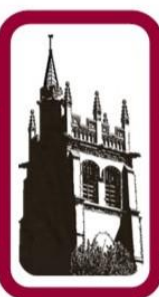


ALL SAINTS'



ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

Dear friends,

As we continue through the vacancy, we are very fortunate at All Saints to be receiving so much support from visiting Clergy and Readers enabling us to continue to offer the normal pattern of worship which we all value. Rev Sue Stilwell recently baptized baby Hugo, a joyful occasion for all concerned and we have several weddings booked for the summer. We have arranged visits by local schools to learn more about the Church and the Christian faith and I am continuing to conduct funerals. I believe it is so important that we are seen to be a living church, still able to reach out to the community, even in the absence of an incumbent.

During March we will be celebrating Mothering Sunday with a special service led by Rev Sue Stilwell and then Rev Selina Evans will be with us on Palm Sunday and Easter Day. On Good Friday we will hold our usual Childrens service in the morning followed by An Hour at the Foot of the Cross at 2pm. There will also be a Walk of Witness through the town beginning at the Methodist Church at 10am and finishing at the URC in Cowbridge. On Friday 1st March the World Day of Prayer, hosted by Hertford Baptist church, will be celebrated somewhat differently this year. (see invitation on page 2).

Verity is currently spending much time and effort liaising with the Diocese over work to be done at the Vicarage in readiness for Jo's successor and we continue to battle with the heating in the church. Please be aware that we are doing all we can to keep warm in the short term and plan for reliable heating in the long term. So many unsung heroes continue to do all the important jobs that keep the church ticking over. Thank you to everyone for all that you are doing and for the support that you are showing to Verity and myself.

Music continues to play a very important part in the life of All Saints and despite the awful weather on the night of the recent concert

by Robert Habermann and the Phoenix Jazz Orchestra over 60 people came along and had a lovely evening. Soundbites is still growing, and our choir sing as beautifully as ever, leading our worship with enthusiasm and reverence.



Signs of Spring are all around us with bulbs coming into bloom and blossom appearing on the trees. All signs of new birth in a world where there is so much sadness and horror and many people who feel helpless and hopeless. During Lent we aim to set aside extra time to consider what Jesus means to us as we reflect on his teaching, his suffering and his sacrifice and death on the cross. However, as followers of Christ we know that we have hope in the promise of new life through the Resurrection of Christ which we celebrate on Easter Day.

As we approach Holy Week, perhaps we could spend time searching our own consciences to discern whether we are doing all we can to bring Jesus alive today, both in our own hearts and in the hearts of others. Are we strong enough to stand up for Jesus in a world where so many people no longer have a faith? How often do we share the Good News of Christ's saving grace with people who need hope in their lives? Do we see Christ at work in our own lives and in the lives of others?

Let us use the remaining days of Lent to take some time out to truly understand the wonder of the Resurrection so that on Easter Day, we are ready to proclaim with our hearts, our souls, and our minds, "*Christ is risen, He is risen indeed Hallelujah.*"

Love and blessings to you all, Janet Bird

World Day of Prayer



It's our privilege at Hertford Baptist Church to host the "World Day of Prayer" this year, which takes place on Friday 1st March. We are planning something a little different to make the most of the opportunity of being together.

The focus will be on praying for the Middle East. There will be two times of corporate worship and prayer from 3-4pm and 8-9pm. Refreshments will be served at 4pm in the church hall. In between these times, the church will be open as a space for vigil, silence, and reflection, and then on the hour, every hour, there will be a led time of prayer. There will also be 'serve yourself' coffee and tea available through the afternoon and evening.

We welcome you to come along for as little, or as much, as you are able.

Best wishes, *Alan, Helen and Dawn*

Soundbites in March

The last three concerts in this term's series are:

6th March Schola and instrumentalists from St Edmunds College
Musical Director - Andrew O'Brien

Music by Handel, Howells & Rutter

13th March Jeanne Mann - Violin
Tim Egan - Horn
Christopher Benham - Piano

A programme devoted to the music of *Johannes Brahms*. His Violin Sonata No. 1 in G major, Op. 78, "Regensonate" was dedicated

to his close friend, the renowned violinist Joseph Joachim. The Sonata shares the lyrical effusiveness found in the monumental Violin Concerto, emphasizing the violin's expressive qualities.

The Horn Trio in E \flat major, Op. 40, was written for natural horn, violin, and piano. Composed in 1865, the work commemorates the death of Brahms's mother, Christiane, earlier that year.

20th March Ebsworth Trio
Sue Gill - Clarinet
Maria Prowse - Viola
Mark Fielding - Piano

Music by Reinecke

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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 6 March 2024
Schola and Instrumentalists from St Edmunds College
Andrew O'Brien
Musical Director
Music by Handel, Howells and Rutter

Wednesday 13 March 2024
Jeanne Mann (Violin)
Tim Egan (Horn)
Christopher Benham (Piano)
A programme devoted to the music of Johannes Brahms.
His Violin Sonata No. 1 in G major, Op. 78, "Regensonate" was dedicated to his close friend, the renowned violinist **Joseph Joachim**. He had previously composed **five violin sonatas**, but he discarded them, preserving only the one he deemed worthy. The G major Sonata shares the **lyrical effusiveness** found in the monumental Violin Concerto, emphasizing the violin's expressive qualities.
The Horn Trio in E \flat major, Op. 40, was written for natural horn, violin, and piano. Composed in 1865, the work commemorates the death of Brahms's mother, Christiane, earlier that year.

