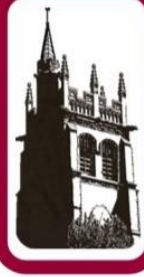


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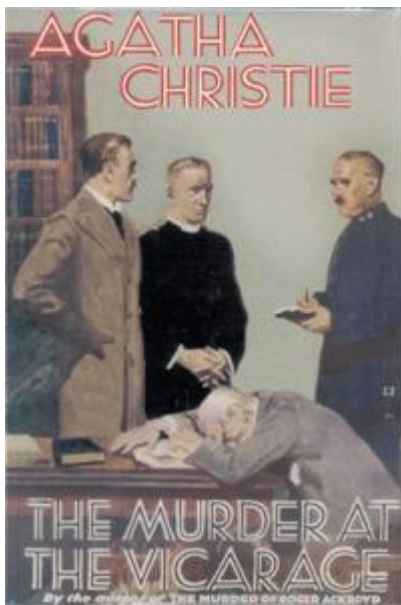


ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

"Let us Proclaim the Mystery of Faith"

Dear Friends,



Do you like a mystery? Most dramas stem from uncertain happenings, and it's very interesting to try to work out why events have occurred in the way they have. I used to read Agatha Christie books, where Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot investigates

terrible crimes like murder at the Vicarage or on the rather more exotic Orient Express.

The Mystery House is the inevitable conclusion of *Escape to the Country*, the third and final property to be presented to the house hunters. It's very often the home which people choose, rather than the previous options, so well done to the BBC in being so helpful, having acquired 100 years of experience and wisdom.



The reason why the property is defined as a Mystery House is, of course, that it is

unexpected. The shot in the dark – the big question mark... It goes against the preferences and suppositions of the buyers. If they didn't want that, it's a "chocolate box" thatched cottage, if they wanted character it's a new-build with great views, and guess what turns up if they thought they hate barn conversions.....

Mystery is also a spiritual word, and it is often used at our central service, the Eucharist. Immediately following the taking and blessing of the bread and wine the priest says "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith". It is an extremely special moment, and in terms of communion it is at the stage where the ordinary stuff of bread and wine becomes for us something much richer, more significant, a moment to acknowledge and share in the wonder of the saving work of Christ and his close – yet mysterious - presence with us, his people.



I like the fact that mystery suggests that something goes against what we may have thought and expected, that it challenges and surprises – yet it invites our interest and engagement.

Living in a scientific age, people often think that something needs to be, proven, definite,

capable of being utterly clear, but some things cannot be so. And when it comes to our experiences I don't think that we should consider mystery to be a problem.

I sometime wonder how I found faith and became a Christian. After all, many others around me didn't - though who knows, all these years later? Another mystery. It could partly be put down to family circumstances, to where we lived, to moments where we happened to meet other people of faith. I can't be sure. But I know that I felt called by a mysterious presence, indefinable but real, from an early age to seek to become a priest. I believe that God is present for us all if we are open to his presence and willing to embrace the mystery.

Faith is not the same for everyone – there are varieties of faith, different approaches and perceptions. With our Patronal Festival of All Saints on 30 October I know that the saints in the Bible and the saints down through the ages have been a remarkably varied set of people. Their way of expressing their faith, their form of prayer and worship, the way they ministered, their views on the issues of the day were not always what might be expected – but they were all centred on God in Jesus Christ. It remains so today, there isn't a template for faith (whatever some may tell us) and All Saints is about varied people serving Christ in many ways, and now it's about you and I.

We are already hearing a lot about Christmas, and it is sure to increase as many of us will not be able to spend out in this time of high inflation. At this time the church will focus on Remembrance, a very significant period now that there is a war in Europe, then Advent as we prepare spiritually. But in due course at one of the heights of our Christmas worship, the Nine Lessons and Carols, the final Gospel is read (John 1.1-14) and the announcement is made "St John reveals the Mystery of the Incarnation".

Jesus' coming among us as Son of God is a mystery, a very holy and wonderful one, as He makes his home with us in this world, in a stable – who would have expected that?

What a mystery.
Love, Jo

When faith is tested.

We may feel that it's not too difficult to believe when life is easy-going, but there are times when it is much harder to hold on to faith. Yet when times are hard we actually need God more than ever.



