

ALL SAINTS'



ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

Happy Returns



Jesus' story of the Prodigal Son provides a picture of a loving, forgiving, restoring father-figure which reflects so much of the nature of God.

The son, who insists on meeting his own needs above everything and everyone, comes to a moment of realization and repentance. It's a beautiful and emotional spiritual parable which we do well to study and embrace.

The idea of the lost son returning leads his father – who presumably had already lost his wife – to speak of how the son was lost but now is found. This profound saying inspired the hymn *Amazing Grace*, composed by John Newton whose life was turned around from the depths into the joy of a child of God. He was truly lost before he encountered Christ, being a wretched slaver and known as a blasphemer even among the vulgar seamen he worked with.

We can all experience lost and found times in our lives, perhaps finding ourselves cast adrift from our faith and hope into a mire or tempest of uncertainty. Life brings many challenges, and we can be knocked off course by its force, perhaps through the covid pandemic, the rising cost of living, the inhumanity of violence and war. Yes, it's wretched, but to turn away from the One who brings us true focus in life, who offers forgiveness and love, who welcomes us into his holy presence with reason for living and hope in dying can leave us metaphorically feeding those pigs in utter despair. No wonder Newton speaks – sings – of *Amazing Grace*, that joyful acceptance is there for us all if we will but turn to the Lord.

The parable's intense emotion also reflects, to me and to others in our church, the (non-prodigal) return of Nerine to our worship and fellowship. Following the shocking traffic accident she is now back home in Hertford, and how we thank God that this has been possible. There has been a great deal of

prayerful concern for Nerine which has been wonderful to see, and in mid-May we had the joy of welcoming her back into All Saints. She has also re-joined our Church Council, where we so value her sharing. It is wonderful that the treatment by the NHS has worked so well, although along the way someone suggested that she would never walk again. Inappropriate and foolish. Her body has healed in an amazing way, thanks to care and prayer.

Nerine's return is also a tribute to her faith, for maintaining hope after a totally debilitating accident is difficult, and we need the will to come through, to be raised up and restored. Welcome back, wonderful, amazing Nerine; and thank you heavenly Father for returning her to us to work with us to share the love of God and care of the environment, both of which are so close to her heart.

Love and prayers, Jo and Doug

Safeguarding

In recent news we heard the ex-Archbishop of York say that he had not acted when informed of a case of abuse because "Church Law trumps other laws" I could hardly believe what I was hearing. It is emphatically not the case. The said Archbishop has been made to step down from his duties.

All forms of abuse are unacceptable and must be dealt with in an appropriate manner. Where there are safeguarding concerns, they must be reported to the authorities. The church does not have any law suggesting otherwise.



We have a new Safeguarding Officer, Emily Belfield, whose contact details are on the church notice board, and if Safeguarding issues arise in this parish please contact her.

Welcome to Emily in this vital role. Jo

Phoenix Big Band Concert Thurs 29th June

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Summer CELEBRATION
OF THE BIG BAND SOUNDS

**THURSDAY
29 JUNE 2023
at 7.45pm
(Admission £10)**
In Aid of All Saints' Church

Award winning singer **Robert Habermann** returns to All Saints' with the **Phoenix Jazz Orchestra** to sing original big band arrangements

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Alban Pilgrimage Saturday 24th June



Join us for the Alban Pilgrimage - a magnificent procession organised by St Albans Cathedral, to celebrate St Alban, Britain's first saint.

Each year, 12ft tall carnival puppets, representing figures from the story of St Alban, take to the streets to re-enact the historic events which lead to St Alban's execution at the hands of the Romans. The puppets are accompanied by people of all ages dressed as lions, Roman soldiers, angels, chariots and more, resulting in a stunning spectacle of colour and celebration.

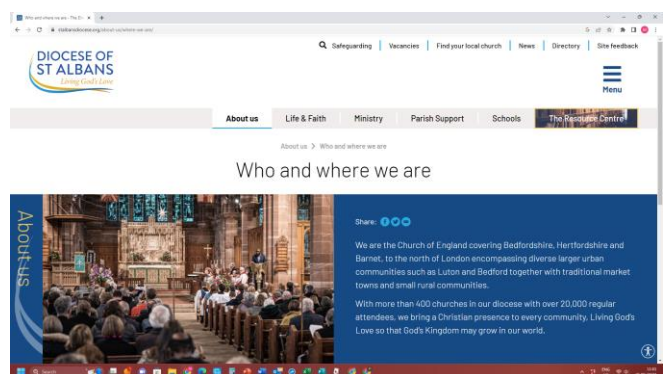
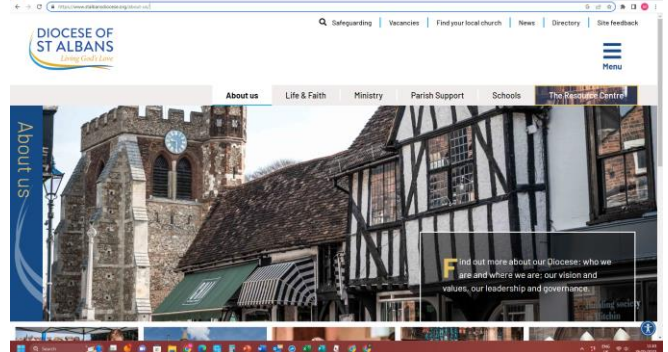
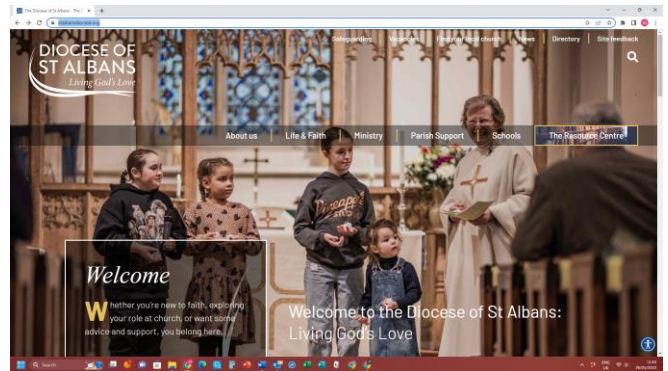
11am | Procession starting at St Peter's Church, along St Peter's St, Chequer St, High St, George St, Romeland and finishing at the West End of the Cathedral.

