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Mothers Union

Sat 10th May Christian Aid Walk

Starting from Wodson Park. See below. Please contact Rosemary.

Mon 19th May 7pm "An angel is not just for Christmas" Ellie Perkins will come to lead this interesting meeting in the Church Meeting Room at 7pm

21st May Diocesan Forum Bedford 6.45pmFor more details see either Rosemary Bolton or Ann Stephens-Jones.

Christian Aid Walk

Volunteers are needed to help out with the starting checkpoint of this year's walk which starts from Wodson Park.

The format this year is slightly different, with walkers checking in from 8:00 am and starting between 8:30 and 9:00 am. A separate, later time for runners is planned.

If you are available to help at any stage please let me know. Thank You!

Rosemary Bolton

Bible Study Group

- From Easter to Pentecost

We meet again on Tuesday 6th May in the back room in Church. We start at 8.00pm, expect it to last an hour or so.

This month Geoff Oates will be leading us as we look at the different accounts in the four Gospels of Jesus' appearances to his followers after the Resurrection. All are welcome, nothing too scholarly, just bring a bible and an open mind.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone at All Saints' for the kind support that you have shown to Mary, Mum and me over the last few weeks, before and after the passing of my

father Donald. Your support and prayers have been a great comfort during a sad and tough time. Thank you

Martin

Another Thank You

Once a month, usually around the middle, a stalwart band of workers give up their Saturday mornings to do running repairs on the Church, grounds and St Johns Hall.

Come wind or high water (both of which we had recently) they volunteer their time and expertise to mend, whatever needs mending, clear, whatever needs clearing and generally improve the condition of our lovely Church.

I just wanted to say a big thank you, to all of you, for your hard work to maintain our surroundings. It really is appreciated.

Jackie Angus, Almshouses

And a third!

Our website now has a very comprehensive on-line booking system for the Hall.

Thanks are due to Nick Hassell for researching and building the code for this. It has been done in a way that allows us to add other capabilities. By the time you read this there should be a (limited access) booking system for the church too.

Thanks are also due to Rachel Morgan for many hours spent taking and editing pictures, many of which grace the pages of this magazine and our website.

Posy Festival 11-13th July

Plans are far advanced and much work has already been done.

Please see the Press release overleaf for more information and/or visit www.allsaintshertford.org/posy.php

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Congratulations

to Hazel Ford on winning a Choral Scholarship to Robinson College, Cambridge (reading Linguistics)



to Michael Stephens-Jones on adding a Distinction at Grade VII singing and a Distinction (with 140/150) at Grade VI Organ to his Distinction at Grade VIII piano last year

and also to Kasia Bates on a Merit at Grade V Clarinet.

Hertfordshire Health Walks

The Hertfordshire Health Walks are a free programme of short and sociable walks which take place across the county. All walks are led by trained and insured volunteers. In the last year nearly 5,000 people took part in Health Walks in Hertfordshire with over 2,100 walks taking place.

Many of our walkers and volunteers have found the walks beneficial for managing weight, lowering blood pressure, improving bone and muscle strength and helping to manage or recover from a variety of conditions such as diabetes and cancer respectively.

As well as this, the walks have helped them make new friends and discover their local green spaces and countryside, all of which is important for general wellbeing.

If you or someone you know could benefit from Health Walks either as a walker or as

a volunteer please visit the website - www.hertfordshirehealthwalks.org - or call 01992 556033 for more information.

There are two walk leader training days taking place in May, one in Bishop's Stortford and the other in Hemel Hempstead.

Soon you could be joining the 800+ new walkers that walk every year, led by the 200 volunteers giving more than 7000 hours of their time.

Happy Health Walking!

Sian Price, Health Walks Projects Officer

GARDENER'S QUESTION TIME

THURSDAY MAY 1st at 7.30pm

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BENGEO

Your questions answered by a team of experts £8 per head includes wine and cheese in the interval

TICKETS from Sue and David Kenney 01992 558196

ALL PROCEEDS TO CHARITY

Wine Tasting for Charity

The Marquis of Salisbury has kindly given us free use of the Old Palace at Hatfield House on the evening of Friday 30 May for a wine tasting presented by the Wine Society in aid of Hertfordshire Society for the Blind, of which I am a trustee.

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As you can see from the poster the event will take the form of a "Tour de France" of wines.

Tickets are priced at £27, to include tasting of 20 fine wines, with accompanying cheese and nibbles, and also access from 6.00 pm to the West Garden, which now contains a new collection of sculptures.



This promises to be a great evening, with proceeds going to a very worthwhile local charity.

If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know.

Edwin Godfrey

Stop that now!

An elderly woman had just returned home from an evening church service when she realised an intruder was in the house. She yelled: "Stop now! Acts 2:38! ("..turn from your sin...").

The burglar stopped dead in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. Soon the

police arrived and as the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All she did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an AXE and two 38's!"

Some people wish.....

Some people wish for freedom,
And look to the birds above,
Some people wish for love,
And search for the perfect partner,
Some people wish for hope,
And listen to others lies,
Some people wish for forgiveness,
And try to forgive themselves.

Some people wish for answers, And try to explain themselves, Some people wish for truth, And make their own judgement, These people should wish for sight, If they open their eyes and see, All their wishes are there, In God and his son Jesus Christ.

Rachel Morgan



"I agree, Vicar, the church's bats problem is getting worse – all that high-frequency squeaking is interfering with my iPod."