Our church is currently going through a wilderness period. A number of people we know are going through challenging times needing medical intervention. We are praying for those who are suffering now and for those who are healing.

This isn't the place for names - though most are on our newsheets - except for the name of Nerine who is one of our church wardens. She was knocked down at speed on the A414 and was airlifted to hospital. She has been in a critical condition since then, and we have prayed for her recovery.

The wilderness period is rough, so close to the edge. Jesus went through the wilderness and felt its desolation and threat, but he remained faithful and resisted all that might pull him away from his mission and his trust in God the heavenly Father. May we too hold fast to faith and continue to hope and pray for Nerine and others in such need.

Interfaith Week 2022

**Special event at the Cathedral
Monday 14th November 2022.**

In commemorating Inter Faith Week 2022, Church of England St Albans Abbey is inviting people from all faiths, and also those affiliated to no particular faith, to join together for an evening of sharing together stories and practical examples of living well together as good neighbours and also serving God's

justice TOGETHER in our one and only beautiful world.



This will be an opportunity to:

- a) acknowledge the plight of refugees and asylum seekers, the impact and multiple disadvantages of war and other violent conflicts going on in the world
- b) share inspiration from different faith perspectives to address contemporary issues of racial, environmental, economic, political and social injustices in the world
- c) meet and network with friends & invited guests from different faiths, cultures and ethnicities from across St Albans Diocese and also our ecumenical partners, civic dignitaries and political representatives.

(Free) tickets from <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-albans-diocesan-interfaith-week-event-gods-justice-in-our-world-tickets-391154021207>

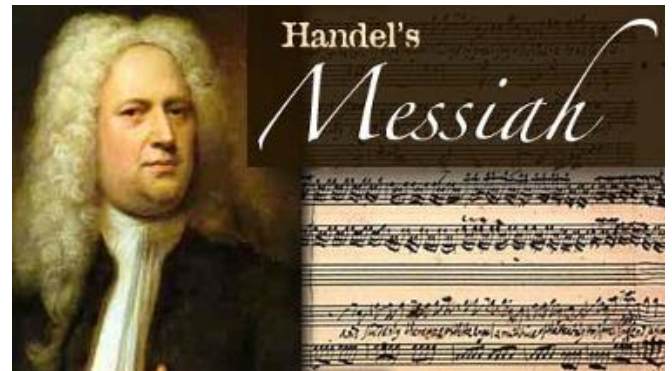
Arrive 6.45pm onwards for a 7.30pm start
Light refreshments will be served at 6.45pm

Bring & Sing Messiah Part 1 27th November 6.30 pm

We are marking the start of the church year with a performance of Part 1 of *Messiah* –

This will be a 'Bring and Sing' event so if you have enjoyed humming along, have attended a performance and wondered "could I do that?" or "I'd love to have a go" or used to sing in a choir and now miss it, then this event is for you. Equally if you just wondered what is involved in delivering such beautiful music, then this is the chance to find out.

Either way, do come and join a friendly and supportive group of choral enthusiasts of all shapes, sizes and capabilities! Rehearsals run from 3.15 pm and there will be tea and cake!



More information at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/bsing.php>.

And, of course, we hope there will be a goodly congregation to reflect on this important Christian story – and enjoy some fine music making by local musicians.

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Warm & Welcoming Spaces in Hertford

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More to come...

Churches Together in Hertford have pulled together an initial schedule of when various churches in and around Hertford will be open, offering a Warm Space to anyone who needs it.

This schedule will run from 7th November to 31st March and further days/times may be added.

Please share this widely - copies will be available in church from Sunday 30th October.

A larger version can be found on page 7.

Coffee Morning & Green Watch Talk




GREEN WATCH

A Series of Talks on Environmental Themes

Trees

By The Rev Bill Church

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2022 at 1.00pm

Coffee Morning from 10.30am
Light Lunches from 12noon

- Home Made Cakes • Books
- Produce Stall • FREE Admission and Parking at the Church

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Our next Coffee Morning and Green Watch talk is on Saturday 12th November from 10.30, light lunches from 12.00 with Rev Bill Church talking about Trees at 1.00 pm. Do come along and support this.

If you are able to help run this in any way, or any other event, please speak to Jo as we are rather short of helpers at present.

PJO/Habermann return



In amongst the many Carol Services that we will be hosting in December, we have been

lucky enough to find a slot for a concert by the Phoenix Jazz Orchestra and Robert Habermann.

