help with this.

The Fabric Committee would like to take this opportunity to express their thanks to the members of the cleaning teams who clean our church faithfully week by week.

Helen Harvey-Wright

All Saints Art

All Saints Art meet every Thursday 7.30-9.30 pm in the church meeting room. We have an interesting and varied programme planned for this term.

As our special talk in Lent we have Dr Roger Aubery giving an illustrated talk on pictures of Pathos in Art. This will feature Crucifixions, Pietas and more through history. We know from experience that this will be interesting and invite visitors to join us for this. **Thursday March 10th 7.30 – 9.30 pm** - £2 per person includes coffee and biscuits.

We would also welcome new members to join us to paint and draw. We often do crafts as well. Beginners or experts welcome.

If you would like to know more contact:

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Nick Hoyle on 01992 550336 or email nick-hoyle@hotmail.co.uk

The Easter Story in Images

On **Monday 21st March** at the start of Holy Week, I am going to give an illustrated talk (but mostly using relevant Bible readings) of 'The Easter Story in Images' at St Andrew's Church, by kind permission of The Rev Alan Stewart starting at 8.00 pm.

The 'images' are from the 5th century to the 20th century, and are works of many different artists. Alan Stewart has suggested that any who wish to leave after the talk do so, while others may wish to stay for a short candle-lit compline.

Alison Warn.

Work Party

21st November was the last work party for me after quite a number of years, please don't ask how many since my memory isn't too good.

I have been thanked on many occasions for my efforts and how much money they have saved All Saints; it has not been my efforts but the help and dedication of a large number of church members.

In 1990 we had a roof working party, Brian Dilley was on that, which makes him one of our longest regular serving members, a man with talents that have been truly good for us. Other members have also brought their skills and ability and the time.

My retirement will be rather sad for me but probably good for Jean who has been so supportive of all my works in the church. I thank the Lord for it.

Two members (David Dean and Geoffrey Rice) have already said that they will be happy to continue working up the tower so, if anyone feels like taking over from me they will have the support they need and I am sure from other members.

I must say that I have had wholehearted support from all involved and happy memories of the goodwill at all times and pray that All Saints will continue to get the same commitment in the future.

God bless you all

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Dear Jo, Janet and Helen

I must express my many thanks to All Saints for the card and voucher that was given to me last Sunday for my efforts with the work party, much more than I expected. I have always enjoyed using my God given talents and it is so nice when those efforts have been appreciated. I hope and pray that someone else will be able to step in and keep all those willing workers on the go; they are the ones who make it easy.

With my sincere thoughts and God bless

