

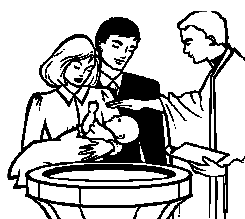
In Peace



10th June

Thomas Terry

Holy Baptism



Dylan John Howard

Joseph Adam Munns

Scarlett Nancy Barnfather

Holy Matrimony



13th June *Brian Andrew Moolenaar &
Diane Patricia Reed*

19th June *Daniel David James Slattery &
Laura Debbie Eyre*

Nature Group

Following on from our evening of moth watching, at our next meeting we are planning to watch some other flying creatures – bats!

We have arranged to go on a Bat Walk with a local expert on bats, Roger Havard, The

walk will take place at Stanborough Lakes in Welwyn Garden City on Saturday July 31st, starting at approximately 8.15pm. We will have a short talk about bats from Roger, and then we will head off to view them in flight. Chris and I went on a walk led by Roger at Stanborough a couple of years ago and it was wonderful watching the bats as they swooped over the water catching insects. Numbers for the walk are limited, but we still have a few places available. If you would like to join us, please contact me as soon as possible (first come, first served!)

On September 11th we plan to look for moths in the churchyard again. Hopefully we will find a few more this time!

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Send a Cow

For the past two years the Junior Church have been raising money for a charity called "Send a Cow" as our fundraising project.

Send a Cow was started in 1988 by a group of Christian farmers from Britain, who sent 25 cows to Africa. But this wasn't simply a case of giving someone a cow...

This is how it worked:
A family received a cow.
When the cow had a female calf...

...the family gave it to another family.

In time, this calf grew
...and had a female calf
The family gave that calf to another family
...and of course it, too, grew up into a cow!

...and so on, for many generations!

So Send a Cow very appropriately has as its slogan

"PASS IT ON!"

Today, the charity sends cows, other animals and farming aid to poor

communities in Africa to help families work their way out of poverty. Each of these families in turn helps other families.

We set out last year hoping to raise the £750 required to send a cow. As it turned out we raised £2000 and were able to send an entire farmyard!

Last summer, Jan Lowe who is an Ambassador for Send a Cow came to speak to us about the charity's work and how our money would be spent. We are very fortunate that Jan is able to come and speak to us again at our Family Service on July 4th. For those of you who did not hear her last time, she is an excellent speaker, who held the attention of even the smallest members of the congregation!

Last time we presented her with a cheque for £2000. We hope this time to pass on another £1500 which the charity can use to help families in Africa,

None of this would have been possible without the congregation's support of our fundraising events and also the "Cow Bucket". Thank you for your generosity!

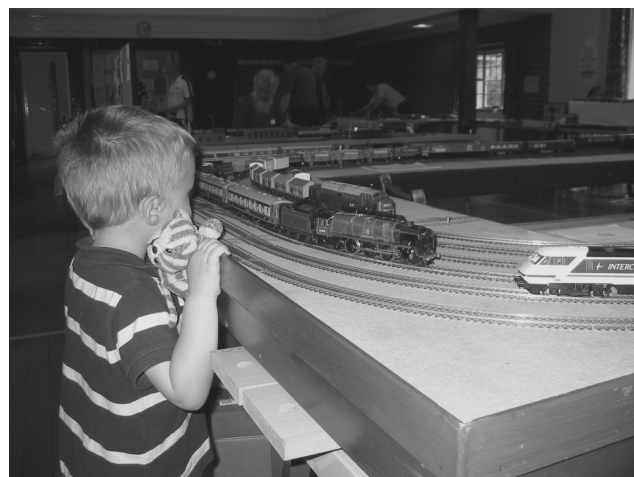
We hope that you will be able to join us on July 4th to hear more about Send a Cow and to see the cheque being handed over.

Kath Oates

Model Railway Show 5th June

The Model Railway Show held on 5 June proved very successful. We had a lively and enjoyable day in St Johns Hall, with a range of operating layouts, plus static displays and a trade stand. The models in operation ranged from vintage 'O' gauge occupying much of the stage down to artistic 'N' gauge in a large TV sized box. Two superb scenic models of 1950s England on one side of the Hall were balanced on the other by a collection of unusual 1960s models of Australian trains where the layout included palm trees! Feed back from visitors was generally very positive. And all the exhibitors

said they had really enjoyed being at the event.



Numbers attending were unfortunately down significantly on the 2008 event; in particular the numbers of children were far lower. Our guess is that the very pleasant weather persuaded many families to go for outdoor events instead; it was also the end of half term.

Grateful thanks are due to everyone who helped with the various tasks: Friday night setting up, stewarding and refreshments at the event and clearing up Saturday late afternoon – especially Alan Rawlinson and James Toyn, who committed the whole day. Particular thanks are due to Geoff and Kath Oates as fellow organisers; to Gillian for running the exhibitors' refreshments and for helping with organisation; and to Vivianne Robertson for running the public refreshments in church.

Thanks also to all the exhibitors for their kindness and enthusiastic support. It's worth noting that none of them claimed any travel expenses so that church activities would gain the maximum benefit.

