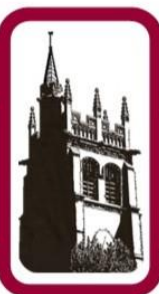


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All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

Getting to know each other



Alex and I don't watch a lot of TV together, mostly because we have varying tastes. One programme we both love is Race Across the World. I am sure that some of you will

have seen it. The premise is simple. There is a start point and an end point and couples have to race between the two using land-based transportation with a budget equivalent to flying the distance of the race.

The programme is part travel documentary and is beautifully made to showcase the communities and countryside on the way. Each couple have their own film crew catching their every move and showcasing every decision en-route.

The show is also part documentary as we get to know the team members; what makes them tick; their stresses and pressure points and the nature of their relationship with their team-mate and how that grows and develops as they journey.

It is marvellous TV, and I highly recommend it.

The Gospels have a similar two stranded focus; on the one hand as we read them we get a sense of what communities and countryside of first century Palestine were like. As Jesus walks the shore of the Sea of Galilee or stands atop Mount Tabor as He is 'transfigured' or turns tables in the Temple Court we have a good sense of what those places look and feel like.

As Jesus speaks to Zaccheus in the tree; or responds to blind Bartimaeus; or converses with the Canaanite woman, we get to know Jesus better as he interacts with others.

Jesus always encourages faith in those whom he encounters but he doesn't do it in an authoritarian way - it is always invitational. It is the same for us as a church- I'm new here but one thing I want us to hold onto is that we are all responding to Jesus' invitation to follow Him and to find faith in God, and I am doing that in these days, through you. We follow Christ together. We find faith together. We do church together and I am looking forward to meeting the Lord Jesus in you.

I am also really keen to get to know you all and vice versa. The church is called to be a community. The Greek word for Church used in the New Testament is the word *ekklesia* - literally an assembly. Our faith, or religion holds that at its heart. Indeed, the word religion has its root in the Latin word *religare*, which means to gather. We need to be community. We need to build community. And the community Christ calls us into and calls us to make is one which welcomes especially the broken, the downtrodden and the excluded and the new.

I asked Verity and Janet to get together some small group meetings over morning coffee, afternoon tea or a glass of wine in the evening. I'd like some of you to host these in your homes and to invite others from the church and the wider community to come. I can tell you some of my story and you can do the same and we can also begin to listen together for the leading of God as we journey together into His future. I look forward to doing that with you over much of the Autumn.

In the meantime, thank you for your welcome to me, Alex, Io, Ben and Peter (not forgetting Pip and Peggy). We look forward very much to journeying and growing in faith together with you as we seek to follow the One who calls us all.

With love in Jesus,

Simon

Licensing/Installation 4th September 2024



At a joyous yet reverential service Rev Simon Cutmore was licensed by Bishop Jane and installed by Archdeacon Janet as Priest in Charge of All Saints.

Many people came, including representatives of a large number of local organisations.

Pictured above are representatives of the St Albans Link Diocese of Linköping (Sweden) who came especially to deliver a message of support from Bishop Marika Markovits.



Sponsored Bike 'n Hike
BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

14 September 2024

We are nearly at that time of year again when I dust down my bike, and Martin B his walking boots, and start getting ready for the annual Bike & Hike in September. This event raises money for the 'Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust' and is an event that covers many counties across the country.

I have lost track of how many years I have completed this challenge. Every year I think 'am I going to do this again', then I do, and thoroughly enjoy it! Come rain or shine it is a great day out.

Half of the money raised goes to a church of your choice – hopefully All Saints! Last year we raised £1000, so £500 for All Saints, and hope to do more this year. Martin Bird and I have done this for many years, and we are very pleased to welcome Kate Glover latterly.

Last year we finally managed to get someone happy to be sponsored to stay in church all afternoon and it all adds up! Hopefully, James will do it again!



In the past I have been taken to Knebworth Park and then cycled into Knebworth, to Datchworth, Watton at Stone, Stapleford, Waterford, Bengoe, Hertford, Ware, Great Amwell, Stanstead Abbots, Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, to Cheshunt. One day I might get to Waltham Cross! It depends how much muscles ache, but that route, while having a few big hills up, is mainly downhill! In Hertford and Ware alone, you can visit 13 churches so you do not have to go on a great expedition to raise money!

