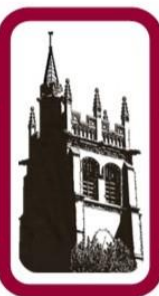


## ALL SAINTS'



## ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

Dear friends,

Another month, another newsletter but what can I say that hasn't been said before? And perhaps more to the point, what have I said before!!

Life at All Saints continues as usual, or at least what has become the new usual. We have had some memorable services and a very high standard of preaching from visiting clergy.

In particular, thanks to Rev Selina Evans, we had a very special Easter Day with plenty of: "*Alleluia, Christ is risen – He is risen indeed Alleluia.*"

Despite a number of our regular members being away due to holidays or illness we had a good-sized congregation of over 130 which included 20 children and their parents, as well as a number of other friends old and new. There truly was a sense of celebration and the church was beautifully decorated, thanks to the Flower Club. We had the Easter cross, a lovely Easter Garden which was put together by the children attending the Good Friday Family service and as usual the choir sang beautifully. There were Easter eggs for the children and a number left over for some lucky adults. We are very fortunate to have so many talented people at All Saints as well as so many kind visiting clergy who have not only led our services but then stayed on to meet with us over coffee. They have all told me how much they enjoy coming to us. Hopefully that means that we are, as I truly believe, a welcoming church.

Over the last six months we have been pleased to welcome large numbers of children from local schools into our church, both over the Christmas period and more recently in smaller groups coming to learn more about Christianity as part of the national curriculum. Children have a wonderful way of asking questions that perhaps adults would never ask. One school brought in 30 children each of whom asked a

question about the resurrection. Martin and I welcomed them and tried to answer their questions as best we could, but how do you answer the question. "So how did Jesus rise from the dead?" or even "Did Jesus really come back to life or was it just that lots of people imagined that they had seen him?" Bishop Jane recently told me that when she went into a school and the children were told that they could ask her anything they liked one asked "Do you like McDonalds?"

However, whatever their questions it is clear that the children, even those who never go to church, are interested in the church, what is in it and what the Christian faith means to us. They also visit places of worship for other faiths and really do want to learn more about all religions. We live in a multi-cultural, multilingual society where sometimes fear or discomfort comes about due to an inability to understand another person's beliefs and customs. Surely the best way to overcome negative feelings is to learn more about our brothers and sisters of other faiths just as we hope they want to learn about our faith.

Following our APCM we shared fellowship over a Bring and Share lunch and I realized how good it is to come together over a meal and good conversation. I am hoping to organise another social event in the next couple of months but in the meantime please do come along to our Plant Sale, GreenWatch talk and lunch on 18<sup>th</sup> May and then come back on the following day to celebrate Pentecost, to welcome our new Mayor at the Civic Service and enjoy refreshments afterwards in the back of the church.

I pray for you all and for the growth of our faith as we truly encounter our Lord Jesus Christ not only in our worship but in the love that we share with one another and the concern that we share for our world and all those who are suffering at this time.

With love, Janet Bird

# Annual Meetings 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

We held our annual meetings on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. All the reports are on our website at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/apcm.php> (draft minutes will be added shortly).

If you would like a printed copy of any of these reports please ask Mary or Martin Penny.

## Elections

Notice of the election results is on the noticeboard at the back of church.

In summary:

Janet Bird and Verity Tranter were elected Churchwardens to serve until 2025

Colin Bird, Janet Bird and Verity Tranter were elected Deanery Synod Representatives to serve until 2026.

Helen Briggs, Nerine Chalmers and Shirley Glover were elected as PCC members to serve until 2027. They join Samantha Bowden, serving until 2025, Andrew Belfield, Linda Dye, Martin Penny, Mary Penny, all serving until 2026.

This leaves 4 casual vacancies, one until 2027 and three until 2025. If you would like to serve, please speak to Janet or Verity.

## Produce Stall.

I have given Tina Banks a cheque for £350 towards the cost of taking another load of humanitarian aid to Ukraine. This represents takings on the Produce Stall over the last two months. Thank you all for your support.

Since Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, the Stall proceeds have been going towards trying to alleviate the starvation/famine affecting millions of people in Sudan. Your support for this appalling and somewhat overlooked crisis, which has been going on for months, will be greatly appreciated.

Fiona Earle

# Plant Sale Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

We are looking forward to our Annual Plant Sale at All Saints on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, from 10 am to 2 pm. In addition to all the plant and garden related items, coffee and refreshments as well as homemade cakes, produce and a raffle will be available, all in aid of All Saints. From noon, light lunches in support of Christian Aid will be served.

