

Holy Baptism



8 th October	Briar Ellis Alexandra McGurk
22 nd October	Josephine Elizabeth Merhemitch
	Zachary George Merhemitch
5 th November	Kiera-Rose Beulah Horoz
	Peyton Connie Katherine Jones
	Holly Taylor

Holy Matrimony



28 th October	Matthew Rayner and Sarah West
4 th November	Christopher Lysyj and Alice McGivney

In Peace



17 th November	Gabriella Smith
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Mothers Union

Sunday 3rd December 10am Family Service.

Our MU travelling cribs will be blessed and sent on their journeys from home to home until Christmas Eve. If you would like a crib to come to you please let us know.

Monday 8th January 2018 7pm AGM and Planning Meeting

Our annual planning meeting and pot luck supper with refreshments and finger buffet food in the Church Meeting Room. Please come with good ideas for 2018.

Evening Services at All Saints

Following our experiment in the Autumn and having taken feedback from the PCC and those attending, we are making some changes to the evening pattern which we believe will better serve everyone. We want to experience a variety of forms of worship, which each has its own way of bringing us closer to God.

Starting in February 2018 we will run with the following pattern of evening services:

- 1st Sunday: Choral Communion
- 2nd Sunday: 'Be Still and Know'
- 3rd Sunday: Choral Evensong, with hymns and prayers
- 4th Sunday: Choral Evensong, with hymns and prayers
- 5th Sunday: Evening worship suitable for the season

'Be Still and Know' on the Second Sunday Evening of each month will be a service of contemplation in the Memorial Chapel, with an emphasis on quietness and gentleness.

We see it as an opportunity to reflect on our Christian journey, and to feel the presence of God in a very simple way.

There will be gentle music, reflections and times of shared silence.

#GodWithUs



With #JoyToTheWorld, last year's national Christmas campaign, winning gold this week at Communicate Magazine's Digital Impact Awards, the Digital Communications team of the Church of England is excited to be updating churches and congregations across the country with this year's #GodWithUs campaign.

As Archbishop Justin Welby says in his introduction to the reflective guide we've produced called **#GodWithUs – Your Christmas Journey**: *"The constant refrain of Christmas, in carols and readings, is that God is with us. In whatever situations you find yourself this Christmas, God is with you – you need only turn to him and ask to know his presence"*

This year's campaign has three key elements:

1. Three videos that tell the story of the joy of going to your local church at Christmas, which will be released throughout December on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.
2. The new A Church Near You – our national church finder – which will point people to a Christmas service or event taking place in one of the 16,500 Church of England churches.
3. *Your Christmas Journey*, a series of short reflections throughout December and into early January 2018, introduced by Archbishop Justin Welby. The reflections have been written by soul[food] for

people who are new to faith and to help us all grow in our love of God. People can receive the messages as texts, emails, on social media and Church House Publishing have produced a booklet.

There will be a targeted social media campaign to drive attendance and engagement with the above.

Last year's campaign helped us reach 1.5 million people. The aim is to repeat that this year, so here are some simple ways you can help out:

1. Share the content we post on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook in the months ahead and throughout December.
2. Sign up using the link below
3. Get your friends and family to join the Your Christmas Journey reflections by texting GodWithUs to 88802

We're hoping to see a record number of people visit a Church of England church this Christmas, and our prayer is that the #GodWithUs campaign will help play its part in achieving this

<https://cms.churchofengland.org/our-faith/godwithus-christmas-2017/godwithus-resources>

Advent Carol Service

3rd December 18:30



Join us as we begin the journey towards Christmas Day with our annual candle-lit Advent Carol Service.

This beautiful service features readings, music to listen to and to sing and is followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Free Admission - All Welcome

Mary-Jess

4th December 19:30

Mary-Jess' 'Winter Tour' visits Hertford on Monday 4th December. Best-known as the winner of the Chinese 'X Factor' in front of 70 million viewers and singer of the official Downton Abbey theme, as well as being the UK representative of The GREAT Britain Campaign in 144 countries around the world.



Expect to hear beautiful wintery songs and timeless classics.

Mary-Jess will sing us through cold November all the way to Christmas, with winter favourites such as Joni Mitchell's 'River' and Frozen's 'Let it Go', as well as songs from Mary-Jess' winter album 'Prayer to a Snowflake', which was released last year to critical acclaim. The album includes self-penned songs such as the firm fan favourite 'I Fell in Love with a Snowman' and carols such as 'The Angel Gabriel' and 'In the Bleak Midwinter', as heard on BBC Radio 2 last Christmas, and seen on BBC Songs of Praise.

Come and warm your soul with Mary-Jess' warm and soothing tones this winter and get in to the Christmas spirit. Mary-Jess, along with her very special guests, wows audiences wherever she goes, so don't miss out on what promises to be an unforgettable evening.

Tickets from £15 to £40

<https://events.ticketbooth.eu/event/mary-jess-winter-tour-2017---hertford>

Alzheimers Society

9th December 18:30



Alzheimer's Society present Carols by Candlelight on Saturday 9th December 2017, 6:30pm - 8:30pm at All Saints Church, Hertford (SG13 8AE)

Join us for a magical evening of musical performances, special guests and festive treats in the beautiful setting of All Saints.

Tickets start at just £5. All proceeds will help us transform the lives of people affected by dementia. To book or to find out more please visit www.alzheimers.org.uk/carolshertford or call 0330 333 0804.

Hertford Choral Society

16th December 19:30

Join Hertford Choral Society together with Abel Smith School Choir for their Christmas Concert; with Accompanist Christopher Muhley, Compère: Roger Mullis and Conductor Derek Harrison.



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Hertford
Choral
Society

Saturday 16 December 2017

7:30 All Saints' Church, Hertford SG13 8AY

Roger Mullis *compère*
Christopher Muhley *piano/organ*
Dagmara Jones *horn*
Abel Smith School Choir, Hertford
Derek Harrison *conductor*

TICKETS £13 reserved, £8 unreserved, £4 children/students under 25

Phone: 07936 719498 Email: tickets@hertfordchoral.org.uk

Online: www.ticketsource.co.uk

In person: Hertford Town & Tourist Information Centre, 10-12 The Wash, Hertford, SG14 1PX

Further details: www.hertfordchoral.org.uk

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Unreserved seats from Hertford Town & Tourist Information Centre, 10-12 The Wash, Hertford SG14 1PX. 01992 584322 (Booking Fee Applies)

Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 17th December 18:30



Join us as we near the end of our preparations for Christmas with our annual candle-lit Service of Lessons and Carols, modelled on the world-famous service held annually in Kings College Cambridge.

This beautiful service features readings, music to listen to and to sing. Followed by drinks and nibbles reception.

Free Admission – All welcome

The sound of music

Got demanding work to do? Put on some classical music. Listening to upbeat classical music may well enhance your brain power, and is better than working in silence.

Such are the findings of a study at Radboud University in Holland. It found that a person's ability to come up with creative answers to complex problems is boosted by upbeat, happy classical music. On the other hand, avoid downbeat or anxious compositions, which will not inspire you to solve anything very much.

Bible Society launches Christmas film for children

Here is a treat - The Greatest Journey, a lively Christmas film that tells the story of Mary and Joseph's journey from Bethlehem – perfect for children aged three and upwards. The Bible Society explains: 'We're sure it'll be enjoyed by the whole family. So sit back, relax – and watch out for that sheep poo...

www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas/the-greatest-journey

