

View from the pew

Janet Oldham

We are definitely into the Season of Mists and mellow fruitfulness. We are so lucky to live in such a leafy area as the blaze of autumn colours is quite spectacular.

Vestry Roof

By now, the builders should have almost finished. The earlier delay was caused by the unexpectedly good news that the roof could be repaired. This meant we needed a special sized piece of timber to match what we've been able to keep. The good news is that this will cost no more than the sum raised.

Spiritual Church

Some of you will have taken the opportunity of going to meet Michael, Bishop of Hertford at Christ Church, Ware on 20 October with a collage of pictures to show how our Mission is reaching out to others.

Many of you will have enjoyed the visit of our new Archdeacon the Ven Janet Mackenzie, who preached at 10am service on 23 October.

Active Church As always, our sterling Work Party have been busy on our behalf, ensuring the building is kept in good order. Some of the work undertaken recently includes clearing gullies and drains, sticking down wooden blocks, clearing weeds around the Church and Hall.

Dates for your Diaries

November is going to be a very busy and memorable month starting with the annual **Remembrance Service on 13th** at which Michael, Bishop of Hertford will preach. Then on **Sunday 20 November** we will hold our own Memorial service in memory of our loved ones now on another shore.

Our big fund-raising event will be the Wreath Festival held over 3 days, namely **25, 26 and 27 November**. Monies raised from the Wreaths will be given to the Herts Air Ambulance and the Christmas Market monies will go to All Saints. Bishop Michael

will bless the festival on Friday, and the Mayor of Hertford and our own Enid Marsh, (a long serving member of the Flower Club), will judge the wreaths on the Friday with **St. Joseph in the Park's school choir** singing at 11am. In the afternoon, **Mill Mead school choir** will sing for us at 1.30pm.

On Saturday we will have **Wheatcroft School choir** to sing at 11am and our special guest will be Colonel Bill Cockman, retired (of the now disbanded Anglian Regiment). Other music will be provided by our choir/organists. We do hope you will all support this wonderful Festival by coming along on one of the days to enjoy the atmosphere and view the many different wreaths.

Finally, we will end a wonderful weekend, with our Candlelit Advent Carol Service at 6.30pm on Sunday 27 November led by our own amazing choir. For those who have not been before, this is truly a most moving service, so please come along and join us. At the end of the service the traditional mulled wine and mincepies will be served at the back of Church to give you chance to catch up with friends.

Love, Janet

