

Holy Baptism



8th July Ethan Joshua Wootten
Annabelle Lily Abbotts

Holy Matrimony



1st August Oliver David Goss &
Jennifer Laurel Loveday

In Peace



17th July Stanley Martin
8th August Anthony Johnson
9th August Betty Camp

Flower Club Meeting

There will be a brief meeting of the Flower Club on Saturday 1st September at 10.00 am in the Church meeting room to discuss Harvest and the forthcoming wedding. Thank you
Dorothy Toyn.

Bible Book Club

We resume in September in our regular 1st Tuesday spot, Sept. 4th (we had thought about the 11th instead but that conflicts with a PCC meeting).

We will look at selected incidents from Acts 17 – 22, more of St Paul's travels and the ups and downs of his mission to the Gentiles

All welcome!



Sponsored Bike 'n Hike
BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

I have been organising the All Saints' part of the Annual "Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike & Hike" for over 10 years now. Sadly, I can count the active participants over the years on just one hand, and yet it is a great day where lots of money has been raised for All Saints as well as the Trust - just by visiting and signing in at various churches of all denominations.

It is always a fabulous day and there is no need to do what Martin and I do and keep going all day! Just being sponsored to visit Hertford Churches is a good start and you can even get sponsorship to sit in church and receive the visitors!! What could be easier?

PLEASE consider joining Martin and I this year. For the past few years we have received a 'Bronze Award' for raising over £500 between us – please help us raise that to 'Silver' this year!

36 churches plus!

I am aiming to begin at St Mary's, Knebworth, which is inside the park, with a helpful husband delivering me and my bike there. From there I drop down into Knebworth to visit 3 churches there, and on up to Datchworth, Watton-at-Stone, then Stapleford (8 churches so far!) The most hazardous part of the trip is Watton to Stapleford and I freely admit to resorting to the pavement but it is no less torturous as it is so poorly maintained. (Heaven help any pedestrians!) Now to Waterford, Bengoe and Hertford. One can tick off 9 churches in Hertford easily and I aim at being fed and watered at the tail end of the All Saints' Coffee Morning, then I will head for Hertford Heath.

From there it is down to Ware, then follow the New River, up to St John's at Great Amwell. then to Stanstead Abbots. One of the highlights of these trips is "Tea at St Margaret's" – plus fruit, cake (whatever they can persuade you to eat) relaxing for a while and admiring their beautiful etched glass with local scenes. (Do visit – it is often open for tea!) Off to St Andrews next then the final big uphill bit to St James, but so worth the effort. It is lovely inside with a beautiful modern stained glass window amidst the wonderful old traditional box pews. There is a great downhill run into Hoddesdon, providing I do not get another puncture here like last year, pass the sewage works, and another 7 churches in Hoddesdon. Home territory to me now as Broxbourne is where I grew up, so to St Augustine's and the URC, then to Wormley and Cheshunt...

By now I hope to have visited about 36 churches so should I call it a day? I don't think so – all being well – as Colin and Richard are sponsoring me PER CHURCH, so I need to keep going! I hope to get to Waltham Cross this year....

Thank you to everyone who sponsors us and we look forward to YOU joining us! Half the money raised comes back to our church and the rest goes to the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust – 2 very good causes!

Dorothy Toyn

All Saints Fellowship Group

The Fellowship Group will reconvene after the summer on Monday 10 September at 7:45 in the meeting room. There will be a discussion centred around the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, and also some time spent on working out the way forward for the Fellowship Group, and whether there is a call for an additional group that would meet during the morning. Ideas and suggestions are welcome. Please contact Nerine Chalmers njchalmers@gmail.com or Phone 01992504893

Mothers Union

Tuesday 18th September 7.30pm. Nerine Chalmers will share with us memories of her childhood growing up in Africa & events as the country changed from Rhodesia to Zimbabwe. Also the history of her forebears as the first white missionaries in Rhodesia. Memorial Chapel.

Bishop's Harvest Appeal

'Give peas a chance'



Farming communities in rural southern Malawi have suffered severe hardship because of changing and unpredictable weather patterns. However, by starting to grow the drought-resistant and commercially valuable crop, the remarkable Pigeon Pea, people's lives are being transformed, bringing them new hope for the future.



Meet Frank Zulu.

In the past, Frank struggled to feed his family and when his son – 4 years old at the time - was seriously ill through malnutrition, he had to walk over four miles to the hospital carrying

his young son in his arms.

Frank is among the first people in his community to be offered Pigeon Peas to grow. Because of its robust root system, this Pea is resistant to drought and flash-floods, also it puts nitrogen into the soil and the leaves can be used as a rich mulch and excellent livestock feed.

Today, largely as a result of growing Pigeon Peas, there has been considerable change for Frank and his family, things we regard as basic essentials, such as food, healthcare and education for children are within reach – they have new hope.

This remarkable Pigeon Pea has potential to transform lives – so in 2018, let's – '**Give peas a chance**'

Flowers at All Saints

The Flower Club hope that you enjoy what we have managed to do this year, in what has been a very challenging environment – firstly the long cold winter which delayed numerous flowers and the only good thing was that varieties that are not often seen out together were all open at the same time! After that, the long very hot summer has wrought further havoc with the quality and number of flowers available and expensive - costs have risen steeply over the last months.

People have asked for very specific flowers in memory of loved ones, and lately this has not always been possible to do. Many flowers are kept in cold storage for so long in a heat wave, that when they come out they just die rapidly rather than coming into proper bloom. We are more than happy to arrange flowers in memory of people but *please* do not be too specific in what you would like. We will always try to use the flowers that are the best value for money and good quality, and while we endeavour to get what you would like, this year has made it exceptionally hard to do, so please bear with us.

The number of flower arrangers is more or less stable BUT everyone is getting older and able to do less, less frequently. New faces are always welcome to join our four small teams. No training required, just enthusiasm for what we do!

Donations for flowers are always welcome, and we continue to provide flowers within our means, and this may mean seeing some plants around, fewer or smaller arrangements, or even the use of 'long lasting blooms'! We hope to do something special for Harvest but many of us are on holiday around that time, and this year we will be remembering the centenary of the end of WW1 in November.

Dorothy Toyn

Thank you

Dorothy & Richard Toyn would like to thank everybody who assisted at All Saints' for the wedding of our son David to Daniella Burge on June 9th.

We are really grateful to everybody who helped to make it such a special match err, sorry, day. The pitch (church) was perfect and it all ran smoothly under the Ref / Vicar's watchful eye. The theme carried on to the Reception with tables names after football Stadiums and place names were little football shirts! It was an amazing day and so lovely to have so many of our All Saints' friends joining us.

Thank you for sharing it with us.