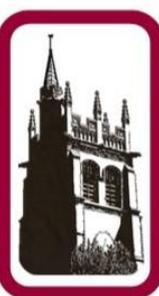


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ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone



Making our Vision real

Back in September 2025 we launched a 6-strand vision for our life at All Saints over the next three years. Details of the presentation I shared are on our website at (<https://www.allsaintshertford.org/vision.php>) and we printed out large versions of the slides and they have been on display around the building for quite a number of weeks now.

The vision we discerned is about us having some clear priorities in our mission and ministry. The reason for discerning vision this way is two-fold:

1. Accountability. It is important as a whole church can see what progress we are making in some key areas.
2. Community. It is important for this vision to live, for us all not only to know about it, but to share in its development together.

In fact, development of the vision is well underway.

For example, SmAll Saints has been running for a number of months now and we often gather a congregation of a dozen. This is hugely encouraging, and this work is developing further in that all of the children and families at the Christingle service were members of SmAll Saints - they are already making a jump to Sundays!

The vision is enlarging too. We have discerned recently that it would be wise to add in a seventh strand - recently approved by the PCC - which is to do with Creation Care. Before the end of February, you will see a 7th strand poster up with some of the things we aspire to in this strand, and what one will expect to see as a result in the years ahead.

But here's the thing - delivery on these 7 Strands cannot fall to me and a few very committed others. It is not the sole responsibility of the PCC. We have discerned that these strands are key to our life as a church and our shared mission and ministry under God.

Alongside our extensive 'Festival of Faith' over Lent, I would like each of you to use this holy season to re-read the vision displayed on the A3 sheets around the church building. Before Holy Week, I would like each of you to **comment, criticise, and commit** on this vision on blank sheets displayed beneath each strand:

- Please **comment** on the strands' vision. What do you like. What is already delivering well?
- Please **criticise** the strands. What is not quite right or needs refinement? Is it too broad? Is it brave enough?
- Please also **commit**. I would like to see everyone in the church committing to one strand in one way or more - and that could include praying for that strand and its work; committing some time to help shape the vision or direction of travel in that strand; offering some of your time to deliver on that work.

Working this way means that *all of us* are in some way involved in this mission and ministry whether that's in prayer, planning or provision. This is about **ALL** of All Saints living out the call of God on our church - a hopefully lived reality - which we will commission in the Easter season.

So please re-read; comment, criticise, and ultimately commit to playing a part in sharing and showing God's love to our parish and town to the glory of God the Father!

Every blessing, Simon

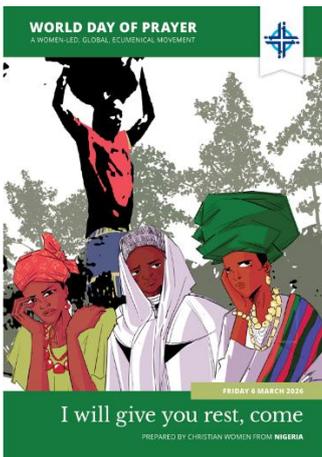
Festival of Faith 2026

Soundbites



Details were published last month. Full and updated information as our explorations continue is on our website at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/FoF.php> and leaflets are readily available in church

Full details of all these concerts at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/concerts.php#sbs>



World Day of Prayer

Friday 6 March, 2.00pm
at Hertford St Andrew's Church

Full information at https://www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk/Groups/458470/Hertford_St_Andrews/Faith/Prayer/World_Day_of/World_Day_of.aspx

Springtime Spectacular

<https://www.allsaintshertford.org/concerts.php#PJO>

Palm Crosses from Tanzania



The aim of African Palms is to give people living in a very poor part of Tanzania the possibility of earning some

extra money. The people's daily work is the planting of maize, millet and some ground nuts to feed themselves and their families.

The important thing about the Palm Cross project is that it does not interfere with their work of producing the food they need to live

www.africanpalms.co.uk

GreenWatch 14th March

<https://www.songbird-survival.org.uk/>

King of Kings at BEAM

Saturday 28th March at 11.00 am

BEAM are screening *The King of Kings* (PG), an animated film about the life of Jesus Christ, loosely inspired by the children's book *The Life of Our Lord* by Charles Dickens.

Dickens shares the story of Jesus Christ with his son, Walter. As his father narrates the stirring tale, Walter becomes captivated with the events of Jesus' life.



The film stars the voices of Kenneth Branagh, Uma Thurman, Mark Hamill, Pierce Brosnan, Roman Griffin Davis, Forest Whitaker, Ben Kingsley, and Oscar Isaac.

Tickets are £3.50.

