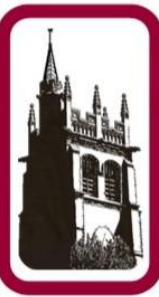


ALL SAINTS'



ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone



So where are we, and where are we going?

By the time you read this I will have been in post as your parish priest at All Saints for six months and it has got me into a reflective mood.

Over the last few months we have seen:

- gentle growth in our congregations
- a response to what many of you have asked for particularly study groups
- a renewed engagement with organisations and groups across our communities
- some behind the scenes work with PCC regarding our hopes and dreams under God for our present and future, and the culture we want to see permeate and shape our life.
- plans being laid for renewed work with preschoolers and youth in the Autumn
- a renewed direction of travel for us as a church.

Back on All Saints Day we did some creative work in our worship and noted some really important things:

- We noticed who was missing from our worshipping community and we needed especially to re-engage with children, young people and their families
- We realised that we and others come to faith/or renew it through study and engaging worship
- We remembered the influence and encouragement of our friends and family, especially in terms of us finding faith.

I hope you can see that some of the activity and planning over the last six months have

been about responding to all of that. There is more to come with new work launching in the Autumn - keep an eye out for **Small Saints!**

I have been working hard in partnering in new ways with groups, institutions and organisations across the parish and town.

- ✓ I've become a governor at Simon Balle school and at Abel Smith and by the time you read this I will have led a few assemblies at the schools we have connections with, and as a result, increasing our visibility.
- ✓ I am stuck into Hertford Churches Together. Going forward I am seeking to make particular connections with other organisations that will further our desire to connect with families, children and young people.
- ✓ We have forged a link with Street Food Heroes who we will host in our church yard once a month drawing a younger demographic to our site for some delicious street food and community building!
- ✓ I am also looking to deepen a partnership with a local church-based youth organisation as we look to launch some new youth work later in the year.

Dreams are being dreamed with art exhibitions in church and possibly the church yard in 2026.

Planning is underway as to how we ensure that our pastoral work remains exemplary, and we are looking to draw together a group to plan social events for fun and fundraising purposes!

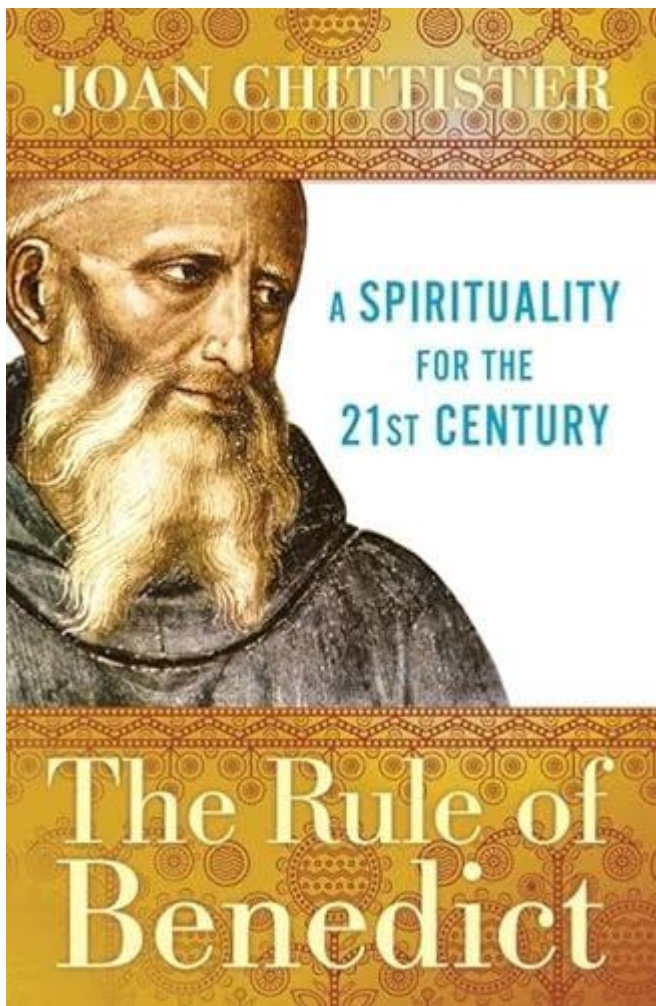
So I hope you can see that there has been much activity alongside getting to know you all better.

As we edge towards our celebration of Easter and rejoice at Jesus' resurrection and his

appearance to many and then sending them out to continue his work the same will be true of us.

During the Easter season one of the things we will be doing is asking you all to prayerfully consider the part you play in making known the love and presence of the risen Jesus today and to our community and wider parish.

We will need people to pray specifically for these new pieces of mission and ministry, but we will also need some of you to serve in specific ways that will seek to use the gifts and skills that you have well.



