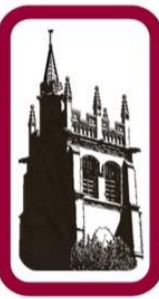


## ALL SAINTS'



## ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

## Be joyful. Keep the faith. Do the little things.

Dear friends,

A very special processional cross will be used at the Coronation of King Charles III. Borne aloft by a Crucifer, it will lead the Coronation Procession into Westminster Abbey. It has been named The Cross of Wales as it was given to the Church of Wales in 2021 by King Charles, while Prince of Wales, to mark the Church's centenary. It is made of recycled silver from the Royal Mint in Llantrisan, Welsh windfall wood for the staff, and Welsh slate forms the stand.



The personal aspect of King Charles' former role is clear, as is the customary leading of the cross, lifted high, as our new monarch enters the Abbey. However, the symbolism of this cross goes yet deeper as it contains two small fragments of what has been described as the True Cross. They were donated by Pope Francis as an ecumenical gesture. As such it speaks of the hope of greater closeness between the churches, and of the shared faith in Christ which is a particular focus for the Monarchy.

The Anglican Archbishop of Wales, Andrew John, has said of this cross that *"its design speaks to our Christian faith, our heritage, our resources and our commitment to sustainability."* The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff Mark O'Toole, said: *"It is*

*not only a sign of the deep Christian roots of our nation but will, I am sure, encourage us all to model our lives on the love given by our Saviour, Jesus Christ."* Among the grandeur and celebration, the processional cross leads us clearly to profound truths about our King and our nation, representing the values which are at the heart of the coronation ceremony.

The inscription on the back of the Cross reads: 'Byddwch lawen. Cadwch y ffydd. Gwnewch y Pethau Bychain' - 'Be joyful. Keep the faith. Do the little things.' We live in a time where joy can be hard to find, and faith may feel difficult to sustain, yet they are to be found in our Lord Jesus Christ, in his message of love and salvation which he has won for us at such great cost. And those little things? Amidst our concern for our world and it's pressing needs, neither we nor our Royal family should neglect the smaller things which underpin our personal and shared lives. And above all, the Cross reminds us that our following the loving, selfless way of Christ, crucified and risen, in all things great and small, is truly the way to fulness of life.

Love, Jo

## Civic Service 7<sup>th</sup> May 10.00

ALL SAINTS HERTFORD All Saints Welcomes Everyone

HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Service to Celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty KING CHARLES III SUNDAY 7 MAY 2023 at 10.00am

Everyone is Welcome

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - Queens Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8AY  
www.allsaintshertford.org

This Civic Service for the County of Hertfordshire and the Town of Hertford will be attended by many dignitaries. For the County we will welcome the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, the Chair of HCC, members of the County Council and many more. For the local

area we will be joined by the Mayor of Hertford, members of the Town Council and representatives from the surrounding area. The Diocese will be represented by Bishop Jane, Bishop of Hertford.

In accordance with His Majesty's wish that we celebrate Community, Faith and Service we will hear presentations from CAB and St John's Ambulance and hear contributions from young volunteers.

The service will be followed by a Breakfast Brunch in St John's Hall.

All Welcome!

## APCM 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

All the usual reports, including the statutory ones such as Fabric, Report of Activities, Safeguarding, results of Elections etc are available on our website at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/apcm.php>

If you are unable to access this and would like a printed copy of anything, please ask.

### Vicar's Report

*The Emmaus story as a model for All Saints.  
(Luke 24.13-35)*

A teacher once asked "What do you think were Jesus first words when He came out of that tomb?" A little boy leapt up and shouted excitedly "I know!" Extending his arms high into the air he said: "Taa Daa! I'm back!"

But this is not how Jesus appears to his disciples, he walks gently **alongside them and listens**. Jesus never forces his ways on us, and on the journey to Emmaus he says 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?' (Luke 24:13-35) - Tell me about it; what's your story?

The disciples tell their own story, including their disillusionment and all their dashed hopes. Then Jesus begins to explore their story in the light of the Scriptures and the promises concerning the Messiah. Finally, he sits down to eat with them, where they recognise him at the breaking of bread and respond joyfully by returning to Jerusalem to share what they have learnt with the rest of the disciples.



