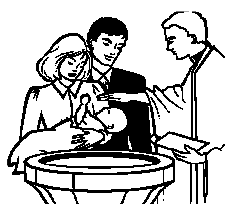


## Holy Baptism



17<sup>th</sup> March                      Maison Joseph Delahunty

7<sup>th</sup> April                         Harry Matthew Easton

## In Peace



15<sup>th</sup> April                        Ronald Manser

16<sup>th</sup> April                        Josephine Mitchell

18<sup>th</sup> April                        Ted Marcar

## Holy Matrimony



20<sup>th</sup> April                        Marc Edwin Wood and  
Leah Howes

## Mothers Union

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm "Borough Council Memories"**

Don Graves will reminisce about his experiences as Mayor and his life, in the Church Meeting Room at **7.30pm**.

## Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May Christian Aid Walk

Starting from St John's Hall at 8.30am. Helpers and/or walkers needed! Please contact Rosemary.

## 22<sup>nd</sup> May Diocesan Forum Bedford 6.45pm

For more details see either Rosemary Bolton or Ann Stephens-Jones.

## Plant Sale/Coffee Morning

On **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** from **10am – 12 noon** there will be a Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in and around the Church. If you are beginning to think about planting seeds, taking cuttings etc please spare a few plants to bring along to the sale. There will also be the usual stalls – coffee, cakes, books, bric-a-brac, jigsaws etc so any contributions towards these will be greatly appreciated.



We shall need lots of help on the day with setting up, manning stalls etc., so if you can spare an hour or two to lend a hand please speak to Renee Booker or Janet Bird.

## Auction of Promises

As you will be aware if you were at the APCM we are currently budgeting a deficit in our accounts for the second year running. This is due almost entirely to rising gas prices. To try to help our Treasurer balance his books we have decided that we need to concentrate on some serious fund raising and we are currently considering different ideas for enjoyable social events which will also bring in much needed income. One such idea is to have an Auction of Promises.

To be a success we not only need people who are prepared to bid and pay but most importantly we need offers of promises which can be auctioned. These promises can take many forms and include such things as offering to babysit for a number of hours, a number of hours gardening, decorating or giving assistance in another way, offering to cook a meal or a special

cake or even food to go in the freezer, offering the use of a holiday home or perhaps offering to take somebody on a trip.

I'm sure that there are many other examples and we would be very pleased if you could all rack your brains and come up with some imaginative and novel ideas.

If you would like to help please get in touch with the Churchwardens or the vicar and if we receive enough support we will hopefully include the auction as part of our Quiz Night on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June (7pm, St John's Hall).

This is a wonderful way to use your talents for the good of All Saints by volunteering to give your time, but if you feel that you have neither time nor talent then you can support us by coming along and making a bid.

*Janet Bird*

## **Letter from Millers**

We send good wishes from Canada at this special and holy time of year. I thought you may like to see Sophie at 'Messy Church' in Canada.



We have moved to a different Anglican Church now, not that there was anything wrong with St Matthias, but rather St Luke's has more to offer Sophie and Alice, Messy

Church, Sunday school etc.

We hope all is well at All Saints and send our love to you and all who remember us.

Best wishes,

Annabelle, Graham, Sophie and Alice

Read more about St Lukes at <http://www.stlukesvictoria.ca/Prescription/Easter13Prescription.pdf>

## **Salvage Work: A lesson from the Work Group**

*Stephen Bardle*

To  
Salvage  
A piece of wood  
You must ignore  
The bits of rot  
And old nail marks.  
You must forget its past -  
Sand down Time's accretions  
To rediscover its original state:  
The grains and swirls and patterns  
Frozen like a snapshot of Jupiter's surface.  
To carpenter and star gazer  
These patterns disclose  
Something about Creation:  
That it oscillates inwards and outwards  
And so you might conclude  
Your hands were made  
To craft the wood  
Anew.

## **Living Well, Dying Well**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am-2.00pm  
Hamilton Room, Van Hage,  
Great Amwell, SG12 9RP

As part of the national Dying Matters Week (13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May), Isabel Hospice is holding an information event, Living Well Dying Well. Please feel free to pop along and talk to our experts about making a Will, recording your funeral wishes, planning your future care and support and registering as an organ donor.

It is also your opportunity to try a complementary therapy. For more information contact Isabel Hospice on 01707 382500.

## News from the Church & Society team



A newsletter from the Church & Society Team

### Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of an occasional newsletter from the Church and Society Team of the Diocese of St Albans. We seek to encourage, resource and help parishes in their engagement in God's world.

Our officers, groups and projects cover the breadth of God's mission: Evangelism, Social Justice, the Environment, World Mission and much more, there's an updated list on page 2. Please get in touch. We are here to help you.

### Forthcoming Events

Spring Basket 2013 - **Saturday 11 May** - a fun-filled day benefiting individuals and families living with HIV; see [www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/spring-basket-2013/](http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/spring-basket-2013/)

- 'Rehabilitating Offenders in Hertfordshire' - an evening with Judge Michael Baker—**Thursday 16th May**, at Holywell Lodge St Albans, organised by diocesan Penal Affairs Group.
- Live Mock Trial—**Saturday 29 June** - consider how Europe has treated and continues to treat the Roma Gypsy people: [www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/travelling-communities/](http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/travelling-communities/)

### News from the Environment Officer

- **Walk to Church Sunday - 12 May** - please plan with friends & family to walk or cycle to church that day as a practical demonstration of concern for our environment.
- **Living Lightly awards** - these will be actively promoted this year to encourage parishes to submit entries for the Green Award Scheme—project grants may be applied for, see: [www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/award-scheme/](http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/award-scheme/)

An **Urban Mission Workshop** was held in February with Bishop Richard. It was a successful and challenging event. For more information contact Andrew Coleby



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### IF Campaign

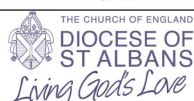
"Enough food for everyone IF:  
⇒ We use land for food not fuel  
⇒ Taxes are paid in poor countries  
⇒ Companies are more transparent  
⇒ We help the poor feed themselves  
<http://enoughfoodif.org/home>

The Church of England has signed up to support IF and is among over 100 organisations with a keen and united interest to see this change brought about. Visit the IF website to see:  
• How to support the campaign  
• What action can be taken.

**Soul[food]** is an exciting new initiative which is being piloted in St Albans and Birmingham dioceses. 40 parishes from St Albans are taking part in the pilot.

How do we keep, and grow, the connection with the many contacts we have through occasional services and other key events over the course of year?

Soul[food] aims to provide an answer. There'll be more news after the



## Helen and John

Congratulations to Helen (wright) and John (Harvey) on their engagement announced on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>!

## ST MARYS CHURCH STAPLEFORD FLOWER FESTIVAL

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