Every evening, at the end of Evening Prayer, I read some of a commentary on the Rule of St Benedict by Joan Chittister called 'A Spirituality for the 21st Century.' Reflecting on Benedict's call to sharing of the Abbot's authority with the appointing of Deans in a large monastery, she says this,

'... Whoever the leaders, the central thesis of this chapter remains: the community belongs

to the community. Its sanctity and success do not rise and fall on the shoulders of one leader alone. They rise and fall on the shoulders of its members. What they are the community shall be...'

As we pilgrim through these weeks of Lent, and look to the joy of Easter on the horizon, let's answer the call to be an Easter people. I can't respond to all that God is calling us to on my own and nor should I.

The sanctity and success of All Saints rises and falls on the shoulders of its members - all of us in varying ways - answering Jesus' call to serve and love as He has served and loved us.

Simon

Church takes Ash Wednesday to the Streets



On Ash Wednesday, March 5th, 2025, All Saints church in Hertford will be offering "Ashes to Go," a new approach to a centuries-old Christian tradition.

All Saints is part of an international movement that has clergy and lay people visiting train stations, street corners, coffee shops, and other public spaces to mark the foreheads of interested passers-by with ashes and invite them to repent of past wrongdoing and seek forgiveness and renewal.

In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday marks the start of the holy season of Lent, a time for reflection and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Easter. For

centuries, Christians have received a cross of ashes on the face at the beginning of that season as a reminder of our failings and an invitation to receive God's forgiveness. Ashes to Go provides the opportunity to participate in that tradition for people who have lost their connection to a church, or have never participated before.

The Revered **Simon Cutmore**, parish priest of All Saints, said: "Ashes to Go is about bringing the important traditions of our faith out from behind church walls and into the places we need them every day. As people get busier and busier, we need the church in new and non-traditional ways. We especially need reminders of forgiveness in the tough places of our working lives. The people who accept ashes on the street are often people longing to make a connection between their faith and the forces of daily life, and Ashes to Go helps them feel that connection."

In Hertford, All Saints is offering Ashes to Go for the first time this year - outside Hertford East station from 7.00am and in Salisbury Square from 10.00am.

New Electoral Roll



The Electoral Roll is the parish church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the PCC.

By law we must prepare a new roll from scratch every six years. 2025 is such a year. So during March we will start the process of building our new roll. We hope to do much of this electronically, for those who can do so.

For those who don't have suitable access, paper alternatives will be available from Sunday 8th March

The important thing to remember is that everyone needs to re-register. Full information will be on notice boards etc from March 8th.

Lent Groups

Thank you to those who have signed up for Lent groups.

Based on this we will be running two groups:

1. Thursday mornings, with Coffee & Cake at 9.30 and a one hour session from 9.45 to 10.45, finishing in time for our 11.00 am Holy Communion. These will begin on 6th March.
2. Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm, hosted by Fiona Earle at Hailey Cottage, Hailey Lane, Hertford SG13 7NY, beginning on 11th March.

Both will study a short book called 'Lentwise' by Paula Gooder. Paula is Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral and a much respected theologian. More information at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/lent.php>



Prayer Requests

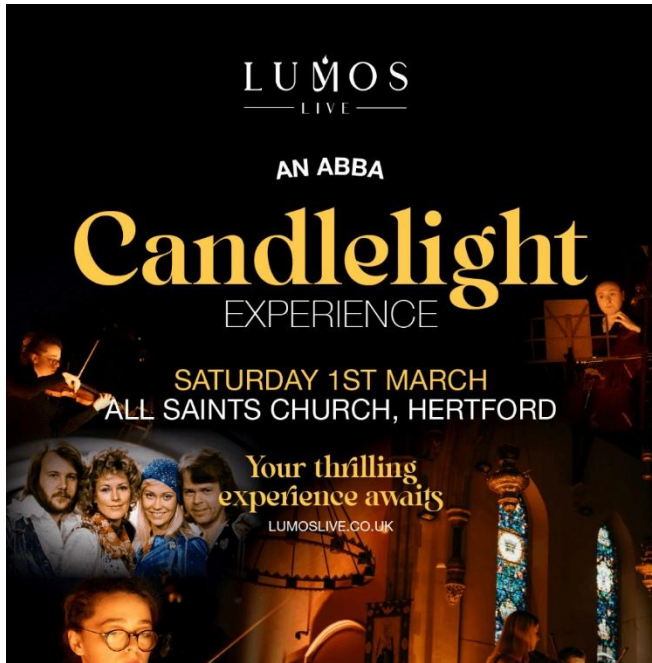
Please help us. WE are very keen to ensure we do keep in mind everyone in need of our prayers.

To help keep on top of this important ministry we have set up a specific email address: sick@allsaintshertford.org to which you can send requests. If you are not able to use this mechanism then please do drop/give a note to Simon, Janet (B) or Martin (P) who will gladly do this for you.