Book online via
<https://beamherford.co.uk/whats-on/x8-childrens-corner-the-king-of-kings/>

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

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PASSIONTIME AND EASTER



PASSION SUNDAY
22 MARCH 2026
Parish Communion: 10.00am
Choral Evensong: 6.30pm

PALM SUNDAY
29 MARCH 2026
Communion with Dramatised Passion
Reading of the Gospel
Music: A Little Jazz Mass – Chilcott
Meditation for Palm Sunday
led by Rev Simon: 6.30pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY
2 APRIL 2026
Morning Prayer: 11.00am
Choral Communion with
Stripping of the Altars: 8.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2026
Town Centre Witness Walk: 10.00am
Meet at All Saints Church
Hour at the Foot of the Cross: 2.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY
5 APRIL 2026
Holy Communion: 10.00am

Choral Compline: Monday 30, Tuesday 31, Wednesday 1 April 2026: 8.00pm

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www.allsainstshertford.org

Full details are in the diary overleaf. The Sung Compline (Mon-Weds) will also have a Reflection suitable for that day in Holy Week.

As last year, the Easter Day Communion will include elements from the Easter Vigil

HCS concert

Hertford Choral Society presents



Brahms Ein deutsches Requiem

5.00pm, Saturday 28th March 2026
All Saints' Church, Hertford SG13 8AY

Join us for Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem* sung in German, in an arrangement for piano (four hands) and timpani.
Pianists: Jonathan Eyre and Tammas Slater Timpanist: Aaron Townsend
Soloists: Charlotte Brosnan (soprano) and Stephen Kennedy (bass)
Conductor: Manvinder Rattan

Tickets:
£20 reserved / £15 unreserved / £5 students (incl. refreshments)

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 1FX
(unreserved only)

For more information please visit
www.hertfordchoral.org.uk



Hertford
Choral Society

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Easter Monday Pilgrimage Walk

Every year for many years there has been a tradition of pilgrimage to St Albans Cathedral from all over the diocese on Easter Monday.

This year, a group of us from Hertford churches are planning to walk from All Saints Church to St Albans Cathedral on Easter Monday, 6th April 2026. It will be a very early start (circa 7am) to give us time to walk fourteen miles to St Albans in time for the procession and service there in the afternoon.

If you prefer a shorter walk or a later start you are welcome to join us en-route. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Julia Gough (julia.gough@cantab.net) or John Duncan (john.duncan2387@hotmail.co.uk, 07545 844293) for more information.

More information on the pilgrimage itself can be found on the diocesan website at <https://emp.stalbansdiocese.org/>

Parish Diary March 2026

Sunday 1st **2nd Sunday of Lent**
10.00 am All-age Eucharist
6.30 pm Breathing Space

Monday 2nd Chad

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Eucharist
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lectio Divina on Zoom

Tuesday 3rd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am SmAll Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 4th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
The Perci Quartet
2.00 pm Home Communion Visits
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 5th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 for 9.30 Thinking Thursday:
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 6th

2.00 pm Day of Prayer service at
 St Andrews
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 7th

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th **3rd Sunday of Lent**

10.00 am Holy Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong
7.30 pm FoF talk Russell Cowburn

Monday 9th

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 10th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am SmAll Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 11th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
*Elizabeth Mucha & Nigel Foster -
 Piano Duo with
 Julie Teal Narrator*
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 12th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 for 9.30 Thinking Thursday:
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 13th

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 14th

9.30 am Morning Prayer

11.30 am GreenWatch Coffee
12.00 noon Light Lunches
1.00 pm Talk by Georgina Bradley
Songbird Survival

Sunday 15th Mothering Sunday

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Compline
7.30 pm FoF talk Josh Dean MP

Monday 16th

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 17th Patrick

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Eucharist
10.00 am SmAll Saints
12.00 noon Deanery Chapter
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 18th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
*Colin Eldred - Clarinet
 Jane Eldred - Viola
 Barbara Manning - Piano*
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm PCC

Thursday 19th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 for 9.30 Thinking Thursday
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art in Hall
7.45 pm Robert Habermann &
 Phoenix Jazz Orchestra

Friday 20th

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 21st

9.00 onwards Work Party
9.30 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Visiting Ringers

Sunday 22nd Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong
7.30 pm FoF talk Mark Russell OBE

Monday 23rd

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 24th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am SmAll Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 25th Annunciation

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.15 am Wheatcroft Assembly
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Benjamin Carnell - Cello
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 26th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 for 9.30 Thinking Thursday

11.00 am Holy Communion
12.00 noon Convalescent Trust AGM
4.00 pm Street Food Heroes
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 27th

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 28th

9.30 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am King of Kings at BEAM
5.00 pm Concert HCS

Sunday 29th Palm Sunday

10.00 am Parish Communion with
 Dramatized reading of
 the Gospel of the Pasion
6.30 pm Quiet meditation for
 Palm Sunday

Monday 30th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
8.00 pm Sung Compline with
 Reflection

Tuesday 31st

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
8.00 pm Sung Compline with
 Reflection

APRIL

Weds 1st

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
8.00 pm Sung Compline with
 Reflection

Maundy Thursday 2nd

11.00 am Morning Prayer
8.00 pm Choral Communion with
 stripping of Altars

Good Friday 3rd

10.00 am Walk of Witness
2.00 pm Hour at Foot of Cross

Easter Day 5th

10.00 am Parish Communion with
 Elements of the Easter Vigil

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