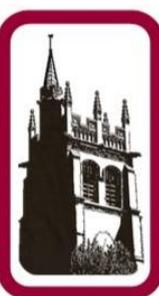


# ALL SAINTS'



# ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

## Our story

Dear friends,

We all have our stories to tell, of our life, our interests, our relationships, our hopes – and our fears. It can be a pleasure to share our story with others – but we may also want to keep part of our story to ourselves. Yet it's very worthwhile to share with others, hearing them as well as telling our truths. Dialogue is an essential part of human community.

As I write, we are coming towards the end of Epiphany with Candlemas, a feast which looks back to Jesus' birth and revelation and looks forward to his ministry and his sacrifice. In the coming of Christ and in his living among us, experiencing our human situation, his story blends with ours and he offers us hope and inspiration for living. The divine and the human story blend together, for he understands us and we can understand him.

In a recent sermon, Doug spoke about people who have become part of his story over the years, from a school friend to a youth worker, from a radical priest to a hospice chaplain. Their lives touched his and – without their realising it – they made a difference to the story of his life.

I think that as Lent approaches, it's worth valuing how other people have in some way contributed to our own faith story and that our own sharing can influence others.

Stories come in many forms, from thrillers to biographies, from science fiction to historical drama. They may represent epic lives or quiet achievement, anxiety for the future or imagining the past. We may feel that our own story is a private one, as it is, but when we encounter others we mutually share something of our life stories.

When we contemplate our life of faith, whether from childhood or from a conversion experience, we marvel that we have found ourselves met by Jesus, whose words and

actions speak deeply to our souls – and we are drawn in worship and service as his followers.

When Lent comes, we can reflect afresh on our story and how our lives interact with others, at home, at work and in church. And in gently sharing something of who we are and how we came to know that the story of Jesus is vitally important in our lives, bringing us direction, meaning and hope, can be heard by others and be an encouragement – or perhaps a revelation – to them that the life and work of Jesus is one of an Amazing Grace loving, accepting and saving us.

Love,  
Jo

## News from/of Nerine

The prayers and messages of love and encouragement from everyone at All Saints have been a beacon for me throughout the months since my accident.

Thank you all. It's difficult to explain how important your support has been.

Burns Day was a real red-letter day for me. I was able to walk for the first time! At first I used a frame which allowed my elbows and forearms to take my weight, but very soon I changed to a zimmer frame which I have been using since, and will continue to do.

The elation of actually taking a step was extraordinary!

Things are falling into place for me to move to my brother's home - probably next week.

I will be supplied with a hospital bed and any other equipment I need and will remain there until I am able to return to Hertford.

Love,  
Nerine

## New Bishop of Hertford



The Ven Jane Mainwaring will be consecrated as a Bishop by Archbishop Justin at 2.00 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> February in Canterbury Cathedral.

She will be welcomed to the Diocese as the new Bishop of Hertford here at All Saints on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 16.00.

All are welcome at this service, which we have been working on for some time. Apart from a short section covering the legal necessities, it is a celebration of Christian Life in Hertfordshire, featuring believers of all ages from across the county, as well as readings and a sermon by the new Bishop.

The service will be attended by quite a few dignitaries, so we ask that you plan to park elsewhere (The Car Park at County Hall has been made available) and aim to be in your seat by 15.45 if at all possible.

Please pray for Jane and her family especially during this week in the lead up to her consecration and as they settle into their new home and routine

## Memorial Flowers

The Flower Club are often asked if they can do flowers to commemorate a special occasion. The answer is Yes!

If you would like to sponsor some flowers to mark some occasion please get in touch with Dorothy Toyn on [flowers@allsaintshertford.org](mailto:flowers@allsaintshertford.org) or speak to her on a Sunday.

The Club asks for a donation of £20 to cover the cost of the flowers – the arranging is free!

## Wall in Memorial Garden

A group of friends of Mark Mobley, who died 20 years ago, have offered to fund repairs to the damaged wall in the Memorial Garden in his memory.

They are holding a fundraising Football Match at Richard Hale School on the 25th February

2023. The match will be between his school friends against his old Sunday team "Hooden Horse". This will be played at the Richard Hale 3G, Hertford and it will be a 3.00pm kick off.



Mark is in the light blue shirt. There is a fundraising page for Mark. Please see the link below: [https://www.gofundme.com/f/mark-mobley-memorial-plaque-restoration?utm\\_campaign=p\\_lico+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/mark-mobley-memorial-plaque-restoration?utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer). Any money donated will be greatly received and all donations will be put towards the repair work of the memorial plaque with any left over donations forwarded to a charity.

## Ukraine and Produce Stall

Tina Banks/ALFS Herts, is sending another lorry load of aid to Ukraine in response to specific requests from communities in Ukraine with whom she is in contact. One area of great need is for medicines, medical and veterinary. They are desperate for medicines (can be out of date), unfinished courses of medication, all things which in this country have to be dumped, totally wasted. In Ukraine many things are totally unobtainable or in impossibly short supply. Any prescription medication is handled very responsibly, it is handed over to doctors in the hospital, or to the veterinary surgeons. They also need crutches, frames, bandages, dressings etc.