Wherever possible do please let us know for how long you would like us to keep this on our public lists and of all happy outcomes! Thank you.

Lumos

Lumos Live brings you enchanting concert experiences paying homage to world famous artists.



A percentage of our profits will be donated to a different charity each month!

60 Min Concert (Please Arrive 20mins Before the Concert Starts)

Seating Is First Come First Serve To Your Allocated Zones (Gold, Silver, Bronze) 8+ This event is for eight year olds & above

Two sittings: 5.00pm-6.00pm and 7pm-8pm

The performance at this event will be a String Trio performing *Dancing Queen*, *Slipping through my fingers*, *Waterloo*, *Mamma Mia*, *Take a chance on me*, *Voulez-Vous*, *Money money money*, *Lay all your love on me*, *Thank you for the music*

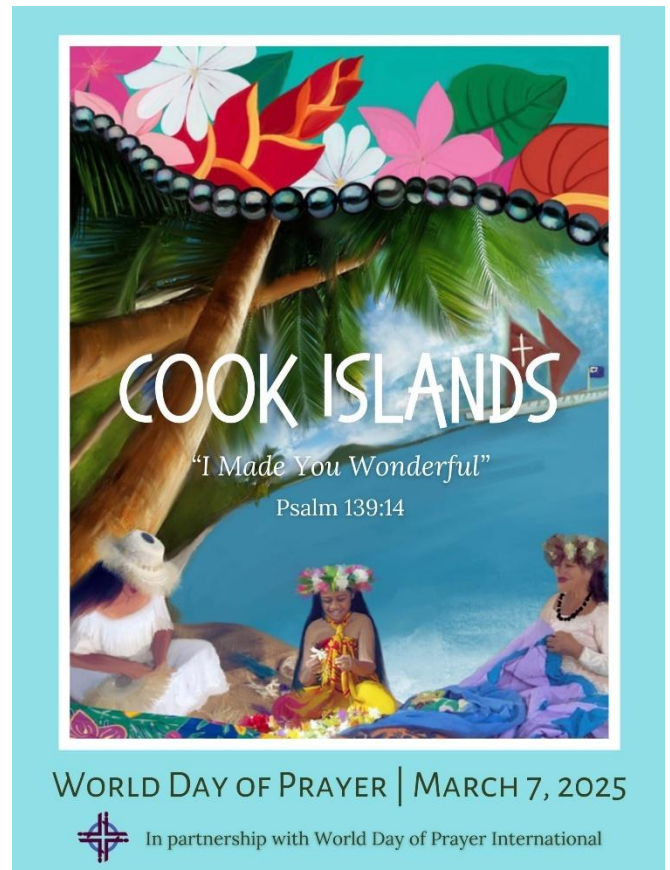
World Day of Prayer Service in All Saints 2.00 pm

Every year, the World Day of Prayer unites people across the globe in a spirit of worship, solidarity, and shared faith.

This year our focus is the Cook Islands. The theme, "I Made You Wonderful" from Psalm

139:14, serves as a beautiful reminder of God's creative work in each of us and His love of diversity.

This verse expresses a sense of awe and gratitude for God's craftsmanship, not just in our physical being, but in the unique purpose and identity He gives each life.



The Cook Islands' traditions of music, dance, and storytelling remind us of the beauty of human expression. Embracing these traditions while engaging in World Day of Prayer allows participants to honour their cultural identity as part of God's creation.

GreenWatch Saturday 8th March

The speaker is Councillor Tim Hoskin, East Herts District Councillor for Hertford Heath and Brickendon and Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability.

His topic: "Gavin and the biodiversity crisis"

Sustainable Hertford Heath set out to try and make a positive environmental difference

and part of that effort has resulted in the creation of a community orchard on a couple of disused allotment plots. The project started with the bare abandoned plots in 2020 and has progressed since that date to our first harvest – albeit very small!

We had to ask him to explain the title! Gavin is the name of a Hertfordshire apple!

PJO/Habermann

Award winning singer Robert Habermann returns with the Phoenix Jazz Orchestra to sing original big band arrangements.

Tickets on the door: £10, £5 children/students under 25.
All proceeds in aid of All Saints' Church.

The Big Health Get-together 2025

Are you autistic and/or do you have a learning disability? Do you support an autistic person and/or someone with a learning disability as a family member, carer or professional?

If so, come and join us to find out about the work we are doing to make healthcare and other services better and have your say.

There will be a performance from the Purple All Stars and lunch will be provided.

Date: Monday, 17 March 2025 from 10am - 3pm

Location: Hatfield Business Park Hatfield Avenue, Hatfield, AL10 9TP.

Who is this event for?

'The Big Health Get-together' is aimed at adults with a lived experience of a learning disability and/or autistic people, their families, carers and the paid professionals who support them.

