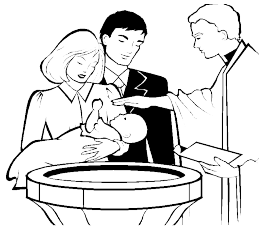


Holy Baptism



9th June Grace Rebecca Lee Sandford
 Oliver George Safe
 Laura Mary Margaret Safe

In Peace



18th June Dennis Barron
 20th June Bob Wrangles

Bible Book Club

This month we will meet on **Wednesday 10th** when we will be looking at Ecclesiastes.

Ecclesiastes has had a deep influence on Western literature. It contains several phrases that have resonated in British and American culture, such as "eat, drink and be merry," "nothing new under the sun," "a time to be born and a time to die," and "vanity of vanities; all is vanity."

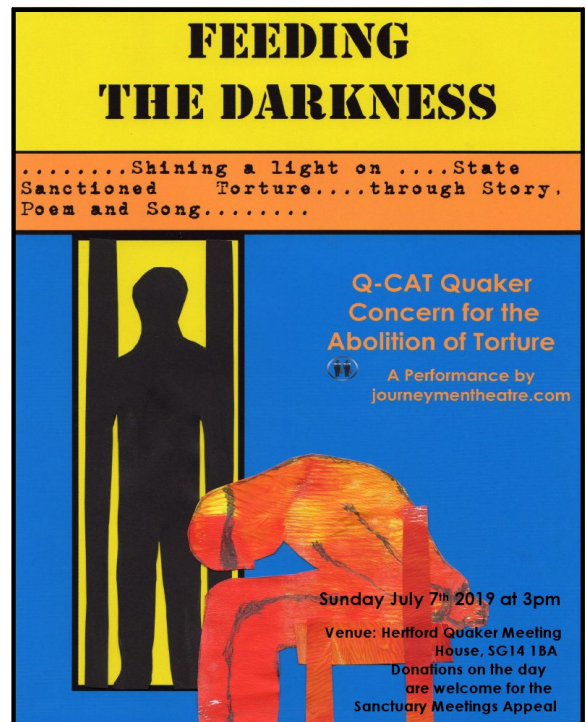
American novelist Thomas Wolfe wrote: "[O]f all I have ever seen or learned, that book seems to me the noblest, the wisest, and the most powerful expression of man's life upon this earth—and also the highest flower of poetry, eloquence, and truth. I am not given to dogmatic judgments in the matter of literary creation, but if I had to make one I could say that Ecclesiastes is the greatest single piece of writing I have ever known, and the wisdom expressed in it the most lasting and profound."

Mothers Union

Friday 19th July 12 noon Lunch at Hopley's , Much Hadham. Celebrating our Branch and all its Members! Lifts available.

Friday 9th August. Mary Sumner Day.

August. No Branch meeting.



This 65 minute performance is a result of extensive research into the dark world of state-sanctioned torture and its stark impact on victims, perpetrators, families and those who collude in the 'process'.

Immersive in style, Feeding the Darkness frames verbatim and 'faction' monologues, duologues and poetry as a series of 'ministries' which challenge our ignorance and avoidance of this sensitive and disturbing subject.

It features such wide-ranging material as the experiences of the mother of Private Lynddie England (court-marshalled for her role in the abuse of Abu Ghraib detainees), that of a Kurdish asylum seeker at an appeal tribunal, and the role of trained medical professionals in state-sanctioned torture, amongst many others.

Feeding the Darkness both iterates the Quaker position on torture and encourages us to examine how the UN Convention Against Torture (1965) Article 1 is clearly being abused by UK and world-wide governments.



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12 June 2019

Dear Hertford & District Churches Together,

Re: Hertford Lent Events for Christian Aid in 2019

It is so great to see that so many of your churches have been involved in their many different ways over Lent with their various fundraising activities for Christian Aid. Overall, you raised a grand total of **£2,155.30** which is a really fabulous effort. The monies you raised have been put towards the Christian Aid 'Count Your Blessings' Lent Appeal for Eva and Lope and for the development of their communities on the remote islands in the Philippines. Thank you so much for your tremendous Christian outreach. A great expression of your looking beyond yourselves. Thank you.

I would love to come and meet you and have an opportunity to give you an up-to-date picture of some of the very positive differences that Christian Aid is making in the 37 countries in which we are working at present. I have a very motivational message from Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, our CEO, who has been in post since April 2018, which I would like to share with you too. My contact details are below. Please do get in touch and we can sort out a visit.

