

## In Peace



7<sup>th</sup> September Jennifer Pickwell

10<sup>th</sup> October Brian Hold

## Holy Matrimony



13<sup>th</sup> October Daniel Holmes and  
Lisa Mair

## Mothers Union

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 9.45-2.30 Autumn  
Sharing Day** Welwyn Civic Centre AL6 9ER

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm Songs of  
Praise**

Choose and research the history of your favourite carol or hymn, we will play and discuss it. Alternatively give us your choices by 6<sup>th</sup> November and we will research it for you.

## Evensong themes and music in November

**12<sup>th</sup> November Rebooting my pilgrimage 5:  
The Cost of Forgiveness**

Psalm 27 - Bertalot

Stanford in G

All we like sheep - Handel

**19<sup>th</sup> November Hilda of Whitby**

Psalm 131 - Frith

Caedmon's Song (c670)

Howells Service for Kings College, Cambridge

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem - Howells

**26<sup>th</sup> November Rebooting my pilgrimage 6:  
Faith gets real**

Psalm 119.1-16 - Hopkins

G Jackson Service for Truro Cathedral

A new song - Macmillan



HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH

# DEDICATION

of our new Courtyard Garden  
led by  
Revd JOHN BUTT

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
at 3.00pm

*A short service followed by tea and cake.*  
*Everyone welcome!*

## Living God's Love – “Making New Disciples”

Do you want to share your faith more effectively with others? Probably we all do. But considering the best ways to do this in our current situation can be very valuable. The Bishop of Hertford and the Canon Missioner are coming to encourage and inspire us in finding Fresh Expressions of evangelism.

It will happen at the Deanery Synod meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 7.45 Refreshments for 8.00pm at St Andrews Church Centre, Hertford SG14 1HZ. Business is being kept to a minimum, so the Bishop and Canon Missioner's session should take place from 8.15 to 9.30pm.

You will be very welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you.

## Ministry of Sport, Sweaty Church, Christians in Sport

### *Introducing people to Jesus through Exercise and Teams*

Around the country groups of Christians are exploring ideas of using sporting opportunities as a way of talking to their friends about Jesus, spirituality, faith, and being part of a worshipping community.

In Hertford we have an offer of some seed funding for a Sports Intern who will be able to :

- a. Identify the churches around Hertford and other organisations (like All Nations Christian College) who would be willing to put up teams
- b. Identify a Contact in each church willing to act as a facilitator
- c. Help the Contacts do surveys to identify interest and willingness to play in teams
- d. Identify venues, understand the booking process, research costs and availability
- e. Draw up a schedule of sports and teams
- f. Arrange as many matches as possible in as many sports as possible for as many people as possible
- g. Initiate regular lively communication on social media, and put up details of matches and events on a website

The aim is to help church members invite friends and family with little or no church connection to take part in recreational activities and encourage churches to have a range of interesting and varied core activities that will be attractive to those who join in the sporting initiatives. This should also give churches opportunities to answer people's questions about faith and about Jesus, and help build relationships beginning the path to becoming part of a worshipping community.

There are no strings, but the aim is to enable people suspicious of churches or

curious about what they believe and do, to change their perceptions and so perhaps be inspired to enquire more about faith and belief.

However, this needs careful thought and prayer, and so a meeting is being held at **33 Cecil Road, Hertford, on Thursday 9 November 2017 from 8pm to 9pm**. Kevin Carter is hosting this, and if you would like more details about the agenda, please email him on [jim@ashbyplc.com](mailto:jim@ashbyplc.com). All are welcome to contribute to the discussion!

The steering group at present consists of Kevin Carter, who has been involved in various Christian sports initiatives for many years, Colin Harding who is involved in Young Life and has played for and trained teams, and Jim Thornton, who is the non-games player who knows he ought to be keeping fit!

If you think that you might possibly consider being the contact for All Saints you are also welcome to contact Janet Bird (01992 587544) for more information.

## 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>

## Hertford College Youths

The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Society was celebrated in fine style with the competition for the Essex Trophy on 9 September.