Food is in very short supply and very expensive if you can find it. They particularly need tins of things, anything, also tea, coffee, instant soups, pasta and rice, biscuits, sweets. Torches and batteries, power packs, and camping cookers also figure.

Donations can be left at 13A Queens' Road, just opposite Hale Road. There is often a small white van parked there, with ALFS Herts written on it. There is a small grey shed to the left, where things can be left under cover if it is raining. Tina's email is [info@alfsherts.com](mailto:info@alfsherts.com) Tel. 07714 999581.

Finally a big thank you for all who support the Produce Stall in church – takings over

Christmas and the New Year have funded another generator to go to Ukraine! Just shows what a 'drip feed' of help can produce.

Many thanks, and best wishes for a Happy New Year, Fiona

## Green Watch

February 11<sup>th</sup>

**GREEN WATCH**  
A Series of Talks on Environmental Themes

**Hertfordshire's Amphibians**  
Their lifestyles and how we can help them

By Members of the Herts Amphibian and Reptile Group

**SATURDAY 11 February 2023 at 1.00pm**

**Refreshments Served from 11.30am**  
**Light Lunches from 12noon**

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

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The next Green Watch Talk will be given by some members of Herts Amphibian and Reptile Group on Saturday, 11th February 2023, at 1 pm (preceded by coffee and light lunches from 11.30 am).

"The talk will be a basic introduction to Hertfordshire's amphibians, their lifestyles and how we can help them.

"Please spread the word around widely - this should be a fascinating topic, and we are very grateful to Dave Willis of HMWT for arranging it."

## Biodiversity

The silence on biodiversity is "deadly" – so writes Gillian Tett in the Financial Times. "The UN is pleading with governments to act."

Why is biodiversity so important?

It is like the unseen structure that holds our society together – the sewage system and waterworks, power supplies, the NHS, the banks, the supermarkets, the farmers and importers of food. Do away with all those things and we'd be back in the stone age, fighting to survive.

The natural world, which is so biodiverse, has evolved over millions of years, and has been a moderately smooth-running organism. Balances change, some forms of life come and go, perhaps because habitats change or needs and opportunities vary. Basically it is a huge process of re-cycling, re-use, re-modelling or re-inventing.

In nature, nothing goes to waste. Something dies, perhaps a bird, instantly this is food for a carrion eater, another bird, mammal or other. It is a potential cradle for new life for an invertebrate. As what is left diminishes, smaller and smaller beings have their share of nourishment until nearly nothing is left and fungi and moulds can work on the remnants and turn them back into tiny fragments of organic matter – soil. Meanwhile each beneficiary along the line processes the material it received.

It is a magnificent system which puts any man-made process to shame by its efficiency, frugality and smooth running. It is also very adaptable.

We, as human beings, have a great belief in our superiority in this world. We are now, particularly over the last 40 – 50 years, far more knowledgeable about how the natural world functions. However, the huge machine of modern living rolls on regardless, unable it seems to adapt to and recognise the destruction so many aspects of our lives are wreaking on the powerhouse that is 'nature'. And by cutting away so much that is beneficial to the planet, often in the name of 'profit' or 'convenience', we are hastening our own destruction.

We need to restore a sense of proportion, putting natural things at the top. None of us appreciates wasps at a picnic, but how many of us appreciate the fact that they are great pollinators of our food plants, and fearless and efficient disposers of scraps of decaying and smelly detritus that can carry bacterial infection? What about moulds? At the slightest sign of mould we throw away foods, but... penicillin was discovered from a mould, and scientists are looking at other potentials. In the fast-disappearing Amazon jungle there are numerous unknown plants and creatures which are becoming extinct before we can identify them, let alone understand their uses.

One can shrug, and say well that is the other side of the world, what can I do? Yes, but we can do a lot more on our side of the world. We need to reduce our use of resources, all resources from animal, vegetable and mineral to energy, light and heat. We need to actively Re-use, Re-cycle, Restore. That would be a great start. And we need to promote nature in all its forms, we need it to be functioning in its miraculous normal way, helping us feed ourselves, creating good fertile soil, counterbalancing how we are polluting the environment.

We need to stop our instinctive turn to a 'man made' remedy or poison to halt a process that we consider destructive, and think how nature would respond. This means learning, and teaching the younger generations, about nature. Consider quiz programmes – apparently quite easy questions on a nature subject are often met with blank looks. Teachers themselves sometimes have little or no knowledge in this area, partly perhaps because so many people live in concrete jungles, with little possibility for contact with natural life. No blame here, but sadness at this loss.

We can save the planet – from human mistreatment – but only if we harness all the great forces of nature to help us.

*"To restore stability to our planet, we must restore its biodiversity. The very thing that we've removed. It's the only way out of this crisis we have created."* David Attenborough.