For many people life is a long journey through experiences and places where God is close but may seem hidden and they may feel lost. This is the journey that the risen Christ shared with those two companions. We can build on the model Jesus presents to us on the road to Emmaus.

Here is a model for our ministry and involvement in the mission of Christ. Understanding people, sharing their joys and concerns, drawing on our own experience of living the life that our friends and neighbours also live. But we are also able to speak of how our faith in God's love has supported and strengthened us through all this, and given us peace. How our love of the prayer, music, the worship, the fellowship and different Church activities has helped us in our lives and then inviting others to join us.

Thus we can all share in the mission of the local church, for we all share the same life as our neighbours or colleagues and we each have an opportunity – and responsibility - to be the Church's evangelists.

At All Saints let's follow the model of the Emmaus road:

So let us **first listen to people**; invite them to tell us their story; to recount their experiences of life and the world; to tell us what they understand about those experiences; what they mean to them and for them.

**Secondly let us share with them what we know of Jesus**; how his story and God's story in the Bible makes sense; how his word to us has made sense of our lives; how we have experienced Christ in the various areas and aspects of our life.

**Thirdly we stay with people whatever they think or believe;** we are not put off; we demonstrate our care, interest and love; we eat with them. Jesus accepts their invitation, and joins them for supper in their home. Perhaps the best way of getting to know people is around a meal table.

The Emmaus Road story provides a pathway for anyone who wishes to move from disillusion to hope. So "Let Christ Easter in us" Gerard Manley Hopkins says in his poem *The Wreck of the Deutschland*, making *Easter* a verb, an action and yet also a state of being, going on to say "a dayspring to the dimness in us".

And finally our challenge is to put this into action in our lives. In his book *Taking Flight*, Anthony de Mello tells the story of a woman who enters a shop and finds God behind the counter. "What do you have here?" she asks. "Everything your heart desires," God replies. So she asks for peace, love, freedom from fear, and happiness for all humanity. God smiles: "I'm afraid you misunderstood. We don't have fruits here. Only seeds."

## **Finance**

We are planning a deficit budget for 2023 primarily due to significantly increased energy costs and our recent 'plateauing' of income.

Clearly, we have to find ways to generate extra income and at the same time to try to minimise expenditure, because we are not paying our way (and haven't been since before the pandemic). We will probably have to manage down the heating in church and hall over the next 5 months or so, and thereafter will need to see what gas pricing is likely to be going into the winter before we commit to keeping the heating on as usual.

It is also clear that we are reaching the limit on what we can reasonably expect of the congregation in terms of voluntary giving.

As responsible Trustees of the All Saints Charity, the PCC has been working for some time on how to achieve the necessary income boost to achieve long-term sustainability.

We are actively working on some specific possibilities, with professional assistance, and

expect to be in a position to discuss these publicly later this year.

## **People**

### **Churchwardens**

Janet Bird and Verity Tranter were elected to serve as Church wardens for 2023-2024.

### **PCC Membership**

Elected members of the PCC, in addition to the wardens and Jo, are:

Andrew Belfield  
Colin Bird  
Helen Briggs  
Samantha Bowden  
Linda Dye  
Martin Penny  
Mary Penny

Under the Church representation Rules (2020) the PCC may co-opt up to two further members to serve until the 2024 APCM.

### **Statutory Officers**

Although not strictly matters for the APCM we confirmed that the PCC meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023 appointed Emily Belfield as Parish Safeguarding Officer and Martin Penny as Electoral Roll officer with immediate effect, due to the move of the Povey-Richards to Scotland (see next article).

## **Thank You from the Povey-Richards**

Hello Friends,

We would like to thank you all so very much for the unbelievably generous gifts you gave us when, after around 33 years of worshipping, we left All Saints on 19th March. We had hoped to just leave quietly by the west door without any fuss, however we did know in advance that Dorothy was making us a cake. We were incredibly humbled that you all held us in such high regard that you gave us a very generous amount of John Lewis vouchers and Garden vouchers. Again, thank you very much to everyone who

contributed to this. We haven't spent any of them yet but rest assured we will buy some permanent memento that will be placed prominently in our lounge so we will always remember you and All Saints when we look at it.

