

ALL SAINTS'



ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

What next?

Dear friends,

We are so sorry to have to say goodbye to our wonderful Rector Jo after 16 amazing years, but we also wish her a long, happy and fulfilling retirement.

Many thanks also to Doug for his Ministry and his support of Jo and the kindness and love which they have shown both within the church and in the wider Parish and Deanery.

Jo's retirement brings with it a time of challenge for All Saints but also an opportunity for us all to work even more closely together to maintain worship and pastoral care in our parish, so that when a new Rector is appointed, they will be coming into a vibrant and caring community.

Being part of the Church of England there are, of course, specific rules and regulations we have to follow and a time scale which may sometimes be frustrating. However, much of this is designed to give us time for reflection on what we have valued and will miss following Jo's departure but also what we are hoping her successor will bring to enable worship and church life to flourish here at All Saints.

Following Jo's retirement, we will be thinking about the church profile which we will have to produce for prospective applicants. This will need to give a picture of what life in Hertford is like for someone considering moving here, what they can expect to find at All Saints which would encourage them to apply and also a person specification where we can explain what we are looking for in a new Rector and what our hopes and expectations are for All Saints in the years ahead.

Obviously, we may all have different priorities, but we will be pleased to hear everybody's views before we draw up the final document. We are hoping to have a special meeting to listen to these within the next few weeks.

We are already well ahead with plans to cover services each Sunday and as far as possible we will try to stick to the normal service pattern. However, if we are unable to find an ordained replacement for any of our normal Eucharist Services we will have a service of Morning Prayer instead, led either by Janet, our Reader, Martin, our Lay Leader of Worship, or a visiting Reader. Bishop Jane, Bishop of Hertford, has already agreed to come for Remembrance Sunday and Archdeacon Janet has agreed to come for all services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

All Saints is known as a welcoming and caring church, and we will need help to ensure that nobody feels forgotten or ignored. Jo has ensured that visits to those who are housebound or sick have been carried out and we aim to ensure that this continues but we will need support. It would be helpful to know who amongst the church members currently keeps in touch with those unable to get to church so that we can ensure that our pastoral care continues. Also volunteers who are prepared to join a pastoral visiting team would be most welcome.

The normal occasional offices of Baptism, Marriage and Funerals will continue during the vacancy and the churchwardens will liaise with people requesting these services to ensure that adequate cover is provided, by clergy from other local churches.

Church events will continue as far as possible but again we will need more volunteers able to be available to help at Social and Fund-raising events. If we feel that we don't have the resources to hold specific events, we may be forced to cancel or reschedule them. However, if we have a large pool of willing volunteers, we may be able to do even more.

Please be assured that, with the help of God and upheld by your prayers, we will do all we can to ensure that the worshipping community here at All Saints receives the spiritual and practical support which is so important to us all. We have been assured of

support from the Archdeacon and both the Rural Dean and Assistant Rural Dean as well as a number of other local clergy and we have a strong team of officers and PCC members and many others, who will help us cope with any challenges and ensure that we take the right steps to ensure that Jo's successor, whoever they may be, will be pleased to lead us forward on our journey of faith, growing in the love of Christ and sharing the Gospel with the people of all ages in this Parish and beyond.

Love
Janet & Verity

Greenwatch

On Saturday, 23rd September, Roy Woodward gave us a splendid Introduction to Dragonflies and Damselflies. He spoke with great enthusiasm and a deep knowledge of his subject. Roy is the County Dragonfly Recorder for the Hertfordshire Natural History Society and British Dragonfly Society. He is currently collecting records for a new distribution atlas of Hertfordshire's species and was handing out a leaflet to those who could assist in submitting records of sightings. The new survey will run from 2022 – 2027. Several new species have reached the county, with our warming climate. This is Roy's hobby, not his 'proper job', so we are particularly grateful to him for giving us his time and expertise.

Thank you, Roy.

Many thanks to all who helped provide refreshments, coffee, and light lunches, who served them, and cleared up afterwards, also a big thank you for the publicity, for the music, and for the technical help. The event raised £200 for All Saints.

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GREEN WATCH
A Series of FREE Talks on Environmental Themes
SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2023
at 1.00pm

Coffee from 11.30am
Light Lunches from 12noon

- Homemade Cakes Stall
- Produce Stall

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Hertfordshire Partnership
Reduce Reuse Recycle Recover

By David Birley
Co-ordinator HWP

Come and find out about Hertfordshire Waste Partnership's Avoidable Food Waste Initiative and other Projects from Waste Aware.

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The next Green Watch talk will be on Saturday, 14th October, at 1 pm, when David Birley, Co-ordinator of the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership will be talking about the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership's Initiative on Avoiding Food Waste, and other projects from Waste Aware.

Aid for Ukraine September load

The September load of targeted humanitarian aid for Ukraine, which Tina Banks/ALFS have sent, was sponsored by the Friends of All Saints together with proceeds from the Produce Stall. It was the 'usual' 22 pallet loads, taken by articulated lorry. As this load is quite personal to All Saints, I thought people would be interested to know what it consisted of, so here is a list. It took Tina and her son four hours to load, with the help of two not-young lorry drivers.

Four generators (weigh 49 kilos), 200 sacks of dog food (each weigh 15 kilos), 200 sacks of cat food, 200 crates food: assorted human, 60 walking aids, commodes etc., 85 boxes of toiletries, assorted. 25 boxes of nappies, 25 crates baby formula milk and baby food, 10 boxes sanitary products. Premature baby clothes, children's and adults' clothes, kids' shoes, underwear, and socks, all new. Art supplies, school supplies, toys, sweets, and biscuits, 50 footballs, 100 water bottles, 50 football kits.