Wednesday 20 March 2024
Ebsworth Trio
Sue Gill (Clarinet)
Maria Prowse (Viola)
Mark Fielding (Piano)
Music by Reinecke
The Ebsworth Trio - Photograph by Andrew Webb

Free Admission with Retiring Collection In Aid of All Saints' Church
ALL SAINTS CHURCH - Queens Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8AY
www.allsaintshertford.org

Delicious lunches from 12 noon. Free concert (Retiring Collection) at 13.00.

Social Media

We have regained partial access to the church's accounts, meaning that we have resumed posting on Facebook and Instagram, but cannot exercise a number of management functions. We hope to have full access restored by Easter.

HSO – Drama & Destiny



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HERTFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Drama and Destiny

Brahms Symphony No 4

Saturday
09 March 2024
7.45pm
All Saints Church,
Hertford

Verdi: La Forza del Destino Overture
Hummel Trumpet concerto
Soloist: Chris Avison

Conductor: Daniel Hogan **Leader: Emily Groom**

Tickets: £18 adults £6 children/students
WeGotTickets.com
Hertford Tourist Information Centre (01992 584322)
On the Door from 7pm



www.hertfordsymphonyorchestra.org.uk Registered Charity No. 270513

HCS – Saul



Hertford Choral Society
presents

Handel: Saul

Saturday 23rd March 2024, 7.30pm
All Saints' Church, Hertford SG13 8AY

Join us for a rare opportunity to enjoy Handel's dramatic oratorio *Saul*.

Saul: Adam Maxey **Orchestra:** Saturn Ensemblists
Mehrab: Kirsty O'Neill **Conductor:** Manvinder Rattan
Michal: Danni O'Neill
Jonathan: Joseph Taylor
David: Nathan Mercieca

Tickets: £16 (reserved), £12 (unreserved), £4 (students)

Email: tickets@hertfordchoral.org.uk

Online: [Ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk) (booking fee)

In person: Hertford Town & Tourist Centre, 10-12 The Wash,
Hertford SG14 1PX (unreserved only)

For full details, visit www.hertfordchoral.org.uk



St Alban's Easter Pilgrimage



You are invited to the Easter Monday Pilgrimage 2024. This year Easter Monday is Monday 1 April.

What is the Easter Monday Pilgrimage?

Every year hundreds of people from across the diocese and beyond journey together to St Albans Cathedral for an Easter celebration. Some walk from their home church, some drive or cycle, some walk or get a bus or lift-share from a hub church.

What happens when we get there?

We'll gather on the grass in front of the cathedral with picnics, before heading into the cathedral for an informal service of Holy Communion led by Bishop Jane, during which we'll sing together, and hear some excellent short Easter reflections. Dogs are welcome and most of us sit on the floor, although chairs are available if you'd prefer that.

When and where is it?

Gather from lunchtime onwards outside the cathedral. We'll start to move into the cathedral from 2.30pm and the service will start at 3pm

APCM/Electoral Roll

This year's Annual Meetings will be held on Sunday 28th April. There will be a short Annual Meeting of Parishioners at 11.30, open to all, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. To vote at the latter you must be on the Electoral Roll.

If you are not yet on the Electoral Roll and wish to join it, please speak to Martin Penny.

Parish Diary March 2024

Friday 1st (David) World Day of Prayer

- 3.00 pm** Service at Baptist Church
4.00 pm Refreshments at Baptist Church
5.30 pm All Saints Choir Practices
8.00 pm Service at Baptist Church

Sunday 3rd Third Sunday of Lent

- 10.00 am** All the Family Service
2.00 pm Open Garden – Abbey Gate House St Albans
6.30 pm Parish Communion

Wednesday 6th

- 12.00 noon for 13.00** Soundbites
Schola and Instrumentalists from St Edmund's College

Thursday 7th (Perpetua)

- 11.00 am** Morning Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 8th (Edward)

- 5.30 pm** Choir Practices

Saturday 9th

- 7.45 pm** Concert by Hertford Symphony Orchestra

Sunday 10th Mothering Sunday/Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 10.00 am** Family Eucharist
2.00 pm Open Garden – Abbey Gate House St Albans
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 13th

- 12.00 noon for 13.00** Soundbites
Jeanne Mann – *Violin*
Tim Egan – *Horn*
Christopher Benham – *Piano*

Thursday 14th

- 11.00 am** Morning Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 15th

- 5.30 pm** Choir Practices

Saturday 16th

- 9.00 am** Work Party

Passion Sunday 17th Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 10.00 am** Family Eucharist
6.30 pm Choral Compline

Wednesday 20th (Cuthbert)

- 12.00 noon for 13.00** Soundbites
Ebsworth Trio (Clarinet, Viola, Piano)

Thursday 21st (Thomas Cranmer)

- 11.00 am** Morning Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 22nd

- 5.30 pm** Choir Practices

Saturday 23rd

- 7.30 pm** Concert by Hertford Choral Society

Sunday 24th Palm Sunday

- 10.00 am** Parish Communion with dramatized reading of the Gospel of the Passion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 27th

- 9.00 am** Organ Tuning
7.30 pm PCC

Maundy Thursday 28th

- 11.00 am** Morning Prayer
8.00 pm Choral Communion with stripping of altars (If priest available)

Good Friday 29th

- 9.30 am** Family Service for Good Friday
10.00 am Walk of Witness
2.00 pm An Hour at the Foot of the Cross

Easter Day 31st

- 10.00 am** Parish Communion

APRIL Monday 1st

- 3.00 pm** Easter Pilgrimage Service at St Alban's Cathedral

Thursday 4th

- 11.00 am** Morning Prayer

Sunday 7th Second Sunday of Easter

- 10.00 am** All the Family Service
6.30 pm Parish Communion

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