

ALL SAINTS'



ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

**Growing the future**

*'... Autumn days when the grass is jewelled
And the silk inside a chestnut shell.
Jetplanes meeting in the air to be refuelled.
All these things I love so well*

*So I mustn't forget
No, I mustn't forget.
To say a great big Thank You
I mustn't forget...'*

I wonder how many of you reading this remember singing that when you were at primary school? For me, it captures something of chilly October mornings and it is heavily laced with nostalgia for a bygone world. Jetplanes no longer need to meet mid-air to get refuelled for example. But 'assembly bangers' like this (as a friend of mine calls them) for many adults still carry memories of our school days but also carry residual Christian faith amongst a few generations of adults.

Over this Autumn I will have been into our local schools frequently, leading assemblies (yes they still happen and yes they are still broadly Christian) and supporting staff in other key ways.

Our schools still take values that shape our lives individually and corporately really seriously. In recent weeks I have led assemblies on the themes of community and kindness. In both cases we have thought deeply about how we live and learn alongside one another; what enables communities to thrive; and to acknowledge that communities flourish when we give back to others and support those in greatest need.

Our schools still take RE seriously. I've spoken with RE leads in two of our schools about the support I and we as a church, can give to ensure that the RE that students receive in the

classroom helps them to appreciate that our society isn't secular (with no religion present) but pluralist (a mix of faith traditions and none) which we need to learn about and learn from if we are going to continue to build strong communities across neighbourhoods; nations and our world.

Supporting our schools is vital to the work of the church in our community. For me personally, that work runs through me like the words run through a stick of rock. It is ministry of the highest order and worth and stuff I get enormous pleasure from. If you doubt that, please remember that I have had the chance to address hundreds of children and young people in recent weeks.

We are still trusted partners, to provide pastoral support when crisis or tragedy hits. We are still seen as purveyors and holders of values that make our society a community; and where the breadth of religious tradition is still seen as key to our life as a nation, we are seen as experts in our field.

When I go into a local school I go at their invitation. I assume no religious literacy. I will go, committed to speak about what it means to live out a shared vision of our common humanity - how we want to live with each other on the local and global stage. And I will do all of that in a dog collar. I will speak, using the language of love that faith in Jesus gives us when invited to. And in so doing, I hope to offer a snapshot of the important part that faith communities play across modern Britain and a reminder that faith is an option for pupils and students alike and a transformative presence in the world today.

Please pray for our schools - their pupils, teachers, support staff, governors and families - that they would remain communities where pupils love to learn but also learn to love.

Simon

Ed: You can see how often Simon is working with all local schools by looking at the October Diary.



We launched a weekly zoom Lectio Divina group. Lectio Divina (literally spiritual reading) is a way of prayerfully

reading a passage of scripture and listening to what God may be revealing to us through it. We meet for about an hour on Monday evenings

You can still join us! Paper sign-up sheets are in church - fill one in and hand it to Rev'd. Simon.



This is an 8-week journey through the Lord's Prayer. It is an opportunity to learn about prayer and

different styles of prayer. The course will run on Thursday mornings in All Saints from 9.15am-10.45am on Thursday mornings beginning on 2nd October. To get the most out of this course we would really like you to commit to all 8 sessions if at all possible. **We would like to run this is an evening too. If you would value that or would be willing to host, please contact Rev'd Simon directly.** Booking forms are at the back of church.



This new group for preschool aged children and their parents/carers began on 9th September. Already some eleven families have 'signed up', several by recommendation for

others, and there's always room for more!

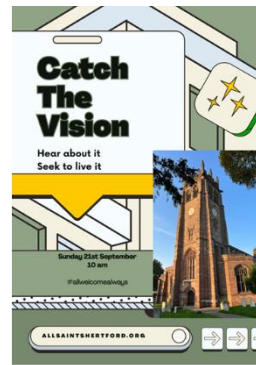
Do encourage others you know who have preschool aged children in their lives to join us weekly in term time.

