

## View from the Pew

*Janet Bird*

I am writing this on Good Friday, having enjoyed an amazing Messy Church this morning with a large number of children and parents, including three rather tiny babies and spent an hour meditating at the Foot of the Cross this afternoon. Whilst my fellow churchwarden is away enjoying the delights of Australia and New Zealand those of us still in Hertford are preparing to join together to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

However many of us have already been privileged to share in a new and exciting experience of the Easter Journey. I have described Ginni as a gust of wind sweeping us all along with her in her enthusiasm and this was certainly true for those of us who volunteered to help when she introduced Tracey and the Bridge Builders team to All Saints to take the Easter Story to children from local primary schools. This was a fantastic time of fellowship and outreach, taking four separate groups of children, aged between 9 and 11 on a journey from the last Supper, through to the empty tomb.

A number of us from All Saints spent three happy days telling the story, washing feet and planting seeds and I'm sure that it was a memorable experience as much for the volunteers as for the children and teachers who joined us on the journey. We were impressed not only by how well behaved and enthusiastic the children were but also by the many intelligent questions which they asked and their breadth of understanding.

Elsewhere in the magazine you can read about our APCM on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May during Evensong at 4pm, Jo will be installed as a Canon of the Cathedral Church and Abbey of St Albans. The service is open to all. The following day there will be a celebration lunch in St John's Hall and I would be pleased to hear from you if you would like to join us as we show our appreciation for all that Jo means to us at All Saints.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May the Annual Christian Aid walk will take place, followed by the House to House collection during the following week. If you are able to help with collecting please speak to Martin Bird.

On the following Saturday (17<sup>th</sup>), at 10am in and around the church, we will be holding our Plant Sale in aid of the Junior Church project together with a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy to raise funds for the church.

The following day (18<sup>th</sup>) we will be hosting the Civic Service for our new Mayor, Councillor Chantelle Geall followed by breakfast in St John's Hall.

Finally at 8pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May you are warmly invited to join with the congregation at Holy Trinity, Little Amwell ( Hertford Heath) and members of other churches in the Hertford Team as we come together to celebrate Ascension Day.

