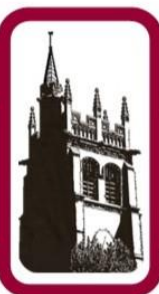


ALL SAINTS'



ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

God save the Queen

Dear Friends,

We sing and pray it, and I think He has! 70 years, a phenomenal achievement of reigning over our nation for a truly exceptional period. Thus far. God save the Queen.

The Platinum Anniversary celebrations remind us of the sheer dedication of Queen Elizabeth II. She became Queen at an early age near the beginning of the 1950s, to rule a nation still recovering from the war. She was crowned as the monarch of our nation and as the head of the Church of England, and her way of living out those roles has been truly exemplary.



The role of Queen has taken up almost the whole of Elizabeth's adult life, and she has remained faithful to her calling. For it is a calling, from her birth and most clearly in her Coronation. The old films of that event look like something from a totally different era, as

she is crowned by the Archbishop. The spiritual aspect of her office is made clear from the start, and it is surely apparent to all how dedicated she has been, and remains, to that task.

Our Queen has shown fortitude through so many different events, both personally and politically, and her regular attendance at church has shown the genuine Christian roots of her reign. There have been tumultuous times in these seventy years, bringing huge challenges, but she has remained faithful and shown a Christian approach to all that has transpired. She has been flexible in embracing change while holding on to the values entrusted to her.

Queen Elizabeth's dedication throughout her life commends to us the value of staying true to our calling through all that life brings our way, and some of it can be very challenging. When we are faced with a problem or a crisis it can be tempting to move away from the principles which we profess, perhaps in a despairing way, feeling there's no future in this way of living. But we need a firm foundation to bring us back to the way of life to which we are called. Faith in God gives us that constant security that we can continue (or return to) our Christian journey to live in a manner which will encourage others to believe and follow the way of Jesus.

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us.

Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Love and prayers, Jo

A Pentecost Sonnet by Malcolm Guite

from Sounding the Seasons

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and
sings

As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into
earth.

The earth herself awakens to her maker
And is translated out of death to birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of
Peace

Today the lost are found in His translation.
Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



HERTFORD CASTLE
**THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM
JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

Plus!
Free Evening Event
Hertford Castle
Beacon Lighting with
music and entertainment
from 8.45pm

Join us to celebrate the
Queen's 70th Jubilee at
Hertford Castle
Thursday 2nd June 2022
12pm - 4pm
FREE Family Fun Day
Enjoy a castle open day, traditional summer fete
games & activities, food & drink, music & more

 **HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL**

www.gohertford.co.uk for more information

Hertford Castle invite everyone to join in a Family Fun Day, Brass Concert and Lighting of Beacon. More information at <https://www.hertford.gov.uk/events-listings/hertford-castle-the-queen-s-platinum-jubilee-celebration/>

In All Saints

In addition to the Jubilee Choral Celebration on Friday 3rd at 17.30 (details on next page) we are holding a special **Pentecost Eucharist** for All The Church Family incorporating music and prayers for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on **Sunday 5th at 10.00 am.**

At 4.30 pm there will be a Jubilee Tea in church. We will gather for tea and cake to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, and to take a trip down memory lane through the 70 years of her reign.

There will also be a chance to see the Maundy Money purses and to learn about the Queen's role in that.

This will be followed by a Taizé service with Hymns at 6.30 pm

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An Invitation to
Afternoon Tea to Celebrate the
PLATINUM JUBILEE
of HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN



SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022
4.30pm in the Church
Followed by a Taizé Service at 6.30pm
Please contact Nerine Chalmers: 07535803529

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - Queens Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8AY
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Soundbites Summer Season

The Soundbites Summer Concert Season continues throughout June.