It's not too late to offer to support this group in four key ways:

- Prayer for it and those who lead and those who come
- Pre-preparing craft before the sessions - we will provide materials needed
- Helping set up the space/helping put stuff away
- Making and serving refreshments for adults and children at the sessions

If you'd like to join us for Small Saints, you can find more info and sign up at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/smallsaints.php>

Simon



A
Fresh
Vision
for
All Saints
Hertford
2025-2028

We launched our new Vision on Sept 21st, the fruits of a year of thinking and planning by Simon and the PCC with a lot of data/idea gathering involving the whole church community and beyond. You can see the presentation and more at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/vision.php> or pick up a booklet in church.

Harvest Festival 5th October

There will be a Festival Eucharist at 10.00 am, a 'Bring and Share lunch at 12.30 and the Festival will conclude with a Thanksgiving Service at 6.30 pm.

All welcome at the lunch. If you are able to bring something please add the list at the back of church.

Christmas Tree Festival & Fair



We are holding a Community Christmas Tree Festival towards the end of November. The Festival will be launched on Saturday 22nd November at 7.00 pm and will run until the following weekend – open every day and finishing with our Advent Carol Service on Sunday 30th.

We are combining this with our annual Christmas fair, which will take place from 11.00 am to 3.30 pm on Saturday 29th November.

Greenwatch



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GREENWATCH

A Series of FREE Talks on Environmental Themes

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER 2025 at 1.00pm
Coffee from 11.30am
Light Lunches from 12noon

• Produce Stall: Homemade Jams, Marmalade and Chutneys, Locally Pressed Apple Juice.

Dark Skies
By Simon Thorp
DarkSky International delegate

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Soundbites



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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 1 October 2025
'Wild Rose Trio'
Catherine Wild (Oboe, Oboe d'amore, Recorders)
Jane Rose (Flute, Alto Flute, Recorders)
Michael Smith (Piano)
The Wild Rose Trio involves three local musicians. Catherine Wild playing Oboe and Recorder, Jane Rose playing Flute and Recorder and Michael Smith the Piano.

Wednesday 8 October 2025
Julian Godlee (Bass - Baritone)
Brenda Blewett (Piano)
Julian Godlee was head chorister at Kings College Cambridge under Sir David Willcocks. During this time, he toured Europe and West Africa, and of course sang in many Christmas broadcasts of BBC's Nine Lessons and Carols. He studied singing with Sir Peter Pears and has recorded with Benjamin Britten, Herbert Howells and Sir Neville Marriner, and performed as soloist on Classic FM and BBC Radio 3, as well as in The Royal Albert Hall.
Until September 2019, Brenda was Joint Head of Accompaniment at Cheatham's School of Music in Manchester where she was part of the staff accompaniment team for 25 years alongside an active performing career.

Music: Dichterliebe Op 48 - Robert Schumann
Songs by Michel Legrand, Eva Cassidy, L.Mulashkin and Enio Morricone

Wednesday 22 October 2025
Benjamin Carnell (Cello)
Originally from Bishop's Stortford, Benjamin Carnell studied at the Royal College of Music and has performed at Soundbites with an outstanding recital with David Silkoff on Piano.

Music by Beethoven & Dvorak

Wednesday 15 October 2025
James Kirby (Piano)
James appears as recitalist and concerto soloist throughout the UK and Europe. Highlights include performances at London's Wigmore Hall, Edinburgh and Aldeburgh Festivals.

Music: Arabesque Op. 18 - Schumann
Fantasy and Jigue on BACH - Liszt
Faschingschwank Aus Wien Op 26 - Schumann
Isalides Liebestod - Wagner/Liszt

Wednesday 29 October 2025
Dan Tidhar
(Harpisord, Fortepiano, Chamber Organ and Organ)
Dr Dan Tidhar holds a harpsichord performance degree as well as a PhD in computer science.

Strings, Jacks, Hammer, and Pipes: A Celebration of Keyboard Instruments.
Keyboard music from 16, 17 and 18 Century

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The complete season's programme is now available on our website at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/concerts.php>

Hertford Choral Society

Lumos Live


Saturday 18th October



A Classical John Williams Tribute with a String Trio
1st Sitting: 5-6pm. Doors open at 4.15pm
2nd Sitting: 7-8pm Doors open at 6.30pm

Jurassic Park Movie Theme
Hits from Star Wars including Cantina Band and Imperial March
E.T Theme
Indiana Jones Theme
And More!

