

# ALL SAINTS'



# ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

## Hopes for the future

As we begin 2022, I write with my prayers for God's blessing on you in this New Year and share with you some hopes for the future. We celebrate this time of Epiphany, one of the most amazing of church seasons, a time of revelation and joy. The stark outline of trees against an ever-changing sky sharpens the contrasts. Bright stars illumine the way. The Bible passages set for these Sundays follow the beginnings of the ministry of Jesus; his baptism, calling the first disciples and the first miracle. They conclude with the ancient **Feast of Candlemas**, the turning point between Christmas and Easter.

**'They were overwhelmed with joy' (Matthew 2.10)** The ongoing pandemic continues to challenge everyone, and we can't yet hold as many events but I am struck by this verse in Matthew's Gospel in which the Magi are 'overwhelmed with joy' as they enter the house where Jesus was. In the same way, I hope that your faith may bring you that same hope and joy even in our current circumstances. I would like to thank you all for the joy that you have given me by your love and care as the family of God here at All Saints

**'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness' (Psalm 69.9 and hymn)** I would like to thank our amazing wardens Janet and Nerine who have ensured that the good news of God's love has been shared with us and those outside the church walls through word and praise in our worship, care homes, housebound and in our churchyard. Thanks also to Colin who has kept us focused on the sustainability of All Saints and looked after our finances so well.

I want to express our thanks and praise to our choir and Director of Music, Martin as music has been an inspiration to us and particularly the carol services at Advent, Christmas and Epiphany have been an uplifting gift to us all, helping us to experience the depth, beauty and mystery of God. To Dorothy and the

flower arrangers who made the church look amazing and the North porch such an attraction. To Luella who has cleaned, tidied and generally given so much of her time and love to All Saints. The Fabric Team who have cared for and maintained our beautiful Church and Hall. To Kay, Amanda and Martin and Mary and the PCC for ensuring that the administration and background work of running All Saints goes so smoothly and well.

### **'Jesus .... revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him' (John 2.11)**

We are looking at the future of All Saints together and how we can grow our Church, sustainably. We see that God's love has been revealed in his Son through the visit of the Wise Men, in Christ's baptism in the Jordan and by the miracle at Cana. It is up to us to make this love and grace visible and show it through our lives both individually and working together as a Church in mission.

The words **'fullness', 'abundance' and 'overflowing'** are key words in the Gospels to express all the wonderful gifts that God gives us. So I encourage you all to participate in prayer and worship, fellowship and mission, as we look at our future together so that everyone can share in this love. As St John says, **'we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth'**. For this and God's many blessings, let us be filled with hope, joy and thanksgiving in the year ahead. Lord God Almighty, thank you that Jesus' epiphany as Son of God reaches across time and space. May we embrace your call to come and see, come and follow, go and tell others. May we remember that we are bearers of Christ's light sent out to touch others so that they may know him as Son of God and experience the wonder, love and hope his message brings.

*May the love of the Creator go before you,  
May the life of the Redeemer be within you,  
May the joy of the Spirit shine through you,  
Amen.*

Love, Jo

# MAP



We are currently revising our Mission Action Plan.

A briefing document was issued to everyone who came to Church last week. Copies have been included with this mailing. There are also copies at the back of church or on-line at [www.allsaintshertford.org/downloads/maprev.pdf](http://www.allsaintshertford.org/downloads/maprev.pdf)

There will be an opportunity to share ideas at our 10.00 am service on 16<sup>th</sup> January. But good ideas are always welcome, whenever they occur!

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> January

Hertford and District Churches Together have decided to postpone their in-person Unity Service until Pentecost. In its place are two on-line opportunities to share in prayer.

Led by Andrew Clark, Pastor of Hertford Baptist Church, there will be worship and reflection

during a short midday prayer session on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 noon using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82638567209>

or dialling in on the usual numbers and using Meeting ID: 826 3856 7209

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2022  
Join Christians from across Hertfordshire in Prayer  
on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89465881609?pwd=aHduWWw3b1NVOVlZlZ01sa3lWdkt5Zz09>  
Meeting ID: 894 6588 1609 and Passcode: 656904

Hosted by Churches Together in Hertfordshire.  
Worship and a time of open prayer led by:  
Rt. Rev. Michael Beasley, Bishop of Hertford and  
Rev. Stephen Copson, Central Baptist Association.  
Music provided by harpist, Alison Eve.

Alternatively Churches Together in Hertfordshire, have arranged a service of prayer on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 19.30. This will be led by the **Rt Revd Michael Beasley, Bishop of Hertford** with music led by harpist, **Alison Eve** and contributions from Christians from across the churches. **Rev. Stephen Copson of the Central Baptist Association** will then lead a time of open prayer together. All are very welcome.

