



Mothers' Union

Our meeting on Monday 2nd March at 8pm in the Memorial Chapel will take the form of a Lenten meditation, led by Mrs Janet Bird.

Our April meeting will be held in the Church Meeting Room on Tuesday 31st March. Mollie Day will be talking about her poetry.

All are welcome to join us to either or both of these meetings - you do not have to be married or a parent!

Catalogues for the Mothers' Union Alternative Mothering Sunday gifts are now available at the back of the Church & from Rosalie Barron or me. Gifts start from just £6 & last year this campaign raised £159,000. Please consider "making a mother's day" by helping mothers in need at home or abroad. "In Memory" gifts are also available to give thanks for mothers no longer with us."

Ann Stephens-Jones

Women's Fellowship

Our 2009 programme was still in preparation when this edition of the magazine went to press. By the time it is published we shall have had our AGM and finalised our plans.

The March meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 25th March.

Mary Geering

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year the Women's World Day of Prayer is on Friday 6th March. Entitled **In Christ, Many Members Yet One Body**, the service, devised by the women of Papua New Guinea, will be at St Joseph's Catholic Church at 2.30 pm.

We thank you, God, for directing our lives. As women united as one in your body, with

your love and your power in us, we pray that we would be your instruments for peace and reconciliation. Amen.

More information can be found at <http://www.worlddayofprayer.net/wdp09.html>

Easter Flowers

Flowers in church at Easter in memory of loved ones have always been special. Your donations are always appreciated and are a great help in making our church look its very best on Easter morning.

If you would like to make a donation this year, Gillian Harman or the Churchwardens would be pleased to receive your gift by Sunday 29th March 2009.

The Christmas Tree Cross will be decorated on Easter Day. Please remember to bring a flower on Easter Day Sunday 12th April 2009.

Gillian Harman

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Cow Corner

Junior Church news



We enjoyed leading the Family Service very much in February and were happy to be able to share more information about the wonderful work of the Send a Cow charity. We shall be putting together a display board based on the service, so do look out for it in church.

We would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who made and bought cakes from our cake stall after the service. We raised £79 which was an excellent total.

The "Coppers for a Cow" bucket has also been supported most generously. We have now banked £111! This is an ongoing project; the bucket will be at the back of church every Sunday morning so please keep saving your coppers for us.

Our next major fundraiser will be a plant sale and coffee morning on Saturday May 16th. Please put the date in your diaries. If anyone is able to grow a few extra plants to augment the ones which we will be growing, please let me know.

Our grand total now stands at £463 – more than half way there.

As I write, we are studying Paul's letter to the Philippians in Junior Church and reading of how we should rejoice. We are certainly doing a lot of that at the moment!

Kath Oates

Outing Saturday 11th July **To Mapledurham House and Watermill via** **Henley, including a Thames Boat Trip.**

Price of £23.00 to include coach, Thames trip and entrance to Mapledurham. Coach pick up details:

Hagsdell Road, Hertford: 8.00 am
The Goat, Hertford Heath: 8.10 am
The Church, St Margaret's: 8.25 am
John Warner School, Hoddesdon 8.30 am.

We call into the Herb Farm at Sonning Common for coffee and a browse (with the option of an exploration of the Saxon maze). We then drive to Henley-on-Thames for lunch; a walk round the town or along the river; with perhaps a visit to the Rowing Museum.

We then take the coach to Reading to join our Thames boat to Mapledurham. The House and Mill are open for visitors and during our visit there will be a Civil War Re-enactment. We will have time for tea before departing to arrive home about 7.30.