In the interim, thank you again. But there remains a lot to do so please keep up the good work. Please let me know if I can give you any support.

Thanks and best wishes

Adrian

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Coffee Mornings

20th July & 14th September

Please put these dates in you diary. If you are to help/run a stall/bake a cake please speak to Dorothy or Nerine.



Sponsored Bike 'n Hike
BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

September 14th 2019

Sponsorship for last year's event raised over £500 for the Trust and the same for All Saints. Please consider what you might be able to do this year to support these two important charities.

A Starry Christmas

"A Starry Christmas", this year's Christmas Bazaar, will be held on November 22nd.

and 23rd. Planning is well under way, and there will be Christmas tree, wreath and star festivals, plenty of stalls and family games, delicious food, mulled wine, a visit from Father Christmas, a puppet show and face painting, as well as a "Carolathon" on the Friday evening.

We know that the All Saints family will come together to make this event an extraordinary success. More detail will follow in the months ahead, but in the meantime, please inform all your friends, and start collecting raffle items and prizes for tombolas (including chocolate!) and other games.

We do need a few more people to coordinate various aspects, and nearer the time will be looking for people to help at the actual event.

If you feel you can be more involved, please let Dorothy or Nerine know. Thank you very much.

Bells Appeal – Update

Since our appeal was launched, in February, I thought it was time for a brief update on progress to date.

First, there have been several generous personal donations, and I am advised that as at 10 June £3,510 had been banked. This included £500 from Councillor Bob Deering's Locality Fund.

We have also received the promise of grants from two bellringing groups:

The Hertford County Association of Change Ringers have awarded a grant of £2,500, payable when work has been completed; and

The West Anglian Guild has promised a grant of £250, again when work is completed.

A further grant of £1,500 has now been received from the Allchurches Trust, together with sums approaching £1,000 through donations at Basil Jones' funeral.

Basil was a regular ringer at Hertford although he lived in Birch Green and was a member of the band at Hertingfordbury.

Putting all this together suggests we have raised a total of £8,760 so far – just over one-third of our target of £25,000.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.

Alastair Stracey

Hertford & District Foodbank

In May we fed 165 people – compared with 116 last year - issuing 1629kg of food and receiving 1037kg in donations.

The increase of 40% in clients attending during the month compared to last year is presenting us with the challenge of providing enough core range items to our clients particularly during a period when food donations to us fall off during the summer months. We are having to buy stocks of food items in regularly at the moment.

As reported in our last update this follows on from the increases we experienced at the beginning of the year when there was a 68% increase in January and February. These increases are mainly due to Universal Credit and the closure of the Salvation Army Foodbank in Ware.

ASDA Grant

A Grant for £25,000.00 has been applied for to resource an electric van to transport donations from all the Ware and Hertford supermarkets to the Hertford Store and eventually stocking the planned store in Ware. There are also trips to our Hoddesdon warehouse and sometimes the need to exchange stock with other local Foodbanks.

There will a "Food Drive" at the Ware ASDA store in the week 8 – 13 July.

Out of interest, we have been able to obtain **TIN CAN COOK BOOK** which will be

a useful resource for our clients.

As you can see we are extremely busy especially keeping up with the demands of working with Trussell Trust and all the expectations that are required on our volunteers. We ask for your prayerful support and for your continued generosity in donating food.

Fran Spence
Secretary

Herts Welcomes Syrian Families

HWSF (<https://www.hwsf.org.uk/>) is making a short film to publicise its activities and is seeking sponsorship to complete the project. They are hoping to raise approx. £1000.00.

Anyone interested in helping is invited to visit the project website at <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/herts-welcomes-syrian-families-the-movie#/> where they can find out more and see the initial phases of the film.

Hawking, Dawkins and God: Science and Religion in Contemporary Culture

Wednesday 10th July, 7.30-9.00pm

Alban Room, St Albans Cathedral

Tickets £6

The 'celebrity scientists' such as Stephen Hawking and Richard Dawkins have tended to present a conflict model of science and faith. Yet in movies there is much more openness in the way the imagination explores science and God.

In this lecture the Rev'd Prof David Wilkinson, Canon Scientist reflects on the current situation of science and faith and suggests ways forward for education, apologetics and Christian mission.

<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/hawking-dawkins-and-god>