

## Holy Baptism



25<sup>th</sup> May James Michael, son of Julian Edward and Helen Louise Armitage of 5 Gwynns Walk Hertford

25<sup>th</sup> May Oliver Paul, son of Paul and Jacqueline Dudley of 4 College Rd Hoddesdon

25<sup>th</sup> May Mario Edmund, son of Carmine and Charlotte Grasso of 18 The Elms Hertford

8<sup>th</sup> June Jenna Louise, daughter of John and Nicola Aitken of 4 Cublands, Hertford

13<sup>th</sup> July Amy Marie, daughter of Louise Marie Edwards of 58 The Elms, Hertford

20<sup>th</sup> July Ruby Eve, daughter of James and Charlotte Emmony Slaven of 1 Queen's Court, Queen's Road, Hertford.

## Chris Benham

Chris Benham has given faithfully and generously of his time and talent to All Saints for many years and in recognition of this it was felt that a paid sabbatical period of three months should be awarded to Chris so that he can have time to develop his own abilities, look at other churches and cathedrals for examples of best practice, reflect and even relax.

This period will be from September 1st until 30th November 2008 inclusive. This will be covered "in house" with Brian Bromley and Martin Penny running the Boys and Girl's Choirs respectively during this period with the help of others.

Chris will continue to be at Soundbites.

## Women's Fellowship

There was a very good attendance at our June meeting to hear Mrs. Rosemary Bolton tell us about the work of magistrates. Rosemary gave each of us a quiz sheet, telling us about each subject as we answered the questions.

This was a very interesting afternoon, and we all learnt something and have a better understanding of the justice system.

At our July meeting Mrs Gill Cordingly gave a very interesting talk, with slides, about St Leonard's church in Bengeo. It was built around 1100, with a porch being added about 1800. Gill showed us slides of other churches in the country similar to St Leonards, quite a few have had large extensions built over the years. She also showed us slides of the wall paintings that have been uncovered in St Leonard's.

This month's meeting is on September 24<sup>th</sup> in the church meeting room at 2:30 p.m. Mrs Kay Juniper will give a talk on Romania.

## Midweek sung services

Over the last few years members of the choir have been singing a service on Wednesday evenings – usually by candlelight. This has grown in frequency from once a month to a weekly event and has a small but growing congregation from all of Hertford and beyond. The service takes the form of Evensong (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) or Compline (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>).

Compline is a particularly quiet and reflective service and, as it is her Festival Day, the service on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> will take the form of a slightly extended Compline dedicated to, and featuring works by, the mystic poet, composer and visionary, Abbess Hildegard of Bingen.

From September these services will begin at 7:15 pm. and you are very welcome to join us.

## Christmas Tree Festival



Plans for the Christmas Tree Festival to be held in All Saints Church on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December are well under way and we are already taking bookings for sponsorship of the trees. Supported by Riverside Garden Centre, Hertford, we shall be setting up 100 Christmas trees in the Church, together with a set of lights on each tree. Local businesses, schools and organisations will be invited to sponsor and decorate a tree in any theme they choose. Individuals may also wish to sponsor and decorate a tree to their chosen theme, or perhaps in memory of a loved one.

Sponsorship of a Christmas tree will cost £25.00. The trees are 4'0" tall and will be mounted on scaffolding boards across the tops of the pews. As the trees are of the Nordman Spruce (non-drop) variety, these will stay fresh for Christmas and people may wish to take their tree home after the event. If this is the case there will be an additional fee of £5 to cover the cost of the lights. Any trees not claimed will be auctioned after the Festival. The Church will be open during the Wednesday and Thursday before the Festival for people to come in and decorate their tree. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated trees in various categories.

During the three day Festival there will be a full programme of events including musical interludes, stalls and refreshments. A Craft Fair will also take place in St Johns Hall on the Saturday, so there will be plenty to see and do. We envisage that this will be a big event both for All Saints and for Hertford itself and anticipate considerable media coverage.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Isabel Hospice and the Church.

If you or any of your friends or family would like to join in the fun and sponsor and

decorate a Christmas tree please contact Denise Dilley 01992 587113 or Helen Godfrey 01992 581404 for a booking form.