All Saints Welcomes Everyone

OUR PLANT SPECTACULAR IS HERE AGAIN!

# PLANT SALE

With Refreshments and Light Lunches

## SATURDAY 18 MAY 2024

10.00am to 2.00pm (Light Lunches Served from 12noon)

ALL SAINTS WELCOMES EVERYONE

[www.allsaintshertford.org](http://www.allsaintshertford.org)

- Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Plants
- Seedlings
- Garden Books and Magazines
- Sports Equipment
- Indoor Plants
- Bird Food and Accessories
- Garden Tools
- Homemade Cakes
- Raffle
- Produce

(Lunches in Aid of Christian Aid. All Other Proceeds in Aid of All Saints' Church)

**FREE TALK**

**GREEN WATCH**

**Ponds and Water for Wildlife in Our Gardens**

By Josh Kalms at 1.00pm

Conservation Officer Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - Queens Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8AY

[www.allsaintshertford.org](http://www.allsaintshertford.org)

We would appreciate offers of help. Donations of cakes, plants and gardening books, sports and camping equipment, and raffle prizes will be very gratefully received. Please talk to Fiona or Nerine for details.

Please make a note in your diary to come along and help us, buy some plants and enjoy what is always an interesting and fun day.

ALL SAINTS WELCOMES EVERYONE

# GREEN WATCH

**FREE TALK**

## SATURDAY 18 May 2024

at 1.00pm

Plant Sale from 10.00am  
Light Lunches from 12noon

**Ponds and Water for Wildlife in Our Gardens**

By Josh Kalms  
People and Wildlife Officer  
(Affinity Water Sites)  
and Water Vole Conservation Officer  
Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust

**Affinity Water**

• Home Made Cakes • Books • Produce and Lots More

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - Queens Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8AY

[www.allsaintshertford.org](http://www.allsaintshertford.org)

Josh Kalms People & Wildlife Officer (Affinity Water Sites) and Water Vole Conservation Officer from Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trusts will give the GreenWatch talk at 1.00pm about Ponds and Water for Wildlife in Our Gardens. All welcome.



# Hertford Theatre Week 27th May to 1st June 2024



one week, six very varied productions

With Hertford Theatre still closed for refurbishment the Ayckbourn Theatre on the Haileybury College campus, just three miles away, will once again be the venue for Hertford's 6-day long drama festival - widely acclaimed as one of the best of its kind in the country. Curtain up is at 7.45pm each night, except for Saturday's earlier 7.30pm start to allow time for the presentation of the trophies at the end of the evening.

Full details of each of this year's six productions are available at [www.hertfordtheatreweek.org.uk](http://www.hertfordtheatreweek.org.uk) and tickets are available at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hertford-dramatic-and-operatic-society](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hertford-dramatic-and-operatic-society) priced at £16 per night or a weekly ticket that offers all 6 plays for only £54 - a bargain!

## Open garden

The Bishop of St Albans will be opening his garden every Sunday between Sunday 9 June and Sunday 11 August for people to come and look at the beautiful gardens and the summer display. Those who saw the snowdrops will have seen the potential that the garden had for the summer and will be delighted at the change a different season brings.

The two acres of garden is an oasis in central St Albans and visitors frequently comment on the fact that they did not know the garden was here or how extensive it is.

Entrance is £5 per person (children free) and dogs on leads are welcome, there will also be plants for sale on some weekends. Please wear footwear suitable for the time of year.

All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust

Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HS

**ALL SAINTS HERTFORD**  
**Soundbites**

ALL SAINTS' WELCOMES EVERYONE  
A Term-Time Series of Concerts on Wednesday Lunch-Times  
(Light Lunches served from 12noon for Concerts at 1.00pm)