This will be on Thursday 22nd December. More details in next month's newsletter.

art SALE



Celebrating 40 Years of Friends of Hertford Museum

Magnificent art SALE

Members of the Hertford Art Society kindly offer their Original Paintings for Sale in Aid of the Hertford Museum



SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2022

10.00am-5.00pm

Refreshments available all day and
Light Lunches Served from 12noon to 2.00pm



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH
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Proceeds from refreshments will come to All Saints so any offers of cakes welcome, and I hope to have my craft stall as well as produce and book.

Sale of art money goes to the Friends of the Museum thanks to the generosity of the artists of the Hertford Art Society.

Dorothy Toyn

Flower Club

We often get great compliments about the flowers at All Saints and the members of the Flower Club enjoy arranging them to decorate the Church.

However, we are very few in numbers now and illness and holidays has caused some very difficult times for the club. We would love to

welcome more people to join us and we can guide those with no experience of flower arranging.

Please contact Dorothy Toyn 01992 589781 or Fiona Earle (01992 462467) or email flowers@allsaintshertford.org

Vaughan Williams 150

Ralph Vaughan Williams was born 150 years ago, 12 October 1872 at Down Ampney, Gloucestershire.

There have been celebrations in many music events across the country, as he was a great composer, also because he made many contributions to the English Hymnal when he became its editor.

He loved English folk songs and went on walking tours across the land, collecting almost 800 songs which could easily have been lost, and a number of those songs are in our hymn books today. He came across a clog dance tune sung by Harriet Verrall on a farm at Monks Gate near Horsham. This was set to words from Pilgrim's Progress, He who would valiant be, the tune being named Monks Gate despite being nothing to do with monasteries.

Another became Sussex Carol, to the words "On Christmas night all Christians sing" and the tune to "O little town of Bethlehem" stemmed from a tragic ballad.

Vaughan Williams was not religious, despite the fact that his father was a Vicar. In fact his great-uncle was Charles Darwin!

He needed to be pressured into working on a hymnal. But what results from a Christian point of view. For all his uncertainty, he composed wonderful music, such as Variations on a Theme by Thomas Tallis and produced the sublime tune (Down Ampney) to the words of "Come down, O love divine" which beautifully invites the Holy Spirit to seek the soul, to bring charity/love, to inspire and guide.

For a person of little faith, Vaughan Williams possessed remarkable spiritual sensitivity to enrich our hymnody with such beautiful music.



Hertford Choral Society presents



Toward the Unknown Region

Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of Ralph Vaughan Williams

7.30pm, Saturday 29th October 2022
All Saints' Church, Hertford SG13 8AY

A selection of works by
Ralph Vaughan Williams
M Bruch – 1st Violin Concerto

Orchestra: Serafine Sinfonia
Violin: Diana Galvydyte
Baritone: Samuel Morton-Morris
Conductor: Manvinder Rattan

Tickets:
£16 reserved / £12 unreserved / £4 for students
Email: tickets@hertfordchoral.org.uk
Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk
(booking fee applies)
In person: Hertford Town & Tourist Information Centre,
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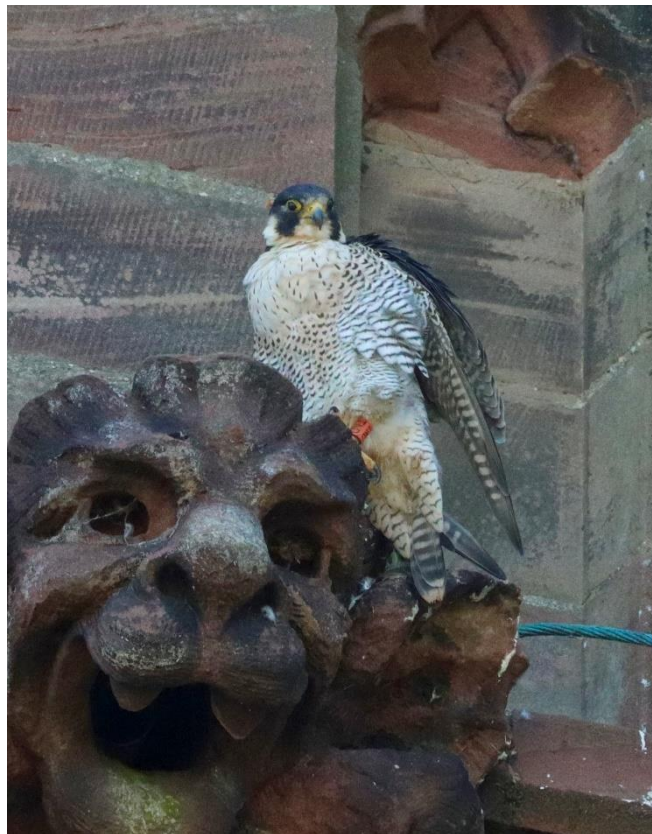
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RVW will be celebrated at All Saints on 29th October by Hertford Choral Society, with the Te Deum, Five Mystical Songs and the Old 100th Psalm Tune (composed for the Coronation of our late Queen Elizabeth II in 1953) and Toward