Many churches are open and it is lovely to see the beauty of St Mary & St Thomas standing in the park at Knebworth, within a stone's throw of the house, the stained glass at Waterford, the wall paintings in St Leonard's, the garden at St Joseph's, get a great lunch at All Saints', see the old box pews at St James, Stansted Abbots and its very modern (2017) 'Trower Memorial' window, reminisce at St Augustine's Broxbourne where we got married and to nip into the churchyard to visit my various grandparents graves. There has been an ice cream van there in the past which is a good excuse to linger! All the open churches offer you a very warm welcome, drinks and many have cakes, biscuits and sweets too to help on your way!

It is a lovely day out, whether you walk as Martin does, or cycle and is a great way to raise money for a good cause. I must admit that I have had concerns re the traffic on

small country roads so may well start closer to home these days but start I will and hope to raise lots of money! I have visited over 40 churches in the past but will set my challenge at 30 this year! Any sponsorship for either Kate, Martin, James or I would be gratefully received, and anyone else is welcome to join us, walking or cycling. Sponsorship packs are at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

Dorothy Toyn

Bishop Alan's speech re the environment



My Lords, I declare my interest as president of the Rural Coalition and add my congratulations to the noble Baroness, Lady Hayman of Ullock, on her new role.

As a long-term advocate for rural areas and the people who live and work in them, I know that our farmers and rural communities are uniquely placed to deliver the Government's missions of clean energy, increased building and the need to protect and restore our environment. Rural communities and rural businesses play an absolutely crucial role in the economic and social fabric of our country.

I welcome His Majesty's Government's plans to introduce measures to tackle pollution in our rivers, lakes and waterways. In my diocese of St Albans, covering Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire, we are home to several of this country's beautiful chalk streams, which, despite being extraordinarily rare and precious habitats, have been utterly devastated by both extraction and pollution. For example, the River Ver in Hertfordshire has been found to have six times higher levels of E. coli than is acceptable in bathing water. Between March and June this year, sewage was discharged directly into the River Ver for more than 2,400 hours.

I appreciate that agricultural run-off is also a problem when it comes to ensuring that our rivers are kept clean and healthy. That is why it is vital that the Government work closely

with Britain's farmers, as well as investing in research and development for better fertilisers and solutions to reduce the volume of manure and slurry. There have, in fact, been planning applications for slurry storage or energy-efficient greenhouses turned down as a result of environmental considerations—an outcome that is not only frustrating but counterproductive to what we are trying to achieve. Local authorities need to have access to the appropriate expertise when making decisions on these applications. The planning practice guidance needs to be much clearer, with more flexibility built in so that farm businesses are able to build the infrastructure they need to become more sustainable and environmentally friendly.

I welcome warmly this Government's recognition of the fact that food security is part of national security. I was pleased to see the pledge to source a minimum of 50% of government-procured food from British producers. It is encouraging to see that the security of British farming is high up on the agenda both for the public and the Government. This is why I echo the National Farmers' Union's call for an increased, multi-year agricultural budget to secure the future of Britain's farming industry and to ensure that farmers and government can work together to move forward towards sustainable food production, environment targets and net zero. We need to work in collaboration with, not in opposition to, our vitally important farming sector.

Several noble colleagues on these Benches raised concerns during the passage of the recent Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Act that the import of animals and animal product raised under welfare standards that would be illegal here are damaging British agricultural business. Battery-cage eggs and poultry production is banned here, yet our producers have been undercut by imported eggs and poultry reared to lower standards. I look forward to hearing more detail on His Majesty's Government's plans to ensure that our own producers are provided with a level playing field and to ensure that these safeguards are a central bedrock of any trade deals.

Finally, I would like to make a few comments on housing. We are all aware that this is a

huge challenge; if there were lots of quick wins, the previous Government would have grabbed them straightaway. I am grateful for the approach being taken by Homes for All, the coalition trying to take a strategic and systemic approach to increasing housebuilding. My particular interest, over many years, is rural housing and the rural housing crisis. It is a problem that is different from the challenge of building in many urban centres. It is crucial the Government recognise the specificity of the housing crisis in rural areas and the way that this impacts rural communities differently, not least in ensuring long-term rural sustainability. We had hoped our previous Government would provide us with a long-term strategy; I hope that this Government will consider doing so.

Over many years, we have seen the closure of rural shops, schools and services from rural areas, partly linked to the lack of genuinely affordable housing. We have also seen the drain of young people and families—indeed, sometimes the elderly—as they are being forced to leave homes and communities, often where they have deep roots and have lived all their lives. Local communities need to be informing decisions around building new houses to ensure that they fit into the locality, as well as being well-designed and of good quality; ultimately, they need to strengthen the community. I call on His Majesty's Government to consider, as part of their reforms to planning, introducing a planning passport for rural exemption sites which have been highlighted as an avenue of great potential for mitigating the housing crisis. Future policies need to be sensitive to rural housing. That is not just the responsibility of Defra; it must happen across all government departments. It is why we need proper rural-proofing applied systematically to all legislation that comes to your Lordships' House.