In all six teams entered the competition, the team from Sussex proving to be the best on the day. After ringing had finished, in their preliminary comments, the judges noted that all bands had found the bells difficult, and although there was some good ringing, some was not so good. We were delighted that the Mayor of Hertford was able to present the Trophy (see picture) and would like to thank Jo, Janet and all who helped on the day for making

it quite memorable and allowing us to host the competition.

The week of celebration had got off to a good start with a successful peal at St Andrews, followed on Sunday 3 September by a successful quarter peal of Stedman Doubles at All Saints. This quarter peal featured Daniel Gregory ringing his first quarter peal in the method having recently been sponsored to attend a ringing course by the Hertford County Association at which he had been studying Stedman. Daniel and Ashley Monck who was also ringing are fairly regular visitors to our practice night and both are members of the Young@Herts group, a group of ringers all of whom are aged 18 or younger.

*Alastair Stracey*

## Hertford & District FoodBank

Nothing too much to report. The work goes on steadily. The number of clients has dropped by 10% on last year although last year had seen a 20% increase on the previous year, so demand has in fact levelled out. We help on average 100 people a month. Stock is at approximately the same level as last year and a similar amount has been spent on "topping up" our stock. Of course Waitrose has now closed and 1 ton of stock was collected from their Collection Point in a year. Donations have slightly increased at Sainsbury's in the meantime. Aldi will be approached when it starts up and the two local Co-Ops are being contacted to see if they would take a Permanent Collection Point.

Our stocks are quite low at the moment so we will be looking forward to receiving stock from Churches and Schools as they celebrate Harvest Festivals. We have frequent requests for speakers to go to schools and we hold small group visits at the Foodbank. There will be a Food Collection at Hertford Tesco on Thursday 30 November–2 December. We have two new Agencies taking our Vouchers 'Mind in Mid-Herts' and 'EHDC Housing Options'.



Please help feed local people in crisis by buying items from our list and donating them to Hertford & District foodbank.

Thank you!

Shopping List Harvest 2017

- Long life Fruit juice in carton 1lt
- UHT Milk in carton 1lt
- Tinned meat
- Tinned garden peas
- Tinned carrots
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned tomatoes
- Instant mashed potato
- Jars of instant coffee (1.00g)
- Rice - packet 1kg
- Jars of cooking sauces (curry or sweet&sour)
- Tinned spaghetti hoops
- Tinned fruit
- Instant custard powder
- Ready mixed custard - tinned
- Rice pudding tinned
- Sweet biscuits
- Granulated sugar 1 kg



Although our accounts are good at the moment, figures show that we do operate with a £700 deficit each year, so this will need to be addressed eventually.

The Reception area of the Foodbank will soon have a new kitchen area to serve drinks, this will save volunteers from using the church kitchen which is at the back of the Church.

Thank you again for all your support.



The vicar's alternative to traditional after-service coffee was having a dramatic effect on male church attendance

**YOUNG LIFE HERTFORD'S ANNUAL AUDIO VISUAL FUNDRAISING QUIZ!**  
**18 NOV. SELE SCHOOL. 18:30**  
**FOR A 19:00 START.**  
**£12.FISH/PIE/VEGGIE BURGER.**  
**8 PEOPLE PER TEAM.**

Join us for our annual Audio Visual Fundraising Quiz!

- Saturday 18 November.
- Tickets are £12.
- 8 people per table.
- Raffle during the interval.
- Option of Fish/Pie/Veggie Burger and Chips.
- Bring your own drinks, cutlery, and nibbles.
- Please contact Rhoda Giddings, rhoda.giddings@googlemail.com, with names of members in your team, their food choice, and any further questions.

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Hosting with HOSTUK 2017-18

**Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2**

How true such advice can be. Hospitality is an equal partnership, the feel-good factor of offering it and the delight in receiving it. HOST UK is a charity whose mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. We operate all year round including Christmas and New Year when being welcomed into a home is vastly preferable to lonely halls of residence. Hospitality can be offered for one day (daytime only), three days and two nights at the weekend, or at New Year, or four days and three nights during the Christmas festive period.

The choice is yours. **And remember...your offer can be made at any time of the year.** If you should like to know more please look at our website: [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) Or email us on: [info@hostuk.org](mailto:info@hostuk.org) Or telephone us on: 020 7739 6292