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#### **Holy Matrimony**



2<sup>nd</sup> July David Iain Armstrong and Helen Lucy Birch

8<sup>th</sup> July Paul Christopher Wicks and Louise Nicole Edridge

16<sup>th</sup> July Christopher Beveridge and Sarah-Jane Carpenter

16<sup>th</sup> July Trevor Athol Patterson and Kate Lippiatt

23<sup>rd</sup> July Steven Michael Knight and Tracey Anne Johnson

6<sup>th</sup> Aug Duncan Clive Berry and Amanda Joy Leslie

### **Holy Baptism**



17th July Alice Miller

#### In Peace



15<sup>th</sup> August

Connie Murkin

(A tribute will appear in the October magazine)

#### **Mothers Union**

On **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September** Diana Cook is hosting a tea party and wreath preparation evening at her home from 7pm

Please contact me for more details.

Rosemary Bolton 01992 589535

# Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust





# Saturday, September 10th 2011

In September you can raise money for Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust <u>AND</u> 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.

PLEASE consider joining us this year for this fun day out. You can visit 9 churches just by walking around Herford and Bengeo 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)

# **Litter Picking**

As you are probably aware our dear friend Denise Dilley did a lot to help raise awareness and organise volunteers to remove carelessly dropped litter in and around Hertford.

Several people asked at her funeral what we could do in her memory and I believed that a fitting tribute would be to organise another litter pick. I have spoken to Brian All Saints Alive 8

and he is happy for this to happen. So please come and join us on Saturday 17th September between 9:30 and 11:30am.

The Churchyard and St John's Hall area will be included along with areas requested by the Council.

Janet Oldham

#### We need you!

It's coffee morning time again and we need your help! The next date is Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am – 12.00 noon in All Saints Church.



If you have any unwanted gifts, books you have read, bric-a-brac, jigsaw puzzles, summer holiday items etc that we can sell please bring them along and leave them at the back of the Church at any time before the sale. Cakes for the cake stall will be much appreciated on the day please.

Most importantly though we need you to come along and get involved. Coffee mornings are an important part of our fundraising at All Saints and in order to keep them attractive and vibrant we need lots of ideas for new stalls and fresh faces on board. If you have never been involved with our coffee mornings previously, why not come along and give it a go. They are great fun and a good way of meeting people and becoming part of a lively team. Please speak to Renee (01992 303314) or Dorothy (01992 589781) if you can lend a hand, have any ideas or would like more information.

#### Harvest 2011

Our Harvest thanksgiving celebrations at All Saints will soon be here. Whilst we will be decorating the Church in a traditional manner with fruits, flowers and vegetables, etc., this year we would very much like to support homeless families in the Hertford area. To this end our local FoodBank (based in Harlow), who provide an invaluable service for both individuals and

families who find themselves in this upsetting situation, have said that the best way we can support homeless families is by donating store cupboard items, e.g. dried foods such as pasta, rice, flour, biscuits as well as marmalade, jams, tinned items etc.

It would be really appreciated therefore if members of the Congregation could help us support this charity by donating any of the above suggested items, or indeed any other items suitable for the store cupboard. Please bring your donations to Church on Harvest Festival which this year will be Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October. If you would like to donate but will not be able to join us at Harvest, perhaps you would kindly give your donation to the Churchwardens.

Thanking you in anticipation.
The Worship and Pastoral Team

#### **Book Launch**



Jean Riddell will launch her new book **All Saints**, **Hertford**, **before the fire of 1891** at the church at 4:30 pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. There will be an exhibition of archive pictures and the opportunity to purchase copies of the book and its companion **The Disastrous Fire of 1891**.

There will be a short talk at 5.00 pm, followed by tea from 5.15 pm. All guests are warmly invited to stay for Choral Evensong at 6.30 p.m. which will feature music sung in the old church – and so also marking both the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hymns Ancient and Modern.

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# **Organ Donation Week**

Seeking to encourage people to donate their organs is an interesting task: I had never tried it before, though I have sat on the Trust's Organ Donation Committee. The people are strangers, only there for a few seconds, and in that time we were asking them to contemplate life and death issues for others and themselves.

At the entrance to St Albans Hospital on 6<sup>th</sup> July I realised that this could be an interesting task for a series of NHS Apprentice (the prize to take on a deficit of £20 billion), accosting the public with issues of mortality and altruism armed only with donation forms and cupcakes.

I know that when people approach me in the street I am quite wary, and many people took a few moments to warm to our overtures. Only a few gave the impression that they hadn't noticed us: most people responded positively, either taking a leaflet to fill in later or signing up there and then. It occurred to me that this is part of people's spiritual side, that so many are willing to help other human beings.

As the Spiritual and Pastoral Care Manager (Chaplain) I am used to meeting people, but they are usually in a bed or a bedside chair. Catching people "on the hoof" was a slightly different experience. I adapted my skills to engage in a different way, and had so many interesting encounters that I felt very sorry when my two hours were up. A number of people said that they had preexisting conditions, others that they had already signed up having been closely connected with these issues. With some people I found my roles confused, when people said - for example - that they had cancer or other problems. Another person had family and bereavement issues. We found time to talk about them.

Organ Donation is a vital part of our work, and we need to encourage people all year round to sign up on the national register. We should also make sure that we do so ourselves! I realised afresh that some people enduring illness feel fairly useless, that even their organs could not be of any use to

others. Our value as human beings surely transcends our state of physical health, but in some small way virtually anyone can give a new lease of life to another through organ donation. I hope that soon we will assume that everyone in our country will be a donor unless they opt out.

Doug Loveridge

# Coming next month..... To All Saints Hertford



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