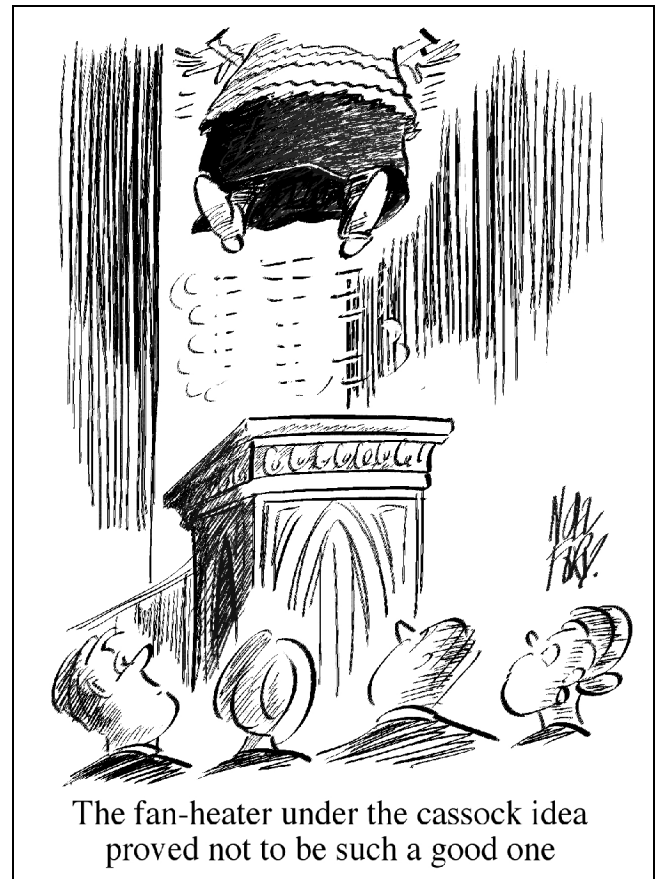
For further details and to book, please contact, Valerie Worboys, 01992 582487.

Easter Egg Competition

It's time to put on your thinking caps, get creative and come up with an eggstraordinary entry to our Easter Egg Competition, which is open to all ages!

Please hard-boil or blow any eggs that you will be using. Then design the most amazingly eggstravagant egg person or egg event or egg-themed scene for an eggciting entry! You should then write the title of your entry on an accompanying card (by all means incorporating eggscruciatingly egggy puns!) together with your name, age (if appropriate) and whether you are KS1, KS2, Secondary or Adult.

Please bring your entries to the back of the church before 12.00 noon on Saturday 11th April. All the entries will be on display from Easter Sunday, when the winners will be announced during the 10.00 service. There are super prizes to be won – but taking part is the really fun bit, so we look forward to seeing lots of ingenious entries!



Team News

We are making great progress in the Hertford Team and we now have a Team Council which consists of all the clergy, church wardens, parish secretaries and treasurers.

At our meeting last month we discussed

- Ministers meetings
- Young people
- Courses, nurture, confirmation and wedding preparation
- United services
- Team strategy and policy
- Collegial working
- Supporting ministry, mission, personnel, environmental and social issues and churches
- Planning ahead
- Communication

Nurture and Mission

A number of initiatives are in preparation. The first to be launched is the 'Searching for Faith' course (see page 4 for more information).

Young people

St Andrew's now have a Part-time Youth Worker and some initial activities involving young people from across the town have begun. We will be reporting more fully on this in a future edition

Ministry meetings

These are now held regularly, again we will be reporting more fully on this in future editions.

Joint Services

Worshipping together is a wonderful way to grow together. It's been great to celebrate the Ascension and the Inauguration of our Team together. The choirs worked hard on the music and people from all our churches contributed to the services and even a special Hertford Hymn was composed!

We are looking forward to the following opportunities to worship together and hope many of you will be able to join us as we pray and grow together.

- 7th April (Holy Tuesday) a time of reflection at Bengo
- 8th April (Holy Wednesday) Choral Compline 7.15 p.m. at All Saints
- 21st May (Ascension Day) Holy Trinity, Little Amwell Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.
- 31st May (Pentecost) All Saints Choral Evensong 6.30pm

Church Magazine Bloomers

You know what they meant, but what they said was..... These church magazine bloomers are (allegedly!) all true.....

* Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

* The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to see the organist after the service.

* The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy".

* This evening at 7 pm there will be hymn-singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

* The Women's Tea for next week has been cancelled. We are sorry for any incontinence this may cause.

* The cost of The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

* The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

* Parish supper Sunday at 5 pm - prayer and medication to follow.

* Don't forget the Singles Progressive Dinner, 14 August. Attire is optional.

Hmmm.....!!!