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### **Holy Baptism**



14th June

Joshua William Gillett Jacob Alexander Gillett

#### In Peace



2<sup>nd</sup> June Roy Armitt

8<sup>th</sup> June John Feherty

25<sup>th</sup> June Ann Seward

Mollie Platt

#### **Mothers Union**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July Festival Service Harpenden** Bishop Alan

Tues 21st July 11.30am Lunch and visit to Hopleys Garden Centre in Much Hadham Lifts available.

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> August 2pm Visit and Afternoon Tea at The Gibberd Garden , Harlow Lifts available. Small entry fee

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> August Archdeaconry Quiet Day All Saints'

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> September 7pm Book Club and social evening

Read and bring a book to talk about and enjoy a social evening in the Church Meeting Room at 7pm. Suggestions: Archbishop by Michele Guiness (Families First columnist) or The Grantchester Mysteries by James Runcie.

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

# New Chorister Soraia Jorge



Congratulations to Soraia on passing all her tests in one month and becoming a Full Member of the choir!

### **Messy Church Dates**

Please note that there will NOT be a Messy Church in July but there will be one in August on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 16:00.

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#### 4<sup>th</sup> July Rock Choir 7 for 7.30pm

Join us for a fantastic evening of musical entertainment as the Rock Choir perform.

An hour-long concert, with no interval, this promises to be a night to remember, raising funds for Isabel Hospice. Tickets sell fast, so buy yours now to avoid disappointment. £7.50 per adult and £5 per child (under 14s). Buy them at www.isabelhospice.org.uk





Colin and Janet Bird cordially invite you to a

Fund Raising Tea Party and Bring and Buy in their garden ( *indoors if wet*) On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 3 until 5pm

Tickets £12.50 per person ( children under 16 free) to include full afternoon tea.

Proceeds to be shared between The Ancient Charities of Hertford and All Saints' Church, Hertford

For further details and to reserve your ticket please phone Janet on 01992 587544 or email janet\_l\_bird@hotmail.com



#### Saturday 12th September 2015 10 am to 6 pm

- Have fun Cycling or Walking
- Help save your local heritage
- Raise funds for All Saints as well!
- Over 600 churches and chapels to visit!

Raise money for the repair of your local church or chapel by getting sponsorship for cycling or walking between churches in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Anyone can take part and there is a choice of over 600 churches and chapels for you to visit, most of which will be open.

For more information please contact:

Dorothy Toyn - 01992 589781 dorothy.toyn@ntlworld.com

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> www.BedsHertsHCT.org.uk BHHCT Registered Charity No. 1005697

Bike 'n Hike in association with the national Ride + Stride

## Are you up for a challenge in 2016?





Vietnam Challenge for Isabel Hospice

Hot on the heels of returning from Iceland where as part of a team she trekked up a volcano and across glaciers and ice fields, Isabel Hospice Fundraising Co-ordinator, Jordan Russell, is putting the call out for adventurers to join the next overseas fundraising challenge for the local charity.

"I'm really excited that we are able to put on two different versions of this Vietnam trek each one with its own challenges. One group are going to be trekking in the hill tribe region of Sapa, whilst another group will be scaling the highest point in Vietnam, Mount Fansipan.

Both groups will really get the feel of the country during their time there and they will see some stunning scenery. However, this isn't going to be a walk in the park! Both of the treks are described as challenging, with the trek up Mount Fansipan being the most difficult, however a good level of fitness and a positive attitude will go a long way for both. We are recruiting trekkers now for the 2016 challenge as each person will need to raise a minimum sponsorship, and so by starting sooner rather than later, this makes the fundraising easier."

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If you would like to find out more go to www.isabelhospice.org.uk or call Jordan on 01707 382500.

# Countrywide consultations on CofE's Reform/Renewal

The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England has begun a process of consultation across the country for Reform and Renewal, visiting every Diocesan Synod to discuss the proposals set out during the February sessions of the General Synod.

As part of the ongoing work on Reform and Renewal, a dedicated page has been created on the Church of England website. The new page will have the latest news and resources about each of the areas of Reform and Renewal, including blogs and videos.

Featured on the site is a blog from William Fittall, Secretary General of the Archbishops' Council.

In an extract from the blog, Mr Fittall writes:

"...the challenge of Reform and Renewal is spiritual. We shall ultimately be building on sand unless what we do is underpinned by prayer and an unshakable confidence in God, who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or conceive."

The website also has discussion forums for each report, along with videos and blogs from the leaders of each area of Reform and Renewal, and copies of each report. The dedicated web page is available at: <a href="https://www.churchofengland.org/reform-renewal">www.churchofengland.org/reform-renewal</a>

### 2014 financial results from Church Commissioners

The Church Commissioners have announced their 2014 financial results with the publication of their annual report. They posted a total return on its investment in 2014 of 14.4 per cent, growing the fund from £2.4bn at the start of 1995 to £6.7bn at the end of 2014.

The fund, which provides support across the Church of England, spent £215 million - 16% of the Church's overall mission and ministry costs. Alongside the Commissioners' Annual Report, an Annual Review highlighted funded projects ranging from Children's drop-ins and afterschool clubs to youth work and food bank hubs, all supported by local churches.

Andrew Brown, Secretary of the Church Commissioners, said: "Through continued strong ethical and sustainable financial performance we help provide for the spiritual and numerical growth of the Church of England. We also continue to identify and help fund the Church's work and mission in communities throughout England."

One such example is Rachel Hepburn, Community Link Worker on the Cheswick Estate in Bristol. She is funded by a grant for mission in new housing and other development areas. Through the funding, Rachel is able to live in the local community and make vital links with other residents. Watch an interview with Rachel Hepburn at: bit.ly/rachelhepburn.

The full report is available at: bit.ly/commissionersreport2014