Tina is still looking for a warehouse, 300 to 500 sq ft, with access for an articulated lorry once a month. She obviously also needs an electric forklift truck! The really good news is that ALFS is now a registered charity with the Charity Commissioners!

The list of requests for the next load, leaving in about a month's time (hopefully there will be another in time for Christmas), is as follows:

Food, hygiene products, generators, heaters, power banks, flashlights, batteries, blankets, thermal underwear, winter coats, toiletries, tea, coffee, sugar, tinned meat and fish, meals, pasta and pasta sauce, biscuits, sweets, and chocolate for the children. Nappies, baby milk, baby formula, diapers, baby food. Sanitary products. Sleeping bags, tents, camping stoves, gas.



This year Tina is not going to ask for shoe boxes at Christmas. Instead, she is aiming for at least 1,000 tins of sweets like Celebrations and Heroes, £4 a box in Tesco, for each child and to share with family.

She would like me to thank you all for your support for Ukraine and for what she is doing. She really is doing an amazing job in a very professional way. Thank you, Tina (Banks).

(13A Queens' Road or I am happy to be a go-between if that helps, Fiona).

Concerts/Events in October

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<p>Wednesday 4 October 2023 Alex Ashworth (Baritone) Christopher Benham (Piano)</p> <p>Baritone and singing teacher, Alexander (Alex) Ashworth, was a Choral Scholar at St John's College, Cambridge (Class of 1998), before winning a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music where he studied with Mark Wildman, Clara Taylor and Julius Drake.</p> <p>Since joining the Academy, Alex has worked with many of Britain's main houses and is an accomplished interpreter of oratorio, appearing in many of London's major venues.</p> <p>A programme of English song including <i>Five Mystical Songs</i> by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) written between 1906 and 1913, the work sets four poems ("Easter" divided into two parts) by seventeenth-century Welsh poet and Anglican priest George Herbert (1593-1633), from his 1633 collection <i>The Temple: Sacred Poems</i>.</p> <p>Free Admission with Retiring Collection in Aid of All Saints' Church</p>	<p>Wednesday 11 October 2023 Yuzhou Zhang (Violin) Shirley Wu (Piano)</p> <p>Yu Zhou won a scholarship to study at Timbir Laban, where he studied violin with Marjorie Tugava and piano with Hilary Coates. During this time, he also studied conducting with Richard Marston, and completed outreach work in local primary schools, working on projects to introduce classical music to children. He has recently been offered a full scholarship to study piano on the Adagio course at Birmingham Conservatoire.</p> <p>Canadian pianist Shirley Wu studied physiology and piano performance at McGill University. Married before completing her Master's degree in Performance Science at London's Royal College of Music in 2017. In 2014, she founded Opus One Music (oposone.studio) to promote the social function of chamber music. Shirley is often invited to organize and perform at social and community events.</p> <p>Programme includes music by Wintowski, Saint-Saens and Vivaldi</p>
<p>Wednesday 18 October 2023 Gerard Cousins (Guitar)</p> <p>A graduate of the University of Leeds and Eschwege Conservatorium (Netherlands), he has performed in many festivals and concert halls around the world, from the Purcell Room and Milton Court in London to Europe, South America and the Middle East. He has released 7 albums, each one focusing on a different area of music.</p> <p>Music by <i>Olafur Arnalds, Eric Whitacre, Gerard Cousins and Philip Glass</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 25 October 2023 Choir 18 David Boarder (Music Director)</p> <p>Choir 18 brings together singers from several choirs in the Hertford area to perform a wide repertoire in some of Europe's most amazing buildings including St. Mark's, Venice, St. Albans Abbey, Washburn Abbey Church and the University Church in Oxford.</p> <p><i>William Byrd and the Golden Age of English Church Music</i> including music by <i>Byrd, Dowling, Forster, Phillips, Tallis and Weelkes</i></p>

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Parish Diary October 2023

Sunday 1st Harvest/Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am All-Age Harvest Festival
12.30 pm Farewell lunch
6.30 pm Choral Communion

Monday 2nd

10.00 am Simon Balle Harvest Service

Wednesday 4th (Francis of Assisi)

12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
Alex Ashworth – *Baritone*
Christopher Benham - *Piano*

Thursday 5th

11.00 am Morning Prayer
1.00 pm Morgans Harvest Service
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 6th (William Tyndale)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Sunday 8th Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 11th (Ethelburga)

12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
Yuzhou Zang – *Violin*
Shirley Wu - *Piano*

Thursday 12th (Wilfred)

11.00 am Morning Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 13th (Edward the Confessor)

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 14th

11.30 am Coffee Morning
12.00 noon Light Lunches
1.00 pm Green Watch Talk Waste Aware
David Birley

Sunday 15th Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Family Eucharist
6.30 pm Choral Compline

Wednesday 18th (Luke)

12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
Gerard Cousins – *Guitar*

Thursday 19th (Henry Martyn)

11.00 am Morning Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 20th

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 21st

9.00 am Work Party
6.00 pm Concert Coro Chamber Choir

Sunday 22nd Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 23rd 9.00 am Work on organ

Wednesday 25th (Crispin & Crispinian)

12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites: Choir 18

Thursday 26th (Alfred)

11.00 am Morning Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 27th

5.30 pm Choir Practices in Church

Saturday 28th (Simon & Jude)

7.30 pm Concert by HCS

Sunday 29th Last Sunday after Trinity/Bible Sunday

10.00 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Service suitable for the season

Tuesday 31st

7.30 pm *Forever Mine* at St Andrews

NOVEMBER Wednesday 1st (All Saints)

12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
Natasha Page – *Soprano*
Adrian Oldland - *Piano*

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