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

Wednesday 1 June 2022 Magdalene Ho (Piano)  <small>J. S. Bach: French Suite No. 2 in C minor</small>	Wednesday 8 June 2022 Hertfordshire Festival of Music Mathilde Milwidsky (Violin) Huw Watkins (Piano)   <small>W.A. Mozart: Rondo in C major K.373 David Matthews: Preludes II & V from Fifteen Preludes for solo violin Op.132 Agnes Zimmermann: Violin Sonata No. 3 in G major Op.23 Huw Watkins: Arietta for violin and piano Bela Bartok: Six Romanian Dances for violin and piano (arr. Beakley)</small>	
Wednesday 15 June 2022 Music Students from Haileybury 	Wednesday 22 June 2022 Concentus VII Louise Strickland (Recorder) Belinda Paul (Bassoon) Dan Tidhar (Harpichord) <small>Concentus VII perform small scale baroque works for wind instruments and continuo</small> <small>Free Admission with Hertford Collection to All of All Saints' Church</small>	Wednesday 20 June 2022 Golden Piano Trio  <small>Schubert: Trio in E flat Op.100</small>

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1st June:
Magdalene Ho – Piano
French Suite No. 2 in C minor - J. S. Bach
Carnaval – Robert Schumann

8th June:
Mathilde Milwidsky - violin
Huw Watkins - piano

15th June
Music students from Haileybury

22nd June
Concentus VII
Small scale baroque works for wind instruments and continuo

29th June
Golden Piano Trio
Trio in E flat Op.100 - Schubert

The Autumn Season will run from 28th September to 30th November inclusive.



HERTFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

Thursday 2 June 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Join the Hertfordshire Festival of Music Concert Band in the beautiful grounds of Hertford Castle to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 70th Jubilee, and pay tribute to the Festival's Co-Artistic director, the late Tom Hammond. The programme includes Handel's rousing Music for the Royal Fireworks as well as Malcolm Arnold's 'Padstow Lifeboat' and favourite John Williams film scores. The band brings together community musicians who played with Tom in the Hertford Symphony Orchestra and St Albans Symphony Orchestra with Radlett's Phoenix Concert Band and their conductor, Chris McGinity.

This bank holiday outdoor concert is part of Hertford Town Council's Castle Open Day marking the Jubilee between 12 noon and 4pm.

JUBILEE CHORAL CELEBRATION

Friday 3rd June, 5.30pm - 7.00pm
All Saints Church

Join us in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as we hear music from the 1953 service alongside rousing and

patriotic favourites from Parry, Walton, Handel and Purcell.

No fewer than three local choirs join forces for the first time in a programme interspersed with evocative and reflective solos from local star-organist William Whitehead. This is sure to be an historic and memorable occasion for all.



Programme includes: Parry - I was Glad, Handel - Zadok the Priest, Matthews - Psalm 23 and Will Todd - The Call of Wisdom.

Featuring:
Choir of All Saints', Hertford
Choir of Hertford St Andrew
Hertford Chamber Choir

HERTFORDSHIRE FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

Saturday 4 June, 6.00pm - 7.30pm
All Saints Church

Bach's Suite with its ever popular 'Air for the G string' is one of the most celebrated works of the Baroque era. In this version from 1730, Bach brings oboes, trumpets and kettledrums into the fold - to stunning effect! This glorious work is preceded by a work by our Featured Living Composer, David Matthews.

Described by the Guardian as '...irrepressibly charming...' this evocative work is flanked by two brilliant and highly distinctive concertos by Malcolm Arnold played by two eminent musicians from Hertfordshire, Emma Halnan and William Whitehead.

The programme was conceived by the late Tom Hammond and is conducted by his close friend Matthew Taylor, in tribute to our much-loved Co-Artistic Director and Festival founder.

Matthew Taylor – conductor
Emma Halnan – flute
William Whitehead – organ

SOUNDBITES

Mathilde Milwidsky - violin
Huw Watkins - piano
Wednesday 8 June, 1:00pm - 1:55pm
All Saints Church

Mathilde Milwidsky has done much to rehabilitate the standing of the remarkable composer, Agnes Zimmermann (1847-1925) and this major work is a triumph of Romanticism. Joined by pianist Huw Watkins, a major British composer in his own right, we'll hear a work by him written in response to the pandemic, mirroring two charming vignettes by our Featured Living Composer, David Matthews.

Choir Promotions

Congratulations to Isabel Jorge and Kate Glover on their recent promotions to Junior Chorister awarded last month.



HCS 'Jazzing it up'

Hertford Choral Society are now busily rehearsing for their super summer jazz concert; Chilcott, Gilthorpe and the Chris Eldred Trio. A burst of gloriously happy music for longer warmer days and lighter evenings.

More information on their website at <https://www.hertfordchoral.org.uk/our-concerts/summer-concert>.