the Unknown Region from which the HCS programme takes its title. Whatever his personal faith, his spiritual music certainly has the ability to aid us in our journey towards that unknown region which many of us think of as the Divine.

Vaughan Williams was celebrated in All Saints on Sunday 16th October when the Church Choir sang the anthem "O taste and see how gracious the Lord is". It was beautifully sung, with solo lines by Kate, singing solo for the first time. Kate is the grand-daughter of Nerine, our Warden currently in Intensive Care, making it especially poignant. The choir had practiced previously, and Kate insisted on going ahead despite the family circumstance.

The service also included an organ piece by RVW - "Rhosymedre" - and a piece written by his great friend Herbert Howells 'For the 12th day of any October' composed in 1972 – the 100th anniversary of RVW's birth.



Here is 'Flo' on a tower gargoyle at All Saints' showing the digits TND clearly.

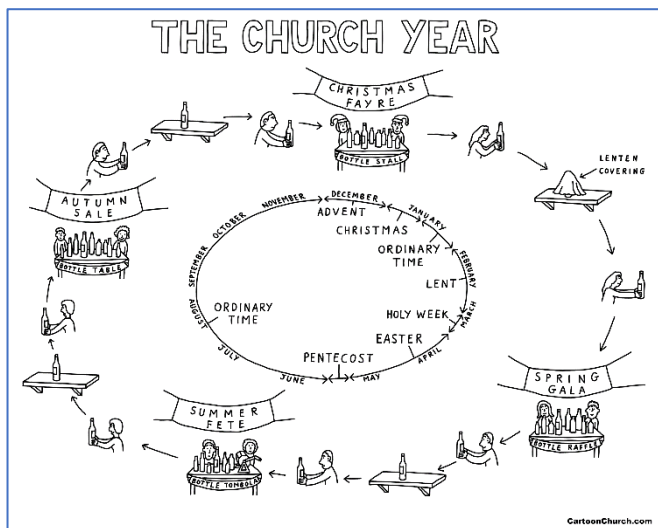
Barry Trevis, our peregrine expert and bird ringer, found that she had been born as a chick on Salisbury Cathedral and as it was a vaccination centre at the time she had been given the name Flo, short for Florence Nightingale. Barry suggested that Flo had flown to All Saints to take a caring eye on Nerine.

Barry also sent the image on to Nigel Jones, the ringer there, asking him to arrange for it to be added to Salisbury Cathedral Peregrine website. This will certainly interest the many people who follow the Peregrines there. We will keep Salisbury up to date with developments at All Saints.

From the Salisbury Cathedral Peregrine Blog:

The details of the ringed chicks are as follows:
 Male, colour ring TVD, weight 530 g.
 Male, colour ring PTJ, weight 520 g.
 Female, colour ring TND, weight 830 g.
 Female, colour ring PHJ, weight 780 g.

<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/peregrine-blog-13-may-2021/>



A Peregrine named Flo

As you probably know, our first pair of peregrines flew away from the Church Tower and have sometimes been spotted at the flyover at Hartham Common.

Now we have a new pair both of an age that could possibly breed next year.

We were excited to find out from one of our keen bird photographers, Rose Newbold, that she had obtained an image of the colour-ringed female Peregrine, showing the letters on the Orange ring.