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## Coffee after 10.00 am services

We plan to restart serving coffee from 6<sup>th</sup> February.



Where possible, please can you bring a reusable cup/mug with you so that we can reduce our 'footprint' – and save on unnecessary cost too. We will, of course, have some cups/mugs available for those who are unable to bring one

# Christingle Service

Our All the Family Service on February 6<sup>th</sup> will be a Christingle Service.

Christingles are oranges wrapped in red tape, decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on the top.



Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning and helps to tell the Christian story:

- The orange represents the world
- The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ
- The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations
- The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness



We warmly encourage you to join in the Living in Love and Faith course taking place in this Diocese and across The Church of England as we explore together Christian teaching and our understandings of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

If you're not sure about what this is all about, there is a short film to watch which features some people who have already taken part: [LLF film](#)

We are encouraging every parish and chaplaincy in the Diocese to take part in the course. There are just five sessions in the course, each lasting about 90 minutes.

Please do join us online via Zoom for the LLF course which will be run by Bishop Michael. The dates are all Wednesdays from 7.30 to 9 pm:

26 January, 2 February, 9 February, 23 February and 9 March.

To book a place please go to: LLF [Eventbrite booking](#)

However you take part in the LLF course, at the end please take a little time to reflect on what you have shared and heard and then submit your feedback so that your voice is part of The Church of England's ongoing reflections on these important matters: [LLF CofE Feedback link](#)

Do get in touch with the LLF Advocate in St Albans Diocese, The Revd Will Gibbs if you have any specific questions: [email Will Gibbs](#)

## Soundbites

We have planned a nine-week season for the Spring running from February 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup> inclusive, beginning with a recital by George Smith Cello

George, a former pupil at Richard Hale School is currently reading Music at Queens' College, Cambridge and studying cello with Hannah Roberts at the Royal Academy of Music



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# Soundbites

A Term-Time Series of Concerts on Wednesday Lunch-Times  
(Light Lunches served from 12noon for Concerts at 1.00pm)

**Wednesday 2 February 2022**

**George Smith**  
(Cello)

George Smith is currently reading Music at Queens' College Cambridge and studies the cello with Hannah Roberts at the Royal Academy of Music.

In 2019 he was chosen by Hertford Music Festival to play in a masterclass with Steven Isserlis. As a member of the National Youth String Orchestra he has performed at the Monmouth Festival, Kings Place London, the Lake District Summer Music Festival and live on BBC Radio 3's 'In Tune', during which he also took part in an interview.

**Free Admission with Retiring Collection in Aid of All Saints' Church**

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# Parish Diary

All these events are subject to change in the light of revisions to guidance issued by HMG or CofE. We endeavour to keep our website up to date with any changes.

If in doubt please check at [www.allsaintshertford.org/diary.php](http://www.allsaintshertford.org/diary.php)

## JANUARY

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**5.30 pm** Choir Practices in Church

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**10.00 am** Shortened Communion

**6.30 pm** Choral Compline

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**11.00 am** Morning Prayer on Zoom

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30 am** Head Teacher's Prayers in Church

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**11.00 am** Holy Communion in Church

**12.00 noon** Service for Christian unity on Zoom

**7.30 pm** All Saints Art in Church

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

**5.30 pm** Choir Practices in Church

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**10.00 am** Parish Communion

**6.30 pm** Choral Compline

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**11.00 am** Morning Prayer on Zoom

**7.30 pm** PCC on Zoom

**7.30 pm** Service for Christian Unity on Zoom

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30 am** Head Teacher's Prayers in Church

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**11.00 am** Morning Prayer in Church

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**5.30 pm** Choir Practices in Church

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**10.00 am** Parish Communion

**6.30 pm** Said Evensong

## FEBRUARY

### Regular Weekday Events

#### Mondays

**18.30** Fellowship Group (3<sup>rd</sup> Mon)

#### Wednesdays

**12.15 for 13.00** Soundbites

#### Thursdays

**11.00** Holy Communion

**19.30** All Saints Art

#### Fridays 18.30 - 21.00

Choir Practices (in Term Time)

### Sunday Services

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

**10.00 am** All the Family Service - *Christingle*

**6.30 pm** Choral Communion

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

**10.00 am** Parish Communion

**6.30 pm** Choral Evensong

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

**10.00 am** Family Eucharist

**4.00 pm** Messy Church

**6.30 pm** Choral Compline

#### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday next before Lent

**10.00 am** Parish Communion

**6.30 pm** Choral Evensong

### Login details for Tuesday Morning Prayer

We have had some problems with Zoom links. If you are not sure you have the up-to-date one for the Tuesday Zoomed Morning Prayer then please email Janet Bird at [onzoom@allsaintshertford.org](mailto:onzoom@allsaintshertford.org) and she will supply.

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