Jazzing it up

Jazz Missa Brevis
Don Gilthorpe
Six Jazz Motets

A Little Jazz Mass
Bob Chilcott

HC Saturday 25 June 2022
Hertford Choral Society
7:30 All Saints Church, Hertford SG13 8AY
Chris Eldred Trio
Manvinder Rattan conductor

TICKETS £16 reserved, £12 unreserved, £4 students under 25
Email: tickets@hertfordchoral.org.uk or phone 07936 719498
In person: Hertford Town & Tourist Information Centre, 10-12 The Wash, Hertford, SG14 1PX
Full details at www.hertfordchoral.org.uk

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Michael Stephens-Jones 26th June

Michael's career continues to grow and flourish. He has signed contracts for an exciting new role from September at a very prestigious cathedral – but for now it has to remain hush-hush. Hopefully we will be able to spread the good news properly soon.

In the meantime, his year at Guildford Cathedral is coming to a close and he will be giving a valedictory recital in the Cathedral at 3.00 pm.

A number of us wish to be there to support him so the evening service at All Saints will be a simple said service.

Green Watch 9th July

This month's talk at 13.00 will be given by Clive Fleming of the Hertford Swift Group
(<http://Facebook.com/HertfordSwifts>)

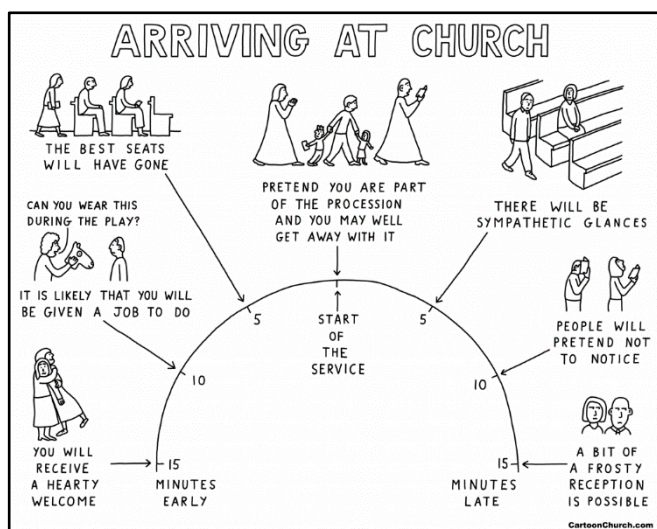
The Swifts Return

BBC Radio 4 "Thought for the day" 11/5/2022
Hannah Malcolm (reprinted by permission)



Like many others I have spent the last couple of days with my eyes trained

upwards, hoping for my first sighting of a returning swift. Each year the beginning of May marks the end of their long migration from Africa, and each year I wait anxiously for a first sight of their safe return. And then, yesterday morning, I was rewarded with a sudden swooping flash past my window, the dark curve of their wings joyful against the blue spring sky.



In this country our relationship with birds is complicated. Millions of us tune into Springwatch, and we spend more than twice as much on bird food as the rest of Europe put together. But we also tear down hedgerows, net our buildings, and make liberal use of pesticides. Last week the BBC reported on a 75 year-long study of Great Tits which found that the changing climate has pushed egg-laying up to three weeks earlier than usual. Birds are considered a good indicator of the state of wildlife in the UK, and their numbers have consistently declined over the last half century. As our ability to manage our environments increases, we are remaking the

world in our own image. We can look around us and see where humans have intervened to protect and sustain ecologies, and where humans have intervened for the benefit of a few powerful people. When the world feels like it's growing more chaotic and the future feels threatened, it is easy to give up investing in the fates of these other creatures – to see them as insignificant, or even a barrier to our own flourishing.

Last Sunday was the feast day of Julian of Norwich, a 14th century mystic who lived through hunger and plague, political upheaval and violence, and personal suffering. A woman who wrote in the vernacular, her life was insignificant in the hierarchy of the Church. But during an illness which brought her close to death, she had a series of visions about the love of God for creation. In perhaps the most famous of those visions, she sees a tiny thing in the palm of her hand, the size of a hazelnut. She is told that this tiny thing is everything that is made. Julian is astonished that something so small could keep on existing. But then comes the response: it lives, and will keep living, because God loves it. Julian sees that littleness and fragility are not at odds with ultimate significance. As the sky fills with swifts returning for another spring, I am reminded that it is not foolish to delight in these little creatures. Perhaps in doing so we might learn to love the world as though it is not ours to control.