With the right support and investment, the rural economy can add billions to the national economy, contributing towards this Government's mission to kick-start economic growth, as well as holding the potential to play a vital part in making Britain a clean energy superpower. I look forward to working with the noble Baroness, Lady Hayman of Ullock, in the coming years on these issues

and others for the common good of our nation.

Given in the House of Lords 18th July 2024 in response to the King's Speech

Environment Climate Hope



Saturday, September 21st at All Saints Church in Hertford is a day dedicated to Environment, Climate and Hope.

The programme runs from 10:00 to 16:00 and visitors can stay for the day or drop in from time to time as best suits them.

Through illustrated talks, presentations, stalls and displays, the wonderful wildlife areas in easy reach of Hertford will be celebrated.

Alongside this, the day will promote an awareness of just how much our wildlife means to our wellbeing and will also consider other aids to wellbeing.

There will also be suggestions of how to live more sustainably and to protect the environment, taking into account the ravages of climate change, but finding ways to point to hope for the future. Through a panel discussion of climate change, the wider issues will also be considered.

Talks in church.

10.00 Jenny Mant and Tim Hagyard

Jenny Mant Our natural world; our hope for the future.

Jenny Mant has over 25 years' experience of restoring rivers and landscapes and promoting their value for all living beings. She is also a trustee of the Wild Trout Trust who focus on habitat creation for all aquatic species. The talk will explore some of the things that have been happening world wide and on our door step aimed at making our world a more resilient place to live.

Tim Haggard Walking Hertfordshire's Chalk Rivers.

Tim is the author of **Chalk Stream Reflections** in which he describes his 2020 walks covering the entirety of Hertfordshire's chalk streams.

11.15 **Rowan Byrne** Threats & Challenges Facing Our Oceans & Solutions.

The focus will be on a shared responsibility, outline the issues the oceans face, what we can do and where the future is at and how we can all play our part.

Considering the vastness of this topic, Rowan will touch lightly on the issues at hand and be guided by the audience on where they want to take this with questions and more discussion.



Rowan Byrne BSc (Hons) MSc MSc CSci FRSB Senior Associate Marine Sustainability Plastics Lead, Royal Society Fellow & Chartered Scientist

Rowan Byrne is successful Irish Marine Biologist and Fellow of the Royal society of Biology with over 30 years proven environmental experience in marine conservation species and habitats, climate change mitigation and adaptation and sustainability strategies. As a keen innovator himself, Rowan's focus is very much on legacy and how we can – and should – all work with a wide range of stakeholders and industry partners/governments to integrate environmental and social considerations into all our activities. Rowan continues to publish papers on solutions to plastic pollution in our waterways and leads on several plastic capture projects across the UK in marine and freshwater riverine and wastewater treatment work environments.

12.30 John Cherry of **Weston Park Farms** Whatever the question, The answer is right under your feet.

Farmer John Cherry talks about the many benefits of looking after our soil: soil health leads to plant health onto animal health, human health and planetary health.



John organises the annual Groundswell Conference looking at the theory and practical applications of Conservation Agriculture or regenerative

systems, including no-till, cover crops and re-introducing livestock into the arable rotation, with a view to improving soil health.

13.30 Poetry delivery

Nigel Braggins will deliver a selection of poems relating to Environment, Climate and Hope from his anthology 'Rhyme of our Time'.

14.00 **Donato Cinicolo** REPAIRING & CONSERVATION: A journey of discovery



Making things, understanding how things work, is not merely practical. It teaches us that there is logic at work in say, how a mechanical clock functions. One gear affects another gear and via springs and balances mechanical

drive is created. Such understanding can be applied to the solving of abstract problems too. By defining something difficult to solve as a problem, there must be, by definition one or more solutions. Calling something a challenge is open ended and can lead nowhere.

Donato Cinicolo has been involved in making and repairing things for all of his life. From his early beginnings in Southern Italy, where he was born, he began making small toys from

the offcuts of wood from the local carpenter held together with nails from the town cobbler. When he attended Colney Heath Primary School near St Albans he was making wooden swords for his schoolmates so that they could stage mock battles in the playground (not possible nowadays!). Following his marriage and his first home, a 17thC cottage, he had to learn new skills such as wattle and daub, plastering, old construction techniques etc. A love of old buildings has meant that he is very much involved in conservation and maintenance of ancient structures. A lifetime of such work needs to be passed on to new generations, and Donato has been doing just that; it is the duty of the old and experienced craftsmen to pass on knowledge, and he is proud to do so.