We have been to our new local church twice as I write this on Easter Saturday. We are clearly going to have to get used to a very different form of worship from All Saints. It will be a far less formal one and Holy Communion does not form part of the weekly worship. However, we were made to feel very welcome, which was lovely.

We regret our move did not go particularly smoothly, the money transfer was very slow and we did not get the go-ahead to unload until 3.30pm and then we found our dining room table could not go in the house until we had partially dismantled it and taken a window out to get it in. In addition, on the morning of completion day we stopped for a drink in Berwick on Tweed and when we returned to the car the door fob would not work due to a flat battery. Luckily, we were able to buy a new one at a nearby shop.

We hope very much to see you sometime during the summer as we have so many friends both at All Saints and in Hertford as well as Bishops Stortford.

Best wishes.

Kay and Andrew

## Thy Kingdom Come

Through prayer and discernment, as Thy Kingdom Come goes into its 8th year, we are introducing several significant changes, to bring new life and in response to the current context we live in.

The need across the world for the transforming power and mercy of God is more stark than ever. How can we partner with God, in prayer and mission, to see more people encounter the love of Christ this year?

Firstly, we have introduced new daily themes for our resources. These themes focus on the character of God - 'Our Father in Heaven' -

the One to whom we are petitioning and inviting people to know, to love and to serve. To find out more about these themes click the button below.

Secondly, this year we're introducing a new sub-theme 'Living the Kingdom'. Whilst Thy Kingdom Come will always have its focus as a call to prayer for evangelisation we want to invite participants to go one step further.

Mission always comes from the place of prayer, so how can we in this time go the extra mile, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to love and serve those we are praying for or others who are in need? This is about living the Kingdom - individually and corporately - in our context.

Finally, returning to the early days of TKC, we are sensing a call for Christians to gather together (in-person where possible) and collaborate ecumenically locally, regionally and nationally - being a truly united witness to the world.

We've put together 23 ideas for churches to get involved with TKC in 2023. Inspired by all that we've seen churches do over the years, we've picked some great examples of activities and events that you could consider doing from prayer pilgrimages to crafternoons and prayer postcards. Download the 23 ideas for 2023 from <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> and click on resources .



*Sammy Jordan, Director of Hope for Every Home at Hope Together is excited because praying 'Thy Kingdom come' can change the world, one community at a time.*

I don't know about you but I hate being asked questions like, 'If you could have anyone round for dinner who would you invite?' Or 'If you could solve one global problem which would you choose?' I really

struggle to choose. What if I don't get it right? Let's face it, there are so many things to choose from, especially at the moment!

The thing is we really can change the world. 'Thy Kingdom Come' is an invitation to change the world through prayer. No superpowers, influential role, qualifications, or money needed; because when we pray, we're inviting the creator of the whole world, the Almighty into a situation. When we pray 'Thy Kingdom come' we're asking God to bring heaven to earth, for Kingdom transformation and for earth to be like heaven. Isn't that an awesome prayer?

I wonder where you'd like to see Kingdom transformation. The conflict in Ukraine, refugees in small boats, the cost-of-living crisis and Covid might be things that immediately spring to mind; but how about more personally? I live on a new estate where, (shorthand) I'm a community evangelist as part of a church plant. It means I'm intentional about loving my neighbour and happen to be their neighbour who loves Jesus too. When I pray, 'Thy Kingdom come' in my community, I'm praying for my alcoholic neighbour whose son is scared when he goes to sleep in the evening. I'm praying for my disabled neighbour who is cross with the world because of everything they've had to go through. I'm praying for my neighbour who has escaped an abusive relationship, for my neighbour who is struggling to make ends meet, for my neighbour whose new sofa ends up in the bin store every six weeks annoying my other neighbours who then can't fit their rubbish in; and for the teenagers who drive around on motorbikes and smoke weed on the local play park at night because they have nothing else meaningful to do; and countless other things. I often feel stuck, unable to help people and praying 'Thy Kingdom come' inviting God into the situation unsticks me!