<https://hannahmalcolm.wordpress.com/2022/05/11/the-swifts-return-thought-for-the-day/>

Produce Stall Report

(Due to a miscommunication, this report for the 2022 APCM was not included in the report pack. It is now also available at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/apcm.php>)

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all those faithful customers of the Produce Stall who return week after week on Sunday, or at Soundbites on Wednesday to buy my home-made jams, marmalade and chutney, or bird food, fruits in season, fresh eggs (courtesy of the Rescue hens!), plants, flowers and apple juice. The following is what you have helped to achieve.

In the last year we have had two major, world-shattering emergencies/crises - the return of

the Taliban to power in Afghanistan and the invasion of Ukraine by Putin's forces. This has dictated the destination for money raised, following three months in aid of All Saints.

From 2/5/21 - 29/8/21 the Produce Stall was in aid of All Saints, and raised a total of £483.95.

From 5/9/21 - 27/2/22, following the takeover by the Taliban, I shifted the Produce Stall proceeds to go to Aschiana, which raised a total of £1,229.70. This included the sale of Indian masks brought over from Mumbai at Christmas by my granddaughter Chloe.

From 2/3/22 - 3/4/22 (and ongoing) the Produce Stall has been in aid of Ukraine, raising £857 so far. (Another £240 was raised by 8/5/22, making £1,097 in total to date for Ukraine).

Some of the money taken through the Stall has been donations rather than sales. The figures for Aschiana and for Ukraine show the measure of concern among people for worldwide disasters..

In Kabul, Aschiana is still teaching boys and young girls, but in common with the rest of the country they are not allowed to teach older girls. Female teachers have been allowed to teach however - for now. Aschiana is also working in the IDP camps.

In addition to Sunday mornings, the Produce Stall raises funds at coffee mornings etc. which go straight into the capable hands of Colin Bird and his allies!

So, again, a huge, huge THANK YOU, and please - keep it up!

God Bless,
Fiona E.

Annual Plant Sale

Our annual Plant Sale took place on Saturday 21st May and raised over £1000 for Christian Aid, over £400 for All Saints and over £50 for Ukraine, with further sales on Sunday 22nd the total rose to over £1,500.

Well done and Thank You to everyone involved in any way.

Republic of Conscience

BBC Radio 4 "Thought for the Day" 10/5/22

Rhidian Brook (reprinted by permission)

Some people want things to change; some want things to go back to how they once were; others want things to stay exactly the same. The push and pull of these differing desires can now be felt right around the world; often they lead to terrible consequences, but sometimes they strike us with flashes of hope.

I thought this as Sinn Fein became the largest party in the Northern Ireland Assembly for the first time in history. I grew up with a step-father in the British Army, who did several tours of duty at the height of The Troubles. For me Sinn Fein was a name to be feared, like the IRA. I associated it with Armalite rifles and Semtex and imagined it to be an existential threat to me and my family.

To see Michelle O'Neill rise to become the nominee for Northern Ireland's First Minister shows how much things have changed since I was boy. A situation that once seemed, to my mind, forever stuck in endless intransigence has - to quote W.B. Yeats - 'All changed; changed utterly.'

'Don't be scared,' O'Neill said in her winning speech. Acknowledging a fear of change and what this electoral victory might mean to people bitterly opposed to what she stands for. When she said the result presented the Irish people with an opportunity to 'reimagine relationships in this society' it was a good choice of words.

Imagination - or the mind - is where the struggle to make things better between people happens. In his poem, 'From The Republic Of Conscience', Seamus Heaney describes this territory as that universal place where a person finds it hard to avoid self-examination.

