

View from the pew

Richard Toyn

The Annual Parish Church Meetings for 2017 were held on the last possible day for such a gathering, on Sunday 30th April.

At the Vestry Meeting I was elected as the 'new' Churchwarden with the retirement of Janet Oldham, having completed the standard four year appointment. I thank Janet for her years in post and hope she has a well earned rest.

However, the official appointment to the role was only confirmed once I attended a few days later, the Archdeacon's Visitation at St Mary the Virgin church, Ware.

The annual plant sale took place on Saturday 20th May, with £250 raised for Junior Church's 'Send-a-Cow' project. At the same time a Coffee morning, with raffle and book stall, was held in the church, with £300 raised for church funds. Some further plants and cakes were sold after the Civic Service. Thank you to all that helped to prepare both the plants and food for this event.

On Sunday 21st May, All Saints' hosted the Hertford town Civic Service, with the Mayor Mrs Susan Dunkley, Town Councillors, and guests from many local towns, the District and County Council and the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, all adding to the normal congregation. The service was followed by the Civic Breakfast in St John's Hall.

The Hertfordshire Festival of Music sub-titled "Hidden Hertford - The Haydn Connection" was held over the extended weekend of Friday 9th to Sunday 11th June, with one recital on each of the days within All Saints' Church.

As we move from the season of Easter through Pentecost into Trinity we see the emergence of the liturgical green colour of the altar frontal and other hangings, with green being the symbol for growth.



In early May, Dorothy and I spent three days in Belgium and northern France visiting a number of World War 1 cemeteries and memorials. The experience was quite moving leaving us with a number of unanswered questions. However, we did find a number of locations where members of the Hertfordshire Regiment were buried. You can read more about this on pages 7 and 8.

The St. Julien service on 30th July in All Saints' at 6.30pm and at the town War Memorial on Monday 31st July will bring back such memories.

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