What is it about?

Learn about our LeDeR work. LeDeR is learning about people's lives and deaths so that we can make healthcare and other services better.

'You said, we did'. Find out about action we have taken in the past year.

We will talk about things like:

1. Healthy Lives: Taking action to stay healthy and well. What helps to keep people healthy and well? What's working well and what needs to change?
2. Including everyone: We want to change unfair differences in health for everyone, including people from global majority communities and autistic people.

3. Have your say. Tell us what you think the plan should be for the year ahead.

For further information or to book tickets please email leder@hertfordshire.gov.uk. You can also email to let us know about any needs that we can help with to make it easier for you to join this session.

Agenda for The Big Health Get-together

10.00am	Registration with Refreshments and Stands
10.45am	Welcome and Morning Session 1 Begins
12.00pm	Networking Lunch and Stands
13.00pm	Session 2 Begins
14.00pm	Mid-afternoon Break with Refreshments and Stands
14.15pm	Purple All-Stars Performance
14.45pm	Closing Remarks
15.00pm	Finish

The Children's Society



Dear Mr Bird,

Thank you so much for your donation of £158.00 raised at your Christingle service!

The money you've raised means we can empower young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope, and create a society built for all children.

You and everyone involved should feel incredibly proud of the difference your gift is making to the lives of children now and in the future .

Once again thank you for choosing to fight for young people,

Andrew Moran
Head of Supporter Experience

Street Food Heroes

STREET FOOD HEROES
HERTFORD
All Saints Church
4-9pm

Mar 27th
Apr 24th
May 29th
June 26th
July 31st
Aug 28th
Sept 25th

NEW LOCATION

We're delighted that Street Food Heroes have chosen All Saints Churchyard as their venue for 2025.

Street Food heroes brings together awesome street food vendors in Hertford, Ware, Hemel & Tring.

These are great community events held on Thurs evenings with Live Music, great food & drink and good times had by all.

Please come and try the excellent choice on offer!

<https://www.facebook.com/streetfoodheroes1/>
07702 321216
edward.fowler@sky.com

Parish Diary March 2025

Saturday 1st (David)

9.30 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm & 7.00 pm Concerts Lumos

Sunday 2nd Sunday next before Lent

10.00 am All Ages Together
Communion *Looking ahead to Lent*
6.30 pm Taizé style Worship

Monday 3rd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 4th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.15am Wheatcroft Assembly
2.30 pm Morgans Assembly
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Ash Wednesday 5th

7.00 am Ashes to go Hertford East
8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Ashes to go Salisbury Sq.
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Simon Watterton - *Piano*
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
8.00 pm Choral Communion with Ashing

Thursday 6th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.30 for 9.45 Lent Group in church
11.00 am Holy Communion
1.45 pm Larch School
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 7th (Perpetua)

2.00pm World Day of Prayer
Service at AS
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 8th

9.30 am Morning Prayer
11.30 am **Greenwatch** Coffee
12.00 noon Light Lunches
1.00 pm Talk 'Gavin and the biodiversity crisis'
Cllr Tim Hoskin

Sunday 9th First Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 10th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 11th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lent Group at Hailey Cottage

Wednesday 12th

8.00 am Morning Prayer

12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Clara Thompson – *Violin*
Alice King - *Viola*
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 13th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.30 for 9.45 Lent Group in church
11.00 am Holy Communion
2.00 pm Funeral of Karin Carne
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art
7.45 pm Concert PJO

Friday 14th (Ember Day)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 15th (Ember Day)

9.00 am Work Party
9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 16th 2nd Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Compline

Monday 17th (Patrick)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 18th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lent Group at Hailey Cottage

Wednesday 19th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Tingshuo Yang - *Organ*
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm PCC

Thursday 20th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.30 for 9.45 Lent Group in church
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 21st (Thomas Cranmer)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 22nd

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 23rd 3rd Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 24th (Walter Hilton)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 25th (Annunciation of BVM)

8.00 am Morning Prayer

10.15am Wheatcroft Assembly
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lent Group at Hailey Cottage

Wednesday 26th (Harriet Mansell)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
English Piano Trio
3.00 pm HCS Poster set up
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 27th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.30 for 9.45 Lent Group in church
11.00 am Holy Communion
4.00- 9.00 pm Street Food Heroes in Churchyard
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 28th

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 29th

9.30 am Morning Prayer
7.00 pm Concert HCS

Sunday 30th Mothering Sunday

10.00 am All Ages Together Service
6.30 pm Choral Communion

Monday 31st

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

APRIL Tuesday 1st

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lent Group at Hailey Cottage

Wednesday 2nd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 3rd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.30 for 9.45 Lent Group in church
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 4th

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 5th

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 6th Passion Sunday

10.00 am All Ages Together
Communion *The Cross*
6.30 pm Worship suitable for the season