Altogether the event gained a net income of just under £530. This has gone to the junior church account, to be used for the church's growing range of activities for young people of all age groups: Prayers and Bears for pre-school children, Junior Church for those up to Secondary school age and Youth Group for teenagers. It will be particularly valuable for the new initiatives now being developed, with Messy Church

aimed at being fun and creative for children and their families of all ages. (Just like model railways can be!)

Reg Harman



**Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire
Historic Churches Trust**

**Sponsored
Bike 'n Hike**



Saturday, September 11th 2010

In September you can raise money for Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust AND your own church by visiting - cycling or hiking, to visit as many churches as you can. You can visit local ones but you could use the opportunity to discover somewhere new – a walk through St Albans perhaps or another area of the county.

It is generally a very enjoyable day – you can go through some fabulous countryside and it is exhilarating see God's creation in all its wonder. You meet some lovely people who are manning various churches proudly showing you "their church" – the etched glass at St Margaret's (also a very good stop for afternoon tea...!), Victorian box pews, the history of the local Friends Meeting Houses, family memories and so much more, and not forgetting the visit to Bramfield to meet Miss Kilby still greeting visitors at the grand age of over 101!

Peter Ruffles is the area organiser and he would be delighted if you could boost the numbers and raise a little more money for the Trust. 50% of any money you raise will be given to a church of your choice – hopefully All Saints', so it will assist our funds also.

PLEASE consider joining us this year for this fun day out – we at All Saints have raised hundreds of pounds in the past but not much in recent years - You can visit 9 churches just by walking around Herford and Bengoe so book the date and start to plan your route!

You can also be sponsored for sitting in Church welcoming visitors!

For more information and sponsor forms please contact Dorothy Toyn (Tel 589781)

View from the Churchwardens Pew!

A huge thank you to all of you who helped to make the Coffee Morning and Plant sale such a success, the amount that was raised being in excess of £800 for Save a Cow, particularly to **Renee** and **Denise** for the organisation. I have spoken to Jan Lowe and she was astounded and thanks you all very much for your efforts and is looking forward to her visit on 4 July.

By the time you read this the Model Railway Exhibition will have long since gone. However the amount of work put in by **Reg** to make this happen has been immense, so a very big thank you **Reg** for everything you have done and the time you have given to bring this day about and to all the other helpers - including **Gillian, Viviane** and all who helped with food.

Another event that is taking place on the same day as this is published is the very first 'Messy Church'. Whilst I have only been on the fringes of the planning for this the hours and dedication that **Kath** has put in that I am aware of is unbelievable – thank you very much **Kath**. Let's not forget all those others who will give of their time on the day – thank you. As we hope this is the start of a new venture and experience to draw young people into All Saints please pray for God's blessing on it and all those who will be involved. To make this a success a large team of people is needed with a variety of skills so please do not be shy; if you can contribute a couple of hours just once a month, please come and talk to Kath, Dorothy or myself.

When you read this you should have reserved your **BBQ tickets** – July 4 is going to be a great day when we can spend some time together in fellowship - let's hope we have a fine day and a bumper turn out – don't forget to come in **AMERICAN DRESS** !!!

Just a quick reminder that Bishop Alan will be here on Monday 28 June for the

Deanery Synod and afterwards at 9pm for Compline.

The re-lighting of the church is being considered as there are a number of areas where it is poor or very poor. There is also increasing use of the church for concerts and this does require high quality lighting in certain areas. A small group met with the Diocesan Advisory Committee and their experts recently to discuss proposals. We will be getting a report from them within two months and will then re-examine our ideas in the light of their comments.

Enjoy your summer holidays – find time to relax and refresh yourselves from the stresses of everyday life.

May God bless you. Andrew

Key July debates on women bishops

The Church of England is going to vote this month on whether it should proceed with the next step towards women bishops – or not.

The paperwork behind it all is impressive: a 142-page report from the Revision Committee that details the draft legislation. The Committee has met on 16 occasions over the past 12 months and considered 114 submissions from members of the General Synod and a further 183 submissions from others.

The draft legislation continues to provide special arrangements for those with conscientious difficulties by way of delegation from the diocesan bishop under a statutory Code of Practice.

It is expected that much of the July group of sessions of the General Synod in York (9-13 July) will be devoted to debating the Revision Committee's report and conducting the Revision Stage of the legislation.

Once the Revision Stage has been completed - and provided the Synod does not decide that further work is necessary in

Revision Committee - the draft legislation will have to be referred to diocesan synods and cannot come back to the General Synod for final approval unless a majority of diocesan synods approve it.

The earliest that the legislation could achieve final approval in Synod (when two-thirds majorities in each of the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity will be required) is 2012, following which parliamentary approval and the Royal Assent would be needed. 2014 remains the earliest realistic date when the first women might be consecrated as bishops.

The documents can be read via <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/news/pr4210.html>.

As previous debates have shown, a majority of the members of the House strongly support the admission of women to the episcopate. At the same time there remains a strong commitment on the part of the House to preserve an honoured place within the Church of England for those unable to receive this development. There continues to be a variety of views within the House over the best way of achieving that, while enabling women fully to exercise their new ministry.

Seen in the Cumberland Times
A man accused of stealing candlesticks from Carlisle cathedral had his case temporarily adjourned when the court heard he had wax in his ears.