What do you do when your enemies make the journey from violence to peace and demonstrate a transformation? Do you have to change, too? And is that just? We might say we prefer reconciliation to strife, but sometimes holding a grievance is easier than

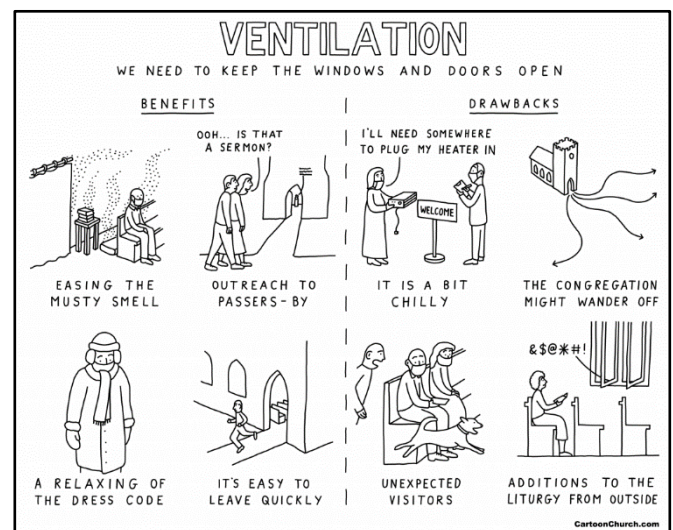
letting it go. Especially when you have personally suffered loss and injustice.

When Solomon wrote the proverb: 'It is to a person's credit to pass by an offence', he was recognising that reconciliation is impossible if it is conditional on our offences forever being held against us. As hard as it is, forgiving digs us out of entrenched positions.

A mind is perhaps the toughest thing in the world to change. But it is where change has to take place if wider societal transformation is to happen. It often requires going against our instincts. As St. Paul wrote, 'Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed in the renewing of your mind.'

Sometimes it takes the next generation to bring about a renewal. One that can acknowledge the past, re-think the present and better imagine a future.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0c5wgml>



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Parish Diary for June 2022

Wednesday 1st (Justin)

12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Magdalene Ho – Piano

Thursday 2nd

11.00 am **NO** Holy Communion in Church

Friday 3rd (Martyrs of Uganda)

5.30 pm Queen's Platinum Jubilee Choral
Concert

Saturday 4th (Petroc)

6.00 pm Concert by Hertfordshire Festival
Orchestra

Sunday 5th Pentecost

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Jubilee Family Eucharist
4.30 pm Jubilee Tea
6.30 pm Taizé Service with Hymns

Tuesday 7th

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday 8th (Thomas Ken)

12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Mathilde Milwidsky – Violin
Huw Watkins – Piano

Thursday 9th (Columba)

11.00 am Holy Communion in Church
7.30 pm All Saints Art in Church

Friday 10th

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 11th (Barnabas)

10.15 am. MU: Diocesan Annual Meeting
St Barnabas Centre, CM23 4BE.

Sunday 12th Trinity Sunday

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 14th (Richard Baxter)

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
7.30 pm MU: 'My Brother on D Day' Mollie Day

Wednesday 15th (Evelyn Underhill)

12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Music Students from Haileybury

Thursday 16th (Corpus Christi)

11.00 am Holy Communion in Church
7.30 pm All Saints Art in Church

Friday 17th (Samuel & Henriette Barnett)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 18th

2.00 pm Wedding of Megan Howard & Rob
Greening

Sunday 19th First Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Family Eucharist
6.30 pm Choral Compline

Monday 20th

6.30 pm Fellowship & Discussion Group

Tuesday 21st

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday 22nd (Alban)

9.50 am MU Wave of Prayer.
12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites: Concentus VII

Thursday 23rd (Etheldreda)

11.00 am Holy Communion in Church
7.30 pm All Saints Art in Church
7.30 pm HCS Rehearsal

Friday 24th (Birth of John the Baptist)

1.00 pm MU: The Gotha Garden at Pembroke
Farm near Baldock.
5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 25th

7.30 pm Concert by HCS "Jazzing it up"

Sunday 26th Second Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion
3.00 pm Valedictory Recital by Michael Stephens-
Jones at Guildford Cathedral
6.30 pm Evensong

Tuesday 28th (Iraeneous)

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
12.00 noon Blessing of Wedding of David & Sally
Brown

Wednesday 29th (Peter and Paul)

12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Golden Piano Trio

Thursday 30th

11.00 am Holy Communion in Church
7.30 pm All Saints Art in Church

JULY Friday 1st (Henry John & Henry Venn)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Sunday 3rd Third Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am All the Family Service
6.30 pm Choral Communion