15.00 Panel Discussion chaired by **Tim Hill, MCIEM Conservation Manager, Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust** and Event Manager of the Herts Bird Club



Tim Hill is the Conservation Manager with Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, leading on the Trust's work in the wider countryside for wildlife and people. He has been working as a conservation professional for over

30 years, beginning his career as a ranger in the Peak District National Park. In a voluntary capacity he is a Trustee of the Hertfordshire Natural History Society. Tim has a particular fondness of wet and muddy places and the creatures that live there.

Stalls:

Andrew Wood *Creating a **Creating an environment where butterflies, moths and other insects can thrive.***

I am from Butterfly Conservation and my aim is to promote a wide diversity based on the place of butterflies and moths as vital links in food chain and early indicators of climate and environmental change.

Clive Fleming ***Hertford Swift Group***

The Hertford Swift Group aims to help the number of Swifts In Hertford recover after the sharp decline in recent years (c58% since the

mid 1990s). Our main focus is on increasing numbers of breeding sites for the birds across the town, with nest boxes, and Swift bricks on new developments.

We have put over 300 nest boxes in recent years. This work will continue for a number of years in future too. Come and chat to us about what this involves and what you could do to help Hertford's Swifts.

Julia Gough ***Walking and Cycling***

Where you can go and how to get around without using a car, with particular emphasis on the public rights-of-way network and cycle routes.

Stan Kitchiner ***RSPB South East Hertfordshire.***

The group offers a great way to meet friendly, like-minded people while learning more about birds and wildlife. Their stall will provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the RSPB, the local group and the wildlife available to watch in the local area. 2025 Calendars and greetings cards will also be available.

Alan Muhr ***Sele Road Community Garden - "Lovely Grub Garden" Hertford***

On a small plot just south of the footbridge over the railway, we aim to produce as much food as possible through raised beds, one poly tunnel, soft fruit and fruit trees. We have neither mains water nor electricity, but aim to be self-sufficient in rainwater. We also have a small pond and a compost toilet. The garden provides an open-air forum for volunteers to discuss gardening and composting techniques and much more. We look forward to similar discussions with visitors to the stall, and new volunteers are welcome to the garden.

Mia Arundel *"Where the Wild Things Were".*

Britain is one of the most nature depleted places on Earth. Rewilding has been proposed as a radical new approach to restoration and conservation. But would this controversial approach work here? Can we really bring the wild things back to Britain?

Christopher Benton *Spiders*

Christopher's stall will provide an introduction to different species of spider, showing how spiders have an essential role in our ecosystem. There may even be some live spiders to have a closer look at.

Parish Diary September 2024

Sunday 1st Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am All the Family Service
6.30 pm Parish Communion

Monday 2nd (Martyrs of Papua New Guinea)

9.00 am Organ Tuning

Wednesday 4th (Birinus)

7.30 pm Licensing of Rev
Simon Cutmore as Priest-in-
charge (Incumbent Designate)

Thursday 5th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 6th (Allen Gardiner)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 7th

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 9th (Charles Fuge)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 10th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 11th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 12th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 13th (John Chrysostom)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 14th (Holy Cross)

9.30 am Morning Prayer
9.00 onwards Hert and Beds
Bike n Hike

Sunday 15th Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Family Eucharist
12.00 noon Holy Baptism
6.30 pm Choral Compline

Monday 16th (Ninian)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 17th (Hildegarde)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 18th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm PCC

Thursday 19th (Theodore)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 20th (John Patteson)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 21st (Matthew)

9.30 Morning Prayer
10.0 am onwards Environment,
Climate, Hope Day

Sunday 22nd Seventeenth

Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 23rd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 24th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 25th (Lancelot Andrewes)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 noon for 1.00 pm
Soundbites
Trio Kagura
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 26th (Wilson Carlisle)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 27th (Vincent de Paul)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 28th (Ember Day)

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 29th Michael and all Angels

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday 30th (Jerome)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

OCT Tuesday 1st (Remigius)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 2nd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 noon for 1.00 pm
Soundbites
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 3rd (George Bell)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 4th (Francis of Assisi)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 5th

9.30 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 6th Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am All the Family Service
Harvest Festival
12.30 Harvest Lunch
6.30 pm Parish Communion

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