

View from the Pew

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I hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer. Weren't the Olympics amazing! It was so good to see people happy, and strangers talking to each other as well as being amazed and proud of the achievements of Team GB. Let's hope that the feel good factor is a lasting legacy of 2012.

As you will have noticed the view from all the pews in All Saints at the moment is very different to the normal view of our beautiful altar and the Kemp window! As you probably have heard the beautiful Kemp window is being repaired following the recent Quinquennial Inspection when it was found to be in danger of shattering due to worn tie bars. As the window is such an important feature of our church and the panel in question is the most important panel in the whole window we decided to get the repair done as quickly as possible!

My own view from the pew has been limited during August due to a session as a London Ambassador during the Olympics and holidays, but my mind is very much on what we will be doing at All Saints in September.

On **8th September** we are having a **coffee morning in the church from 10 until 12 noon** and will be grateful if you could spread the news amongst your friends and neighbours. We will also be pleased to receive books and items of Bric a Brac to sell as well as raffle prizes and cakes, both for the cake stall and to sell with refreshments. We also need willing volunteers to help on the day-please speak to me or to Jo.

On the same day we will be keeping the church open throughout the afternoon as it is the Bike'n'Hike around the Diocese in aid of the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust. Sponsorship forms are available from Dorothy Toyn and you can visit, either by bike or on foot, as many or as few churches as you feel able. All money raised will be split half and half between the Trust and All

Saints. Again volunteers will be needed to allow the church to remain open.

On **Sunday 16th September** we are hoping to hold another **service of Tea and Thanksgiving**. This time it will be in the Meeting Room and will start at 3.30pm. If you would like to come or know somebody who would like to come but would need a lift please let me know as soon as possible so that I can organise drivers. I would also appreciate offers of help, either with the tea or the driving.

Finally we are planning to hold the Harvest Supper in St John's Hall on Saturday 6th October, please keep your eyes and ears open for further details.



I would also like to thank everybody who was able to come to the Summer Soiree. It was an amazing evening thanks to the boundless energy of Mary, Julia, Martin and everybody else who joined in with the entertainment. We raised about £750 for the church and hopefully a good time was had by all!

Many thanks to you all for your support.

Love,
Janet