More information and booking links at www.allsaintshertford.org/concert.php#Lumos



Hertford Choral Society presents

A Baroque Celebration
Masterpieces by Bach and Handel

5.00pm, Saturday 25th October 2025
All Saints' Church, Hertford SG13 8AY

Programme:
JS Bach *Magnificat*
GF Handel *Utrecht Te Deum*
JS Bach *Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D*

Orchestra: Spiritato
Conductor: Manvinder Rattan

Tickets:
£20 reserved / £15 unreserved / £5 students
Email: tickets@hertfordchoral.org.uk
Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk (booking fee applies)
In person: Hertford Town & Tourist Information Centre
10-12 The Wash, Hertford SG14 1PX (unreserved only)

For more information please visit www.hertfordchoral.org.uk
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Hertford Choral Society
Registered Charity No. 276220

Please note the start time: 5.00 pm

Parish Diary October 2025

Wednesday 1st (Remegius)
8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
 Wild Rose Trio
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 2nd
8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 for 9.30 Prayer Course
11.00 am Holy Communion
1.00 pm Morgans Harvest Festival
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 3rd (George Bell)
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 4th (Francis of Assisi)
9.30 am Holy Communion

Sunday 5th Harvest
10.00 am All Ages Together
 Communion – Harvest
12.30 am Harvest Lunch
6.30 pm Thanksgiving for Harvest

Monday 6th (William Tyndale)
8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
2.30 pm Abel Smith Harvest
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
6.30 pm Churches together AGM
7.30 pm Lectio Divina on Zoom

Tuesday 7th
8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Small Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 8th
8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
 Julian Godlee – Bass-Baritone
 Brenda Blewett – Piano
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 9th (Denys)
8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 for 9.30 Prayer Course
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 10th (Paulinus)
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 11th (Ethelburga)
9.30 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Guildford Cathedral Ringers
11.30am Coffee Morning
12.00 noon Lunches
1.00 pm GreenWatch talk
Dark Skies – Simon Thorp

Sunday 12th 17th after Trinity
10.00 am Parish Communion
6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 13th (Edward the Confessor)
8.00 am Morning Prayer
8.45 am Richard Hale Assembly
9.50 am Simon Balle Harvest
10.30 am Service at Bentley House

12.00 noon Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lectio Divina on Zoom

Tuesday 14th
8.00 am Morning Prayer
8.45 am Richard Hale Assembly
10.00 am Small Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 15th (Teresa of Avila)
8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Holy Communion
12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
 James Kirby – Piano
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 16th (Ridley & Latimer)
8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 for 9.30 Prayer Course
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 17th (Ignatius)
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 18th (Luke)
9.00 am Work Party
9.30 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Concert by Lumos
7.00 pm Concert by Lumos

Sunday 19th 18th after Trinity
10.00 am Parish Communion
2.00 pm Wedding of Temilola Asseez
 and Andreas Englezos
6.30 pm Choral Compline

Monday 20th
8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lectio Divina on Zoom

Tuesday 21st
8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Small Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 22nd
8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.15 am Wheatcroft Assembly
12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
 Benjamin Carnell – Cello
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 23rd
8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 for 9.30 Prayer Course
11.00 am Holy Communion
TBC Games Afternoon
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 24th
11.00 am HRC Degree Ceremonies

Saturday 25th (Crispin & Crispian)
9.30 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Concert by Hertford Choral Society

Sunday 26th Last after Trinity/Bible
10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 27th
8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lectio Divina on Zoom

Tuesday 28th (Simon & Jude)
8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Small Saints
12.00 noon Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 29th (James Hannington)
8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 noon for 1.00 pm Soundbites:
 Dan Tidhar – Harpsichord,
Fortepiano, Chamber Organ,
Organ
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 30th
8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 for 9.30 Prayer Course
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 31st (Martin Luther)
5.30 pm Choir Practices

NOVEMBER

Saturday 1st
9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 2nd All Saints Sunday
10.00 am All Ages Together
 Communion with Bishop Jane
12.30 pm Lunch
6.30 pm Breathing Space - A
 Contemplative Service for
 All Saints Sunday

Monday 3rd (Richard Hooker)
8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.30 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lectio Divina on Zoom

Tuesday 7th
8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Small Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

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