Fiona Earle

### Warm & Welcoming Spaces in Hertford

Are you finding heating your home a challenge? There are warm and welcoming spaces each weekday provided by Churches in Hertford, for people of all ages, from young families to older people. From 7th November 2022 to 31st March 2023.

Mon - Fri 9.00-2.00	Oasis Cafe, Methodist Church
Mon 10.30-12.00	St Joseph's
Wed 10.00-12.00	Place of Welcome, Baptist Church
2nd Wed of month 10.00-12.00	Craft Club, Duncombe Hall, Bengeo
Wed 10.30-12.00	St Joseph's
Wed 12.30	Soundbites, All Saint's
(Check website for dates)	
Thurs 10 -12	Duncombe Hall, Bengeo
Thurs 10.00-12.00	Open House, URC
3rd Thurs of month 12.00-14.00	Free hot potato lunch, URC
1st Sat of month 10.00-12.00	Coffee morning, St Andrew's
2nd Sat of month 10.00-12.00	Coffee morning, All Saint's

More to come...





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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)

<p><b>Wednesday 1 February 2023</b> <b>Ellis Ensemble</b> ***** <b>Kimon Parry (Clarinet)</b> <b>Susi Simme (Bassoon)</b> <b>Belinda Jones (Piano)</b></p> <p>Described as 'superb' and 'exceptional', the Ellis Ensemble is one of the UK's foremost chamber groups, dedicated to performing and commissioning works for piano and woodwind instruments.</p> <p><i>Music by Bruch, Nancy Galbraith and Piazzolla</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 15 February 2023</b> <b>Mosaic Recorder Consort</b></p>  <p>Members of the newly founded Mosaic Recorder Consort hold postgraduate qualifications in recorder performance from the Royal College of Music, Trinity College of Music, Guildhall School of Music &amp; Drama, and Goldsmith's College.</p> <p>'The Time Travelling Recorder' <i>Music by Richafort, Mattheson, Britten and Pete Rose.</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 8 February 2023</b> <b>Yoon Seok Shin (Piano)</b></p>  <p>Yoon-Seok has appeared at some of UK's most prestigious venues and recently given concerts throughout Europe and Asia.</p> <p><i>Music by Haydn, Chopin, Cristina Spinel, Eric Carlson</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 22 February 2023</b> <b>Ben Collyer (Organ)</b></p>  <p>Organist at St John's Hyde Park and Masters student at the Royal College of Music.</p> <p><i>Programme includes music by Elgar and Howells</i></p>

Free Admission with Retiring Collection in Aid

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## Free Entry

A donation collection will be taken during the concert

# Charity Concert

Featuring West End hits and Big Band favourites. Please join us for a family-friendly concert in aid of Zambian children's charity **Twende Education For All**. Help us provide hospital-based schooling and support for children with cancer and sickle cell anaemia in Lusaka.

Including performances by...



Guest compère and soloist  
**Anthony Harris**

## Saturday 4th March

All Saints Church  
Hertford  
SG13 8AY  
7pm

The City of Cambridge Brass Band

# Parish Diary February 2023

## Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> (Brigid)

12 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:  
Ellis Ensemble

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> (Presentation)

11.00 am Holy Communion in Church  
2.00 pm Consecration of Ven Jane Mainwaring  
as Bishop in Canterbury Cathedral  
7.30 pm All Saints Art

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> (Anskar)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> (Gilbert)

4.00 pm Welcome Service for Bishop Jane

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Candlemas/Third Sunday before Lent

10.00 am Family Service  
6.30 pm Choral Communion

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

12 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites  
Yoon Seok Shin - *Piano*

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

11.00 am Morning Prayer  
7.30 pm All Saints Art

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> (Scholastica)

3.00 pm Funeral Service Russell Cartwright  
5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>

11.30am. Coffee Morning  
12.00 noon Light Lunches  
1.00 pm GreenWatch: *Hertfordshire's  
Amphibians*

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday before Lent

10.00 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

## Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> (Cyril & Methodius)

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

## Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> (Sigfrid)

12 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites  
Mosaic Recorder Consort

## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

11.00 am Morning Prayer  
7.30 pm All Saints Art

## Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am Work Party

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday next before Lent

10.00 am Family Eucharist  
6.30 pm Choral Compline

## Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom  
7.30 pm Hall Sub Committee

## Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

12 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites  
Ben Collyer - *Organ*  
8.00 pm Holy Communion at St Andrews

## Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> (Polycarp)

11.00 am Morning Prayer  
7.30 pm All Saints Art

## Friday 24<sup>th</sup>

5.30 Choir Practices in Church

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>

3.00 Football Match R Hale School

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

## Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>

11.00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

## MARCH Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> (David)

12 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:  
Jeanne Mann - *Violin*  
Christopher Benham - *Piano*

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> (Chad)

11.00 am Morning Prayer  
7.30 pm All Saints Art

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> (Ember Day)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

## Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> (Ember Day)

7.00 pm Charity Concert

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