The thing is, 'Thy Kingdom come' isn't just 11 days in May. 'Thy Kingdom come' is an invitation to start and not to stop. For 11 days to become a lifestyle that can impact whole communities for the Kingdom. We have a God who is far bigger than anything we can

imagine so let's go big or go home. Are you in?

For 'Thy Kingdom come' to change the world we all need to join in. That's why Thy Kingdom Come, Local Houses of Prayer, Hope Together and Hope for Every Home are working together to produce a selection of prayer resources for, 'Thy Kingdom come' so that prayer becomes an invitation into action and mission.

Did you know that according to the Talking Jesus Research 53% of non-Christians know a Christian (someone who goes to church at least once a month, prays and reads the Bible)? It might surprise you to know that these 53% like us and want to know what we believe. When we share our faith, 1 in 3 non-Christians want to know more. They don't want theology just a conversation. When we talk to non-Christians 66% remember when we share our experience of faith and ask them about theirs.

Let's pray for five friends and neighbours, every street, every home and let's see God establish for his Kingdom Local Houses of Prayer in every community.

Let's change the world through prayer and see what opportunities might arise for us to share our faith with others this 'Thy Kingdom come.' Amen.

To see the range of resources based on the Lord's Prayer - including Pray for five pledge cards, Pray for communities card & seed stick prayers visit

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> and click on resources.

## Foodbank 10 years old

This month we mark the 10 year anniversary of the Hertford & District Foodbank.

The Foodbank first opened back in April 2013 and all began with a small group of people at a church meeting who identified a need within our communities. From here, these dedicated individuals researched and reached out to other Foodbanks in the area. The Hertford Foodbank then opened its doors

as a satellite to the Broxbourne Foodbank and in its first week alone supported 8 people ensuring they had the food that they needed. The Hertford & District Foodbank became a charity in its own right in May 2014 and then went on to join the Trussell Trust Network in June 2015.

From here the Foodbank has grown from having one depot in Hertford to another in Ware and is now open 5 days per week to provide support to the local communities and the surrounding villages. Working with over 80 agencies, including citizen's advice, network homes, social services and schools. Unfortunately the need for the Foodbank has continued to grow and in 2022 we provided 4123 food parcels to clients including 1726 to children.

Of course none of this would have been possible without the help of all the volunteers over the last 10 years. Some of whom started at the beginning of the Foodbank's journey and are still regularly helping today. With over 40 volunteers currently helping to keep the foodbank running we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all. To everyone who has ever helped at the Foodbank, the Trustee's past and present, our project manager who works tirelessly to ensure that everyone is getting the support they need, our treasurer and of course every other single volunteer who has worked for us we offer you thanks. From picking and packing, collecting donations, arranging collections, talking to clients, delivering food, being a friendly welcoming smile when someone first arrives at the Foodbank and those always available to sit and share a cup of tea or coffee and a listening ear. The Foodbank could not run without any of you. Thank you.

Finally, we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has ever supported the Foodbank and those that continue to do so. From the first tin of beans to the amazing individual £5000 donations we have received over the years every single donation has helped us to help individuals and families struggling with the cost of living. The Harvest donations, school donations, scouts donations, Christmas donations, extra support at Tesco & ASDA Food drives, donation bins at Supermarkets and Banks, other one off events,

money raised through raffle stalls and other projects to name just a few we Thank you.

## Ukraine

Tina Banks tirelessly continues her wonderful work sending humanitarian aid to specific communities/towns in Ukraine. The next lorry load is expected to depart on MONDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>.



Food is still in desperately short supply, so tins of food are especially welcome. Biscuits and sweets will help make the children happy, as well as tennis balls, volley balls etc.

Medical items are vital for everyone, and toiletries, from toothpaste to deodorants to adult nappies. Detailed list of these things is below.

The range of items requested this month has expanded to include a school in Chernihiv. The school needs exercise books, pens, pencils, crayons, coloured paper, paper, pencil cases, sharpeners, glue, in fact any stationery used in a classroom. (Does anyone have a contact at Hobby Craft who might be able to help here?)



