

Holy Baptism



11th December Charlotte Sofia Maloney

In Peace



6th December Terry Bond

12th December Roy Adams

23rd December John Earle

John Earle

Fiona writes: "I would like to thank everyone who has been so supportive, particularly during John's final weeks. Your thoughts and prayers, your good wishes, hugs, cards and messages and Jo's visits all helped to give him strength and courage, as well as helping me so much. The end was quite quick really, and it was peaceful, the day before Christmas Eve.

"I was grateful to have the Christmas holiday, when nothing could be done practically, in which to begin to adjust to his loss.

"We had a private burial on 5th January at the Arbory Trust Natural Burial Site near Cambridge, with close family. My cousin Mike piped us to the graveside, the coffin was carried by John's grandchildren and Freddie and Joe, and proceedings were conducted by Ginni Dear.

"Family paid their tributes as the birds sang and the sun shone. Dress code was wellies and woolly hats – absolutely John – and

Jenny's Coco represented all the dogs in John's life. We finished by singing the 'Mud' Song (Flanders and Swann).

"There will be a **Service of Thanksgiving** for John's life on **Saturday, 18th February 2017 at 2.00 pm** at All Saints, and afterwards in the hall, to which you are all warmly invited. Please wear something colourful if you can – this is to be a celebration of a long life well and thoroughly lived and loved."

The Annexe

I regret to advise you that the Annexe was broken into again over the weekend of 14/15th January.

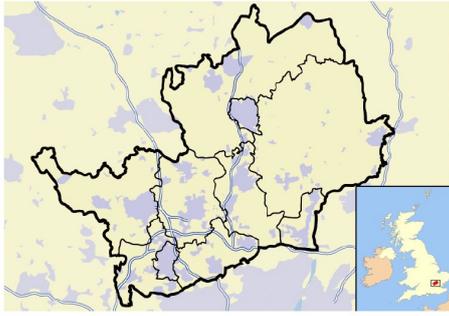
This is the second time this month. Last time we had paint thrown around; this time hundreds of paper hand towels were thrown everywhere, tools and work party materials from the cupboard were strewn over the floor and the heavy metal cupboard itself was left leaning outwards following an attempt to pull it over, I suspect. Clearly, the Annexe is too vulnerable to store items we need regularly or care about.

The unpleasant mess has been cleared up but we no longer regard the Annexe as a safe environment. Accordingly, with immediate effect the Annexe is closed and no-one should access it without permission from Jo or the wardens. We have put up a "Danger" sign as we are very concerned that intruders could hurt themselves or be exposed to asbestos dust if they damage the walls. The work party have strengthened the locking mechanisms, such that existing keys will not be sufficient to gain access.

The consumables (towels, toilet rolls and cleaning materials) that were stored in the Annexe are now in the upstairs toilet room in St John's Hall.

The PCC are now considering the future of the Annexe building.

Colin Bird



Calling Herts Intercessors

Saturday 4th February 2017

2-4pm

Springs Christian Fellowship

New Road, Ware, Hertfordshire, SG12 7BU

Calling the Intercessors from across Hertfordshire to come together for a time of worship and prayer.

KEEP PEOPLE SNUG THIS WINTER
Donations for Refugees
Herford Quaker Meeting House, Railway Street
Sunday 5th February 1.30-3pm

Help us to make up SNUG packs:

- SOCKS** – x 3 Pairs
- NECKWARMER** x 1 Scarf
- UNDERWEAR** – x 3 Pairs
- GLOVES** – x 1 Pair

(Men's Small & Medium sizes are especially welcome)

If you are bringing a complete pack please seal in a plastic bag

Also welcome:
Help with sorting & labelling
Volunteer drivers to take supplies to St Albans
Donations in sterling or euros

Mothers Union

The next Mothers' Union meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 27th February in the Memorial Chapel. "Good Morning

Vietnam!" a talk with slides by Andrew Bolton with interruptions by Rosemary...!!

Herts Welcomes Syrian Families

Helping young asylum seekers in Herts

Would you like to know more about how young asylum seekers are supported in Hertfordshire and how local residents can help?

We are holding a meeting at Welwyn Garden City Friends Meeting House (109 Handside Lane, WGC, AL8 6SP) on the evening of Monday February 6th 2017, from 7pm to 9pm (7-7.30 for pre-meeting coffee and cake).

We will be joined by Georgina Egan, who will talk about the Independent Visitors scheme, George Pendred, a Personal Advisor to young asylum seekers who will be talking about working with over-18s, and Josie Elkin, a Practice Manager in the fostering team.

There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Welwyn Garden City Quaker Meeting and Herts Welcomes Syrian Families

All Saints Art

Our group is going well, meeting every Thursday evening from 7.30 to 9.30. We have a varied programme of subjects and use different media to produce our pictures. We each have our favourites but also explore new ways of working.

As usual we are having **a talk with slides by Dr Roger Aubery entitled 'My three favourite Saints'**. This is on Thursday 16th March and will be held in the Memorial chapel. We charge £2 and provide tea and biscuits. **This is open for anyone to attend so please do join us.**

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:

Gillian Harman on 01992 422042 or email gillian.harman@ntlworld.com

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Lent Lunches

Churches Together in Hertford have decided to try something different in 2017.

You are welcome to join them at special events in Lent as follows:

- Ash Wednesday March 1st
Lunch from 12.15, Soundbites concert followed by prayers at All Saints
- Saturday March 4th
Coffee morning at St Andrew's
- Saturday March 11th
Coffee morning at the URC
- Tuesday March 21st
Mass at 12.15 followed by light lunch at St Joseph's
- Thursday April 6th
Quiet time at 12.30 followed by soup and rolls at Friends Meeting House

For those who prefer to keep up the lunch tradition then there will be a welcome at Soundbites from 12:15 on Wednesday 8th, 15th & 22nd March here at All Saints!

Dusted off and remembered: Reginald George Rayment

In the corner of the All Saints' ringing chamber, amid various other memorabilia of both individuals and events, sat a dusty old photo. A short while ago the All Saints'

bellringers took a closer look and noted that – according to the handwritten inscription – the soldier in question was “Killed in action Dec 20th”. Official records reveal a fuller story: Rayment in fact died of wounds on December 24th – a century ago this Christmas Eve. He is buried in the Guards' Cemetery at Combles, on the Somme.

The inscription ends: “Ringer All Saints from 1907”, so he must have been among the first ringers of the new bells following the completion of the tower that same year. Our parish booklet “The Fallen of World War One” says he lived at The Lodge, Queen's Hill, and had worked as a caretaker and gardener at Hertford Castle. We don't know much else about him or whether there are any descendants or relatives around today.

We've cleaned up the framed photo and hung it back up on the wall of the ringing chamber. A quarter peal dedicated to his memory was rung after the morning service on December 18th 2016.

Nick Hoyle, All Saints' bell ringer



R. Rayment Grenadier Guards
Killed in action Dec 20th 1916
Ringer All Saints from 1907