

Holy Baptism

18th March

Elijah & Jacob Liddiard

Mothers Union

Monday 9th April. Lady Day.

Tuesday 24th April 7.30pm. Alpine Railways.

The Toyn family will present a talk & slideshow on their holiday with particular focus on railways. Memorial Chapel.

Bible Book Club

Appropriately, we have arrived at the final chapter of Luke's Gospel, which covers the Resurrection. This session will be on **Tuesday 17th March at 8:00 pm.**

Electoral Roll

If you want to vote at our Annual Meetings (or just 'register' as a member of our community and are not currently on our electoral then please do consider joining. It's entirely free and without obligation!

Please speak to Andrew Povey-Richards by 14th April.

SSOHC (who?)

You may have noticed some woolly, Christmassy, postbox toppers around Hertford during December? Well that was the Secret Society of Hertford Crafters (SSOHC).

For our next project we would love local churches to get involved! To mark the centenary of Armistice Day this November, the SSOHC is aiming to knit, crochet or

craft over 12,000 poppies for a secret venture which will raise awareness and funds for the Poppy Appeal.

Would you like to help us make poppies to commemorate the centenary of Armistice Day, WW1?

We are a group of Hertford ladies & a couple of gents, who are making a large number of knitted, crocheted or crafted poppies to raise funds to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. The poppies will go on display in Hertford in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday, 11th November 2018

What we suggest you will need

- Basic knitting or crochet skills; the patterns are very easy (contact us for patterns)
- Bright red wool and black wool for the centre (we can complete the black for you)
- Knitting needles – approx. size 3.75mm (imperial size 9)
- Crochet hook – approx. size 5mm (imperial size 6)
- Crafting: Red fabric/felt and black buttons
- Finished poppy 10-15 cm (5-6 inches)

How we can help you

- We can help teach you, or remind you how to knit, crochet or craft
- We can provide free patterns
- Wool, knitting needles & crochet hooks are available at a small charge

Contact us for any help you would like

- Phone: 07947 630216
- Email: yarnbombers@ssohc.co.uk
- The poppies mustn't disintegrate if they get wet and must be red with a black centre
- Finished poppies may be taken to Hertford Castle (c/o A Haworth) or we can collect from you; just phone for collection by the end of July



We can help Church groups with knitting, crochet or craft lessons, provide patterns, reasonably priced wool and encouragement.

The poppies mustn't disintegrate if they get wet and must be red with a black middle otherwise we don't mind what they are made of and they should be between 10cm - 15cm.

Please get in touch with us if you think this is something in which any of your church groups would like to become involved.

We have had great reactions from local Care Homes, Sheltered Housing and Schools already ☺.

With best wishes,
Jo

Poppy Project

Secret Society of Hertford Crafters

Phone number: 07947 630216

A new chapter for Street Pastors

I am writing to you as secretary of Hertford & Ware Street Pastors, probably for the last time.

As you will know from my previous letters, our organisation has endured a financial crisis, but now we confidently expect Hertford & Ware Street Pastors will continue in a new form.

Hertford Community Church, who have supported Street Pastors since the very beginning, have come forward with a plan to take oversight of Street Pastors, and to invite a new management group to work with Rick Hartwig who will be continuing his leadership.

I'm delighted to say that we have several new volunteers, and once the new organisation has been established, patrols will resume.

The last patrol under our supervision will be on Good Friday, March 30th.

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed in any way to Street Pastors over the years, and especially to all those who have stepped up and ensured the survival of the organisation into the future. Please continue to pray for Street Pastors, as I will.

Nick Sharp

Christian Aid Walk 2018

The 2018 Christian Aid Walk will be taking place on Saturday, 12th May. This year's event will cover a similar route to the 2017 Walk and funds will support projects linked to the theme of Christian Aid Week 2018 (13th-20th May). Last year's event raised over £6000 and, with a full field of walkers, we expect to improve on that figure.

Put the date in your 2018 diary, enjoy a beautiful walk through nearby Hertfordshire countryside and support a great organisation! For more details and entry details go to

www.christianaidwalk.org.

Soundbites needs your help!

We would welcome some additional Sound bites helpers to prepare & serve

food & drinks as part of an experienced team 10am - 2.15pm for Wednesday term time concerts. As many or few sessions a term as you wish. Very sociable & enjoyable.

Please contact Ann Stephen-Jones
ann.jones410@ntlworld.com 07837486443

Memorial Book

The Memorial Book has now returned from the calligraphers with all the latest entries.

If you would like to see a particular entry do please ask Jo or Martin.