The school is also looking for trainers and summer canvas type shoes for the children, as many have none, also good quality clothes for summer ranging from babies to 15 years. Tennis balls, footballs, volley balls would be wonderful.

Tina has added another hospital to their help list, which includes a premature baby unit, and cares for really sick children, so items for them could be baby clothes, medicines, nappies, baby food etc.

This is all in addition to the usual requests for food - (still in very short supply), toiletries, camping stoves and gas, tents, men's socks and new boxers, and anything for the art school.

Please drop off to 13A Queens' Road, Hertford, SG13 8AY. 07714 999 581. [info@alfsherts.com](mailto:info@alfsherts.com)

Many thanks indeed for all your help.

*Fiona Earle*

#### LIST OF REQUESTS FROM UKRAINE

Food – packet soups, tinned meat, fish, pasta, rice, couscous, bulgar wheat, pasta sauce, tea, coffee, biscuits, porridge, pot noodles, baby food, instant anything foodwise.

Adult and baby nappies, sanitary products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, soap.

Power bank, generators, camping stoves and gas, torches, batteries, head torches, knee pads, tactical gloves, tourniquets.

Cough medicine, nasal sprays, cough and cold remedies, throat lozenges, paracetamol, all and any medicines, dressings, medical aids. (NB Unused, unfinished, out of date prescription medicines are handed to doctors to administer appropriately).

Clothes – for babies, children in particular. Boots and trainers if nearly new. Sleeping bags, good quality blankets. Rucksacks if full size and good condition.

Stationery items as already listed above. Items for the art school.

## Local Elections – don't forget your photo ID!


The UK government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

### Which forms of ID can I use to vote?

You can use any of the following:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional license)
- Certain concessionary travel cards (**this does not include Young Persons Rail or Bus Passes or Student ID**)
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

Please note: If you have a form of accepted ID that is out of date, you can still use it to vote at a polling station if it still looks like you.



The Electoral Commission

### Voter ID: A summary



On **Thursday 4 May 2023**, local elections are taking place across East Hertfordshire.

At these elections, you will need to bring photo ID to be able to vote at a polling station. A wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including passports, driving licences and cards with a PASS Mark.

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID), call **0800 328 0280**, or scan the QR code below to find out more, including:

- The full list of accepted forms of photo ID
- How to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate (if you need one)
- What will happen at the polling station



# Parish Diary May 2023

## Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites  
Krassimira Jeliaskova – *Violin*  
Pavel Timofeyevsk – *Piano*

## Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> (English Saints and Martyrs)

11.00 am Holy Communion  
1.30 pm Abel Smith Rehearsal  
7.30 pm All Saints Art

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

2.00 pm Abel Smith School Service  
5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Civic Service to mark the  
Coronation of HM King Charles III  
6.30 pm No Service this week

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites:  
Music students from Haileybury

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

11.00 am Holy Communion

## Friday 12<sup>th</sup> (Gregory Dix)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

10.00 Plant Sale and Green Watch Talk

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> (Rogation Day)

12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites:  
Michael Frith - *Organ*  
7.30 pm PCC

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day

11.00 am Holy Communion

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> (Alcuin)

9.00 am Work Party  
12.30 pm Marriage Blessing Becca & Chris  
Newton

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Family Eucharist & Civic Service  
6.30 pm Choral Compline

## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9.30 am Visiting Ringers

## Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

7.30 pm Hall Sub Committee

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> (John & Charles Wesley)

12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites:  
Alice Dilley - *Clarinet*  
Archie Bonham - *Piano*

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> (Venerable Bede)

11.00 am Holy Communion  
2.00 pm Donor Awards Ceremony  
7.30 pm All Saints Art

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> (Augustine)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Pentecost

10.00 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

## Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> (Visit of the BVM to Elizabeth)

12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites:  
Michael Stephens-Jones - *Organ*

## JUNE

## Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> (Justin)

11.00 am Holy Communion  
7.30 pm All Saints Art

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday

10.00 am All the Family Service  
6.30 pm Choral Communion

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