

Holy Baptism



8th April

Scarlett Winter Holland

Otilie Juniper Rose
Freeston-Clough

Mothers Union

Tuesday 15th May 7.30pm. Amazon Adventure. Barbara Askew will present a talk with photographs of her adventurous cruise down The Amazon. Meeting Room.

Saturday 2nd June 9.45-2.30pm Diocesan Annual Meeting incorporating Festival Service with banners at King Charles the Martyr, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar. EN6 3AS

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.

GDPR

The new Data Protection regulations come into force on May 25th. We think we've

identified everything that we need to do and will be explaining more next month.

In the meantime, if you hold any personal data on behalf of the church and have not been contacted, please speak to Martin (P) or Colin as soon as possible.

Thank you!

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

Dates for your Diary

The Social Committee met last week and agreed the following programme up to Easter 2019. Please add these to your diaries now!

Saturday 2nd June
Coffee morning 10am -12 noon

Saturday 30th June
Garden Party at 140 North Road
3pm until 5pm

Sunday 15th July 12noon
Church BBQ

Saturday 8th September
Bike and Hike and Coffee morning
and Lunch 10am -2pm

Saturday 22nd September
Wine tasting

Sunday 7th October
Harvest Lunch

Saturday 24th November
Christmas Bazaar 10am -2pm

2019

Saturday 26th January
January Jolly

Saturday 16th March
Quiz Night

National Weekend of Invitation



Beyond our churches, almost 3 million people are open to being invited. Ready to receive an invitation to church or a suitable event.

This is the reason for the National Weekend of Invitation -

- To equip church members to face their fear of inviting - and so grow as disciples of Jesus
- To offer a united and strategic opportunity to invite - from a guest service or something more ambitious

When is the National Weekend of Invitation?

The weekend of **Friday 15th to Sunday 17th June** comes strategically after Thy Kingdom Come, the Archbishop's season of Pentecost prayer and its focus on evangelism. It is also at the heart of the HOPE 2018 season of mission.

For a suggested timetable leading up to the Weekend see weekendofinvitation.com/timetable



How do churches get ready?

Plan an event

This can be anything from simply a guest service on the Sunday, which is Father's Day, to a special event on the Friday or Saturday.

A list of ideas and possible contributors is at weekendofinvitation.com/guestevents

A range of publicity on the theme 'Be Our Guest' can be seen at weekendofinvitation.com/publicity



Prepare your people

The barrier to inviting is fear - fear of rejection, of getting it wrong, of failure. Our resources help Christians grow as disciples by facing their fear and thinking differently about invitation and what 'success' means. See weekendofinvitation.com/thebarrierfear

The preparation climax is an activity in the context of worship - an Invitation Cross Sunday. See weekendofinvitation.com/cross

Details of the preparation options, including a visit to your church and webinars, are at weekendofinvitation.com/training

weekendofinvitation.com

National Weekend of Invitation, PO Box 748, Oldham, OL1 9QE
0845 859 0006 | info@weekendofinvitation.com

Pilgrimages

This year, 2018, there will be no diocesan pilgrimages, but a programme of no fewer than five is planned for 2019 and 2020. Details are now available at www.stalbens.anglican.org/faith/pilgrimages-abroad/.

Here's a flavour.

2019

- In May Archdeacon Paul & Canon Liz Hughes offer a ten day programme to the Holy Land, based in Jerusalem and Galilee.

- In September Archdeacon Janet will be leading a progress along the Camino Trail to Santiago de Compostela. This tour offers some limited walking but also uses air-conditioned coaches!

2020

2020 is the year of the Oberammergau Passion Play and three tours are available, with bookings for each now open.

- In June The Revd Dennis Stamps, Rector of Harpenden, will host a tour based in St Martin & Lofer
- During the August school holidays Bishop Michael and his wife Lizzie will lead a programme staying in Imst
- In September The Revd Canon Abi Thompson and The Revd Dr Berkeley Zych, Sub Dean and Precentor of St Albans Cathedral, are leaders for a visit based at Strobl on the Wolfgangsee.

TOGETHER WE ARE POWERFUL

JOIN YOUR LOCAL GROUP

CONTACT: 01791 980571

Meet: Mudlarks Garden Cafe

Second Thursday each month

8pm - 10pm

AMNESTY

'Since joining our friendly local group I have learned so much from other members about human rights, and they are interested to hear my views too. The meetings are very lively and one of the highlights of my month.'

GREGORY PATRICK UDEH, WANDSWORTH GROUP, LONDON

'I found myself getting more and more angry at the injustices happening in the world. The oppression suffered by many groups of people really made me want to take action. When I heard about my local Amnesty group I immediately wanted to join. I haven't looked back since.'

GEORGIA SANDBACH, CAMBRIDGE GROUP

YOU ARE POWERFUL

Join your local Amnesty group and make a difference to human rights

Thousands of people have found that joining one of Amnesty's 260 local groups is, for them, the best way to protect and promote human rights. Whatever your skills, age or background, however little time you have to spare, you can make a contribution. You could take part in a letter-writing evening on behalf of individuals at risk. You could raise funds by helping to run a stall or organising a concert, comedy night or gig. You could write to a newspaper, stretch your legs on a sponsored walk, lobby your MP or send an email. You can be involved as much or as little as you want.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Amnesty International is a movement of ordinary people standing up for humanity and human rights. Our purpose is to protect individuals wherever justice, fairness, freedom and truth are denied.

Around the world there are more than three million of us. Individually, our contributions may seem small, but acting together we make up the biggest and most trusted human rights organisation in the world. Our campaigns work. Action by Amnesty supporters shows that prisoners can be freed, torture can be stopped and executions prevented.



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**

20 May, 15 July,
16 Sept, 18 Nov

Contact: Rev Alan Stewart
01992 582726

Inter-church Five-a-Side Football Tournament:

Sunday afternoon **8 July 2018** starting at 2:30 pm at Richard Hale All-weather pitches: Colin Harding and Kevin Carter are organising a tournament between Churches and Christian organisations, and invite entries from churches: you can enter as many teams of different ages and mixes as you like: friends and families can play in a team, it is not limited to signed up church members! Colin and Kevin will match up teams; if there are some walking football teams we can probably also match them up; and the idea is for each team to get as many games against equivalent teams as possible. To enter your team, or check details, email Colin at

colinharding01@gmail.com or text or phone him on 07962 305373. All are welcome to cheer on the teams there will be refreshments available.

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

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3 Course Meal	Live Music	Formal Attire	WOODSON PARK SPORTS & LEISURE CENTRE, WARE, SG12 0UQ
Cash Bar	Tickets £45	Please RSVP by 1 June	EMAIL: HERTFORD@YLINTERNATIONAL.ORG OR CALL: RHODA GIDDINGS 01992 551455

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