

Janet Bird BEM

Congratulations to Janet Bird who was presented with her BEM at County Hall on 3 April 2017 by Lady Verulam, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire.

Part of the citation read:-

For over 25 years Janet Bird has served her community in Hertford.

Since 1992 she has been responsible for organising the Christmas Alone Scheme in Hertford, ensuring that those who are lonely, alone or elderly have a delicious full Christmas meal on Christmas Day itself.

Since 1993 she has been an administrator of the Hertfordshire Convalescent Trust, a registered charity providing grants for needy people in Hertfordshire for convalescent and recuperative holidays.

Between 1994 and 2012 she was an advisor at Hertford Citizens' Advice Bureau.

She is a Forum Member and Chair of Hertford and District Churches Together and a Committee Member of Churches Together in Hertfordshire.

It could have added that she is also Vice Chair of the Board for Church and Society, one of the main boards of the Diocese of St Albans - as well as her roles at All Saints, of course!!

Janet said her faith has been a major influence on her philanthropic work.

"Life has been good to me so I wanted to give something back to people and being a Christian has been a driving force in my desire to help others."

She has also been invited to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace in celebration of her achievements.

"It is all very exciting, but it is important to remember that it is not just me, it is all of the

other people who have helped out over the years.

"Volunteers are absolutely vital, and we could not achieve half of what we do in this country without their support."