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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 November 2022
English Piano Trio

Jane Faulkner - Violin
Pal Banda - Cello
Timothy Ravenscroft - Piano

The English Piano Trio now celebrates its 27th season. Formed by three distinguished artists, the Trio has performed regularly at major London venues, and has toured extensively abroad. The Trio has presented complete Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven programmes at London's South Bank, at both the Queen Elizabeth and Purcell Rooms. Since 2013 the Trio has been giving regular performances in the recital room of Colston Hall, Bristol.

Trio in G minor Hob.XV:1 - Haydn
Trio No. 1 in B-flat major for piano, violin, and cello, D. 898 F. Schubert

Wednesday 9 November 2022
Music Scholars from St. Edmund's College
Perform works by Bach, Beethoven and Faure

Wednesday 16 November 2022
Simon Bland
Director of Music Haileybury College
Simon is in demand as a recitalist, and has given recitals at a number of cathedrals and churches internationally, including tours with Trinity College Cambridge Choir to Australia and America and in 2012 playing at a concert for the AGM of the American Guild of Organists.

Wednesday 23 November 2022
The Ebsworth Trio
María Dervish - Viola. Sue Gill - Clarinet
Mark Fielding - Piano
Perform music by Brahms, Bruch and Gordon Jacob

Wednesday 30 November 2022
The Marriott Quartet
Perform works by Mozart and the Schumann's Piano Quintet with pianist:
Mark Fielding

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

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Hertford Choral Society presents.

Wenceslas: A Christmas Celebration

7.30pm, Saturday 17th December 2022

All Saints' Church, Hertford SG13 8AY

Bob Chilcott – Wenceslas
Based on the well-known tune but with typical Chilcott variations, this work includes some audience participation. A second half will include favourite carols sung by choir and audience.

Tickets:
£16 reserved / £12 unreserved / £4 for students
Email: tickets@hertfordchoral.org.uk
Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk (booking fee applies)
In person: Hertford Town & Tourist Information Centre, 10-12 The Wash, Hertford SG14 1PX (unreserved only)

For more information please visit www.hertfordchoral.org.uk

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Orchestra: Serafine Sinfonia
Soprano: Izzy Gibber
Baritone: Michael Lafferty
Conductor: Manvinder Rattan

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Parish Diary for November 2022

Tuesday 1st

9.30 onwards Music event for schools by HFoM
11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday 2nd (All Souls Day)

12 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites
English Piano Trio

Thursday 3rd (Richard Hooker)

11.00 am Holy Communion in Church
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 4th

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Sunday 6th Third Sunday before Advent

10.00 am Family Service
6.30 pm Choral Communion

Tuesday 8th (Saints & Martyrs of England)

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
7.30 pm MU: "My year as Mayor of Hertford" *Rosemary Bolton*

Wednesday 9th (Margery Kempe)

12 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Music Scholars from St Edmund's College

Thursday 10th (Leo the Great)

11.00 am Holy Communion in Church
2.00 pm Memorial Service for Enid Marsh
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 11th (Martin)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 12th

10.30am. Coffee Morning
12.00 noon Light Lunches
1.00 pm GreenWatch: Trees *Rev Bill Church*

Sunday 13th Remembrance Sunday

10.50 am Service at War Memorial
11.30 am Parade Service in Church
6.30 pm Simple, Peaceful Communion

Tuesday 15th

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
2.00 pm St John's Ambulance Organ Donors
Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday 16th (Margaret)

12 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Simon Bland – *Organ*
7.30 pm PCC

Thursday 17th (Hugh)

11.00 am Holy Communion in Church
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 18th (Elizabeth)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 19th (Hilda)

9.00 am Work Party

Sunday 20th Christ the King

10.00 am Family Eucharist with Commemoration
of Faithful Departed
6.30 pm Choral Compline

Monday 21st

6.30 pm Fellowship Group

Tuesday 22nd (Cecilia)

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom
7.30 pm Deanery Synod

Wednesday 23rd (Clement)

12 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites
The Ebsworth Trio

Thursday 24th

11.00 am Morning Prayer in Church
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 25th (Catherine)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 26th

10.00am-5.00 pm artSALE for Hertford Museum

Sunday 27th Advent Sunday

10.00 am Parish Communion
3.00 pm Rehearsals
6.30 pm 'Bring & Sing' Messiah Part 1

Tuesday 29th (Missionary work of the Church)

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday 30th (Andrew)

12 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites
The Marriott Quartet
Mark Fielding - *Piano*

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