Easter Monday Pilgrimage

A vibrant poster for the Easter Monday Pilgrimage 2018. The top section is blue with white text: 'EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE 2018' and 'Monday 2nd April'. To the right is a small illustration of St Albans Cathedral and the Diocese of St Albans logo. A yellow banner across the middle reads 'Meet from 1pm - Bring food! Entry from 2.30pm - Service 3pm'. A large orange diagonal banner says 'Walking together with Christ'. The background features a collage of photos: a large crowd, a person in a red and white striped shirt, and a group of people sitting on the grass. The bottom right corner has a green area with black paw prints, the hashtag #StAlbansEMP, the text 'Share your pilgrimage', and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Join other pilgrims from across St Albans Diocese to celebrate the risen Christ on Easter Monday at St Albans Cathedral.

All are welcome.

We gather on Easter Monday, 2nd April, in the Abbey Orchard around **1.00pm** for a picnic and games together. We then join

the procession into the Cathedral for the Easter Monday Service which begins at **3.00pm**. The service finishes by 4.30pm in plenty of time to walk or drive home.

Michael Stephens-Jones ARCO



Spot Michael in the RCO's formal post Conferment Photograph in Southwark Cathedral 10th March. Hint: work out from Martin Baker (President) in the middle.

Herts and Essex Border Ecumenical Area
Methodist, United Reformed Church and Anglican Churches in Partnership

Christian Mindfulness

A quiet day - Led by Revd Alan Stewart

Saturday 14th April 2018

10am-4pm (arrival from 9.30am)

At Watton-At-Stone Methodist Church

High Street, Watton at Stone, SG14 3SY

Cost £ 5.00: Please bring a Bible and packed lunch and some shoes for gentle walking outside.

To book your place please email: haebeabookings@gmail.com
or telephone: 07597-109819

About the day: The day will include an introduction to Mindfulness and how it relates to Christian meditation and contemplation; exploring various practises; some mindful walking and the use of the prayer of Loving Kindness.

Reverend Alan Stewart



Alan comes from Northern Ireland where he was raised in the Presbyterian Church. He has since been a Baptist Deacon, worshipping in all shades of the Anglican Church and on his days off attends Quaker Meeting.
Alan studied art in Belfast and then came to London to study Fashion and Textiles.

He went to London School of Theology which is where he met his wife Rachel, they have two children Rosie and Elijah. They worked for five years planting a church in North London before Alan was ordained in 2003. He served his curacy in Stanmore and then came to Hertford, where he is the Anglican vicar at St Andrew's.

Alan has been practising Mindfulness for a few years. Other interests include painting, contemporary art, films and silence!



Thursday 19th April 7:15 pm
All Saints Church Hertford

ADRIAN PLASS OUT OF HIS HEAD

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF WRITING & PERFORMANCE



Featuring Adrian & Bridget Plass with Seachlight Theatre Co.

Readings, Poetry & Dramatisations from many of Adrian's books including his new novel *The Shadow Doctor*.

Lots of memories, lots of laughs, lots of chat, lots to think about.

Tickets (£8 in advance) available from Janet Bird 01992 587544

FAITH

EMPOWERED

Two Day Conference with Jo Moody

Friday 27th - Saturday 28th April 2018

9.30am - 4.00pm

Faith, Hope and Love... How do we remain in the full understanding and knowledge of what this means for us, and to continue walking supernaturally despite life's obstacles?

This conference will be a two-day experience with God as we learn to keep in step with the Holy Spirit and walk in the full inheritance of our identity as Christ's beloved.

ST PAUL'S
ST ALBANS

To learn more and book your free place, visit www.stpauls-stalbans.org/Jo-Moody



Church at 3

*a short dementia-friendly service
with traditional prayers and
hymns
followed by afternoon tea*

**3pm St Andrew's Church,
St Andrew Street**

11 March, 20 May, 15 July,
16 Sept, 18 Nov

Contact: Rev Alan Stewart
01992 582726



**HERTFORDSHIRE
FESTIVAL OF MUSIC**

The Mercury announced recently that All Saints is the main venue for the Hertfordshire Festival of Music, 10 – 16 June.

The entire event looks wonderful, and with classical musicians such as Stephen Hough and Tasmin Little we are assured of an exceptional set of concerts.

Their website is www.hertsmusicfest.org.uk and tickets are already on sale there or from the Tourist Information Centre.

The Alban Pilgrimage 2018

Celebrate Britain's First Saint

St Albans Saturday 23rd June

Preachers
Diarmaid McCulloch
(Professor of Church History at Oxford)

Stuart Burns OSB
of Mucknall Abbey

Procession starts at 11.00,
St Peter's Church

stalbanscathedral.org
[#AlbanPilgrimage](https://twitter.com/AlbanPilgrimage)

The Alban Pilgrimage 2018

Holy Land Tour 2019

David Ronco, former Pastor of Hertford Baptist Church, is leading another of his popular introductory trips to the Holy Land next year (April 3rd – 11th). As well as enjoying a 'once in a lifetime' experience walking where Jesus walked the trip provides opportunities to meet local Christians and understand how the Lord is working today through his church in Israel/Palestine. For more information visit www.christian-travel.com/tours/detail/ronco-hl-19.html or contact David at dcronco@gmail.com