

In Peace



25th October Lynford Graham Henry Neville

All Saints Welcomes Everyone

**ALLSAINTS
HERTFORD**

**HANDEL'S
MESSIAH**
Part 1

All Saints' Choir and Friends

**ADVENT SUNDAY
1 DECEMBER 2019
6.30pm**

Hazel Ford (*Soprano*)
Sophie Timms (*Mezzo-Soprano*)
Matt Bernstein (*Bass*)
Christopher Benham (*Organ*)
Directed by Martin Penny

Free Admission with Retiring Collection
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Mothers Union

December Wreath Making (tbc)

As part of our preparation for Advent and Christmas we will be making our Christmas wreaths. Bring greenery, secateurs, garden twine and frames as required.

Please check with Dorothy for final arrangements.

Tuesday 7th January 2020 7.30pm AGM & Planning Meeting. Our annual planning meeting & pot luck supper with finger buffet food. Please come with good ideas for 2020.

Venue: All Saints' Meeting Room.

Heavenly Harmonies

7th December and 11th January

**ALLSAINTS
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HEAVENLY HARMONIES
Coffee, Cake and Choral Classics

Short Choral Concerts featuring well-loved classics of religious choral repertoire explored through song and word.
 Refreshments from 10.45am Concert from 11.15am-12.00pm

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2019

**All Saints' Choir
and the Choir of
St Joseph's in the
Park School**

Aspects of Advent as we wait for Christmas
 Music by Beamish, Ferguson, Gibbons, Ord, Palestrina, Snyder
 and Vaughan Williams

Free Admission with Retiring Collection
 Book the Date - For Future Concerts
 Saturday 11 January 2020, Saturday 15 February 2020, Saturday 7 March 2020
 From 10.45am - 12noon

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The theme for December is 'Aspects of Advent as we wait for Christmas'. We are joined by the choir of St Joseph's In The Park School. Music by Beamish, Carter, Ferguson, Ord, Palestrina, Snyder and Vaughan Williams.

The theme for January is 'Christ is here'. Music by Cornelius, Hewitt-Jones, Howells, Lauridsen, Marenzio, Mendelssohn, Todd & Warlock.

If anyone is able to bake cakes and/or help on the day, please speak to Martin Penny or Ann Stephens-Jones.

Produce Stall

Over the last six months the Stall has raised just over £1,000 towards repairing the church bells. I would like to say a big thank-you to all of you for helping to make this possible - without you, my customers, it would not be possible!

Deepest thanks,
 Fiona

Help needed...can you put a smile on Mariam's face?



Can you make room for an international student to experience true British Festive hospitality? Hosting an international student will bring a whole new dimension to your Christmas, with a chance to learn about another country's traditions and enjoy the connection and friendship that such sharing brings.



HOST UK arranges for international students to enjoy brief visits-one day, a weekend or, over the festive period, a three-day visit, with UK hosts.

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<http://visits.hostuk.org/Public/ApplyToBecomeAHost>

Eco Walk January 5th



Our first meeting in 2020 will be after the Family Service on Sunday, 5th January. I am planning another quiz for you. I will try to make it broader in scope than the October one, and there will, again, be a bottle of apple juice for the best adult score and the best child (15 and under).

A little later in the New Year, on an evening date yet to be finalised, Jenny Sherwen, of the Herts. and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, will come to show us the film on swifts called Devil Bird (about 20 minutes) after which she will talk about swifts and tell us what the Trust is doing to help them.

Spring 2019 was really bad for swift migration, with storms along their flight path, including a hurricane. Sadly, fewer birds than usual completed the journey. We had at least two nesting pairs in Hertford, so hopefully they bred successfully, and maybe in time their offspring or other young birds will colonise our church nest boxes.

I have had a range of thrushes here recently, eating the yew berries: fieldfare, redwing, songthrush and mistlethrush, but in small numbers, nothing like the flocks I remember forty years ago.

Don't forget I have peanuts and black sunflower seed for the birds on the Produce Stall after Service, £1.00 a bag.

See you in January – meanwhile Happy Christmas!

Fiona Earle

Christian Unity Service



As you may know, 2020 is a special year for Hertford Friends as it is the 350th anniversary of the building of the Meeting House. We have much to be thankful for.

HDCT have agreed that, as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes in January, the 2020 service will be held at the Meeting House in honour of this significant anniversary.

The Week of Prayer runs from 18th to 24th of January so we would expect the service to be on the 19th. Unfortunately Hertford Music Club meets in the Meeting House on the third Sunday of each month and so the service will be at **15.00 on Sunday 26th January**. All welcome!

Talking Books

Over two million people in the UK live with sight loss. That's around one person in 30. For those who have always loved reading, visual impairment is particularly hard. All Saints has recently been given a generous donation of 11 audiobooks - sets of CDs containing unabridged readings of popular novels. These are available for loan to anyone who has problems with sight, has difficulty holding a book to read, or wants to listen to a book while engaged in other chores.

In addition to these audiobooks, available in-house, the Hertford Library has many audiobooks available for loan, as well as a home library service. There are also music CDs, and access to Naxos, a music library streaming service.

Another service available comes from The British Wireless for the Blind Fund. Their website (www.blind.org.uk) has the following information:

"Living with sight loss can be lonely and isolating, causing many to revert into themselves only making this issue worse. The British Wireless for the Blind Fund aims to ease these feelings by providing the joy of sound along with the companionship of radio. We supply specially adapted audio equipment to those who would not usually be able to afford it, on a free loan to visually impaired people all across the UK."

Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested in any of these services.

For more information, contact the Hertford Library, or for the books on CD that we have at All Saints, speak to Nerine Chalmers.

Rough Sleepers project

East Herts District Council Housing Options Team are wishing to provide a meal every night for Rough Sleepers over the winter period. They are hoping that the Churches from Hertford and Ware will get involved on a Church Rota basis.

It came about when Claire Bennett, who oversees the Housing Options Team and Rough Sleepers, applied for a grant for meals.

It is an ambitious programme and as of Thursday, 7th November, they were hoping to commence on 27th November and going through until March 2020.

Initially teams of people will be needed until the end of December when a review will take place but it is hoped that the support will be strong enough to go through until March 2020.

If anyone can help, please can you contact Fleur Dell, the co-ordinator, directly on Fleur.Dell@eastherts.gov.uk.