## Diocesan Retreat

The annual diocesan Retreat will be held at St Francis House, Hemingford Grey, nr Huntingdon from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Entitled 'Sing a New Song: A Creative approach to the Psalms' it will be led by the Rev Canon Patience Purchas. The cost is £89 and booking forms can be obtained from Rev TJ Bell, The Parish Office, Millstone Corner, Salisbury Lane, Offley, Hitchin, Herts SG5 7SN (01462 768123).

Derek Westwood is going and is willing to give transport to anyone interested in coming.

## Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust



***Sponsored Bike 'n Hike***

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
10 am to 6 pm**

**Over 600 Churches and Chapels to visit!**

Raise money for the repair of our local churches and chapels by getting sponsorship for cycling, running or walking between churches in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Anyone can take part and enjoy a day visiting these beautiful buildings.



Fancy a bike ride or walk where you can enjoy yourself **and** help raise funds for All Saints? Riders and walkers are needed to help raise money for the annual "Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust".

It is not too late to pick up a sponsor form and YOU can be sponsored to ride your bike or walk to as many churches as you can visit – you can visit at least 8 Churches just by walking around Hertford itself! Failing that you can be sponsored to sit at All Saints and sign in and welcome visiting walkers & cyclists. Helpers for this are needed between 10 am & 6 pm.

50% of your sponsorship money raised will come back to All Saints and last year All Saints' received over £300! You can read about the Trust and its work at [www.BedsHertsHCT.org.uk](http://www.BedsHertsHCT.org.uk)

It is always a fantastic day so do come and join in!

Further details and sponsor forms from Dorothy Toyn - Tel 01992 589781

## **coffee Morning**



**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am – 12.00 noon**

**In All Saints Church, Hertford**

**Cakes, books, bring and buy, raffle etc.**

**Come and enjoy a leisurely cup of coffee and a chat.**

**Everyone welcome**

**Proceeds to Church funds**

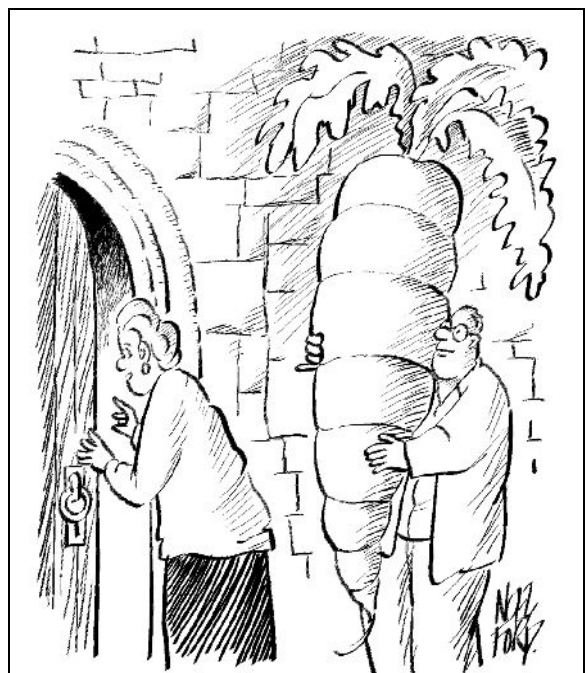
N.B. We should be very grateful for offers of cakes, second hand books, items for the Bring and Buy Stall or raffle prizes. These can be left at the back of the Church or contact Denise Dilley on 01992 587113 or Helen Godfrey on 01992 581404 for more information.

## **Parish Website and e-mail**

Just after the July/August magazine went to the printers, we received notification that the free web-hosting service we had been using since 2002 was to be terminated on 28<sup>th</sup> July. We are sorry that we effectively 'disappeared' without being able to tell anyone what was happening and why.

We decided to simplify things for the future by buying [www.allsaintshertford.org](http://www.allsaintshertford.org) – this gives us the freedom to choose how/where our files are held, and to be able to move them, without anyone else needing to know. We are also able to have much simpler e-mail addresses. Jo can be reached at [vicar@allsaintshertford.org](mailto:vicar@allsaintshertford.org) and the office at [office@allsaintshertford.org](mailto:office@allsaintshertford.org) .

**ST ALBANS DIOCESE MU TREASURER NEEDED**  
No formal qualifications necessary but the applicant must be good at arithmetic, be financially aware and have some idea of how accounts are handled. A small honorarium can be offered. The Treasurer does not need to be a member of the Mothers Union. For more information please contact Eileen Smith, MU diocesan president (01767 260583).



"Er... vicar – does the church have a position on the donation of GM vegetables for the Harvest Festival?"