12noon | Medieval Festival on the Orchard

12noon | All are invited to join our Pilgrimage Eucharist. Preacher: The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover.

5pm | Pilgrimage Evensong, This service ends with a procession to the shrine of St Alban, where red roses are placed on the shrine in an act of celebration.

New Diocesan Website



The Diocese have recently overhauled their website and are asking for feedback. It has a much more friendly and outward looking design and approach and there are many familiar images from around the Diocese.

Please do have a look and tell them what you think.

<https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/>

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Online booking at:

www.hertsmusicfest.org.uk/performances-and-events-2023

The 2023 edition includes five concerts in All Saints:

- Coronation Choral Celebration Sat 10th 18.00
- The Artful Violin Sun 11th 15.00
- Rosetti Ensemble Tues 13th 19.30
- The Artful Piano Weds 14th 13.00
- The Artful Clarinet Fri 16th 18.00

Full details, booking form and downloadable brochure: <https://www.hertsmusicfest.org.uk/>

Plant Sale 13th May

The Plant Sale on Saturday 13th May was a great success, attracting a steady flow of customers. We had hundreds of plants, and want to thank all those who provided plants, all those who helped on the day, and all those who were customers.

There is now a hard core of people who come every year to see what we have for sale. A wonderful team of people provided coffees, teas and refreshments, including light lunches. Mary and Martin Penny provided delightful music increasing the general happy and relaxed atmosphere.

The Plant Sale was followed by an excellent Green Watch Talk from Andrew Wood, who

spoke about butterflies and moths, and how we could help them in our gardens or window boxes, by providing plants for nectar and plants for the larval/caterpillar stage. He went into considerable detail about the environment that gardeners can provide to benefit not just insects but the diversity that is so essential for all of nature.

Along with subsequent sales at the Civic Service and Soundbites the event has raised over £1500 for church funds.

Ukraine Update

Closest we have been to the front line is Kostyantynivka, I could hear the constant shelling it's all day and all night. Smell and see the smoke The city is a flattened mess, full of military, I visited injured soldiers in a so called hospital! It's a ramshackle house with four home made bunk beds with soldiers on drips of all sorts, the hospitals are full, so apparently this is happening all over Ukraine. This was really humbling. They have no food, no toiletries, no socks, no underpants, and are seriously injured. They were so happy to get a can of coke, a snickers and a bounty bar! They need short sleeve olive green or dark T-shirts, any medicines we can get, medical equipment, tourniquets, desperate for camping gas, they have nothing, it's chaos. Yet still they are not greedy and share



I met the medics and doctors that will be using the ambulance we have delivered.

Nappies, they are desperate for babies and adult, sanitary products, mosquito sprays, and insect repellents

They have constant blackouts and most days someone is killed!

Just awful... no words really.

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Parish Diary June 2023

Thursday 1st (Justin)

11.00 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 2nd

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Sunday 4th Trinity Sunday

10.00 am All the Family Service
6.30 pm Choral Communion

Wednesday 7th

12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
Mollie Oldland – Cello
Jennifer Carter - Piano

Thursday 8th (Corpus Christi)

11.00 am Holy Communion
12.30 pm Wedding of Raminta Bukhauskaite
& Paarth Darbar
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 9th (Columba)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 10th

6.00 pm HFoM *Coronation Celebration*
Hertford Chamber Choir
William Whitehead - Organ

Sunday 11th First Sunday after Trinity/Barnabas

10.00 am Parish Communion
3.00 pm HFoM *The Artful Violin*
Litsa Tunnah – Violin
Daniel Grimwood - Piano
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 13th

7.30 pm HFoM Rossetti Ensemble

Wednesday 14th (Richard Baxter)

12.00 for 1.00 pm HFoM/Soundbites:
The Artful Piano Katya Apekisheva - Piano

Thursday 15th (Evelyn Underhill)

11.00 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 16th Joseph Butler)

6.00 pm HFoM *The Artful Clarinet*
Emma Johnson – Clarinet
Gregory Drott - Piano

Saturday 17th

9.00 am Work Party

Sunday 18th Second Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Family Eucharist
6.30 pm Choral Compline

Wednesday 21st

12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
Alastair Penman – Saxophone
Jonathan Pease - Piano

Thursday 22nd (Alban)

11.00 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 23rd (Etheldreda)

4.00 pm Wedding of Adam Churchman &
Josie Fox
5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 24th (John the Baptist)

11.00 am Alban Pilgrimage
7.30 Concert: HCS *Choral Fanfare*

Sunday 25th Third Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 28th (Irenaeus)

12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
Neil Crossland - Piano

Thursday 29th (Peter & Paul)

11.00 am Holy Communion
7.45 pm Concert: Robert Habermann &
Phoenix Big Band

Friday 30th (Ember Day)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

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