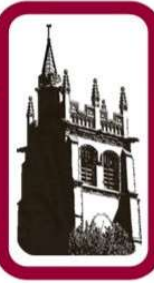


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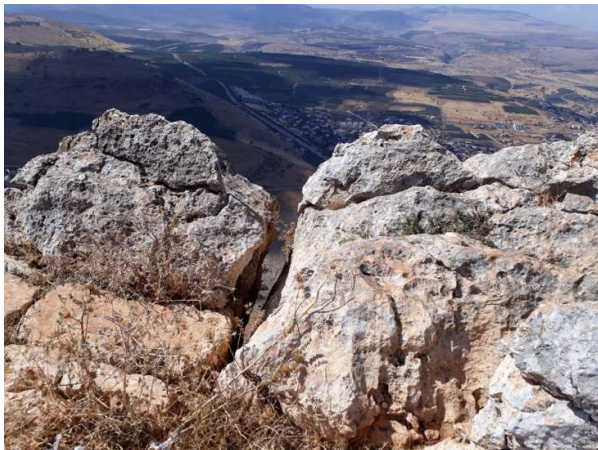


This week's
Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

14th Sunday after Trinity The Promised Land

This week we focus on the promised land in our All Age Service at 10.00 with James, Ollie and Emma Haworth leading us. The Promised Land is such a relevant subject as there will be many of us starting a new term after a summer break, it is Climate Sunday and as we look forward to the Environment, Climate and Hope Day here at All Saints next Saturday. We will reflect on the promised land, what this meant in the Bible and what it means for us today.



Mountains in the Holy Land (Photo: Janet Bird)

The people of Israel were first given a promise that they would be brought out of the terrible slavery which they had endured for years. For poor, powerless people this promise would have been so very welcome – and yet, how could it happen? Pharaoh was using them as slaves, forcing them to work with armed guards watching and ready to punish. Could the promise really come true?

All our lives are like a journey, day by day, year by year, whatever age we are at this moment. Where am I going, will things work out the way I hope, where do I place my trust? Deep inside we can find meaning for what we are doing and have a strong hope for the future. At times things may feel rocky, just like going through the desert, but we need to hold on to the promise that – like the people of Israel – God

has a purpose for our lives and will continue to lead us onward.

For this family service, we would love children to bring an example of transport, a toy car, a small suitcase or bucket and spade etc. or a piece of school uniform, or something that reminds us to look after our world. Please bring something for a show and tell part of the service.

Notices:

Sunday 5 September:

10.00 am All the Family Service

4:00 pm Messy Church in the church

Most of our Messy Church activities will take place in the churchyard. This month we will follow a "Bee trail", along with other activities, tea and a short period of worship. We are very pleased to have James Toyn joining us to lead activities for the older children.

6:30 pm Service of Holy Communion in the Vicarage Garden

Tuesday 7 September: 11.00 am on Zoom -

Morning Prayer All are welcome.

Please note that the login details have changed. Please contact Janet Bird, or check on the website.

Thursday 9 September:

11.00 am Holy Communion in Church

Sunday 12 September:

10.00 am Parish Communion, with hymns etc

Prayers:

Amongst our congregations and friends, we pray for David Heaster, Mark Bartlett, Doreen Brown, Velma Hughes, Filippo, Don Graves, Teddie Johnson, Adrian Oldland, Barry Howard and Kerry.

We remember those who have died, and those who mourn them, especially Katie Weekes

As we begin this time when we open our church to more services and activities we pray:

Lord, as we begin this new season make us ready and attentive to hear you.

Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us.

May all that we are today, all that we try to do today, may all our encounters, reflections, even the frustrations and failings all be placed in your hands.

May the work we do and the way we do it, bring new hope, new life, growth and courage to all we come in contact with.

Amen

Love Jo



This is our opportunity to showcase our church to the people of Hertford - a grateful church that cares, a church that brings hope, and most of all a church reaching out into all corners of the community. While the church as a caring, faith driven community was never closed during the pandemic, All Saints is now able to open the building once again, and we are appealing to every member of the congregation to do whatever you can to help us in this. We still need helpers on the day, so that no one

Celebrating the Environment

Facing Climate Change

Hope for the Future

has to be on duty all day. There will be a cake stall in aid of All Saints, and we would appreciate donations of cakes. Perhaps most of all we need to invite our friends and

neighbours, distribute programmes and encourage people to come so that all the speakers and stall holders who have given so much in preparation and time will have a good audience. The film made in our churchyard is one of the items on the programme.

Further details on the event can be found on the website at;

<https://www.allsaintshertford.org/ech.php>



During the event, local poet, Nigel Braggins will be reading some of his poetry.

One of his poems is a shape poem entitled 'Tree' and in the notes in his anthology he writes:

Trees are part of a precious natural treasure trove that absorb CO₂ and provide us all with life-giving oxygen (free at the point of delivery). In the beautiful rolling countryside around Hertford, you can see ancient Hornbeams, like the one in St John's Wood (visible on the skyline in the photo above). These trees were probably being coppiced during the reign of James I. Hornbeam became known as 'Hertfordshire Gold', due to the tree's value when coppiced for charcoal, used to fuel furnaces during the earliest years of the Industrial Revolution.

We are looking forward to hearing Nigel reading his poetry.

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