<p>Wednesday 1 May 2024</p> <p><b>Benjamin Carnell</b> (Cello)</p> <p><b>David Silkoff</b> (Piano)</p> <p><i>Music: Sonata no. 2 in G minor, Op. 5 - Beethoven Unaccompanied Passacaglia - Walton</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 15 May 2024</p> <p><b>Alastair Penman</b> (Saxophone)</p> <p><b>Jonathan Pease</b> (Piano)</p> <p><i>Music: Andy Scott; Erik Satie; Amy Quate; Claude Debussy and Alastair Penman</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 22 May 2024</p> <p><b>Simon Watterton</b> (Piano)</p> <p><i>Music: Siciliano from Flute Sonata No.2 - Bach/Kempff Sonata no.15 in D Major op.28 'Pastoral' - Beethoven Rage Over a Lost Penny - Beethoven</i></p>
<p>Wednesday 8 May 2024</p> <p><b>David Dunnett</b> (Organ)</p> <p><i>Music: The Knightsbridge March - E Coates Pièce d'Orgue (BWV572) - J.S Bach Adagio (Sonata Pathétique) - LV Beethoven Introduction and Passacaglia in E minor - J Rheinberger Handel in The Strand - arr Stockmeier - P Grainger 'Boston' Toccata - P Cochereau</i></p>	<p>Wednesday 29 May 2024</p> <p><b>Risonare Ensemble</b></p> <p><b>Nellie Whittham</b> (Violin)</p> <p><b>Mitzi Marley-Clark</b> (Viola)</p> <p><b>Benjamin Carnell</b> (Cello)</p> <p><b>Elise Hills</b> (Piano)</p> <p><i>Music: Piano Quartet No.2 - Mozart String Trio - Lennox Berkeley</i></p>	

Free Admission with Retiring Collection in Aid of All Saints' Church

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - Queens Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8AY  
[www.allsaintshertford.org](http://www.allsaintshertford.org)



**St JOHN'S HALL**

A Warm and Comfortable, Family and Community Meeting Place.

St John's Hall is situated next to All Saints' Church and Abel Smith school.

It's a great facility for Fitness Clubs, Baby and Toddler Groups, Badminton Clubs, Family Parties, End of Season Sports Awards, Quiz Nights and Stage Performances.

It is set in a large green space, ideal for outdoor fun. It has private parking and is also within easy reach of town parking.

It is in the centre of Hertford Town and close to Train and Bus Connections.

**St John's Hall is for Hire at very reasonable Hire Rates.**



For more information: [www.stjohnshallhertford.org](http://www.stjohnshallhertford.org)

St John's Hall - Churchfields, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8AE

# Parish Diary May 2024

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** (Philip & James)

**12.00 noon for 1.00 pm** Soundbites  
Benjamin Carnell – Cello  
David Silkhof - *Piano*

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> (Athanasius)**

**11.00 am** Morning Prayer  
**1.00 pm** Abel Smith School rehearsal  
**7.30 pm** All Saints Art

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**2.00 pm** Abel Smith School concert  
**5.30 pm** Choir Practices

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> (English Saints & Martyrs)**

**12.00 noon** Visit by Essex Organists Association

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> (Julian of Norwich)**

**12.00 noon for 1.00 pm** Soundbites  
David Dunnett - *Organ*

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> (Ascension Day)**

**11.00 am** Holy Communion  
**7.30 pm** All Saints Art

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**5.30 pm** Choir Practices

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**10.00 am** Parish Communion  
**6.30 pm** Choral Evensong

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00 noon for 1.00 pm** Soundbites  
Alastair Penman – *Saxophone*  
Jonathan Pease – *Piano*

**7.30 pm** PCC in Church

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**5.30 pm** Choir Practices

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00 am-2.00 pm** Plant Sale  
**12.00 noon onwards** Light Lunches  
**1.00 pm** GreenWatch talk: Ponds and water for our wildlife -*Josh Kalms*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost**

**10.00 am** Family Eucharist – Civic Service  
**6.30 pm** Choral Compline

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**12.00 noon for 1.00 pm** Soundbites  
Simon Watterton – *Piano*

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**11.00 am** Holy Communion  
**7.30 pm** All Saints Art

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> (John & Charles Wesley)**

**5.30 pm** Choir Practices

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> (Venerable Bede)**

**7.00 pm** Hertford Assoc of Change Ringers

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday**

**10.00 am** Parish Communion  
**6.30 pm** Choral Evensong

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**12.30 pm** Open-air picnic in grounds of St John's Hall (HFoM)  
**1.30 pm** Community Concert in church – Hertfordshire Festival of Music

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00 noon for 1.00 pm** Soundbites  
Risonare Ensemble

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> (Corpus Christi)**

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

**JUNE**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> First Sunday after Trinity**

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

## Contact information

[www.allsaintshertford.org](http://www.allsaintshertford.org)

   AllSaintsHerf

**Churchwardens**

[wardens@allsaintshertford.org](mailto:wardens@allsaintshertford.org)

Mrs Janet Bird 01992 587544

Mrs Verity Tranter 01992 265968

**Office**

[office@allsaintshertford.org](mailto:office@allsaintshertford.org)

**Full list of contacts**

[www.allsaintshertford.org/contacts.php](http://www.allsaintshertford.org/contacts.php)