

## Holy Matrimony



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| 26 <sup>th</sup> March | Blessing of Marriage of<br>Matthew and Rachel Gill    |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March | Graeme John Wotton<br>and Sarah Kathleen<br>Borthwick |

## In Peace



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| 19 <sup>th</sup> April | Pauline Page |
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## Mothers Union

If anyone followed the "Count Your Blessings" Lent Calendar & would like to make a donation, please give proceeds (for MU overseas projects) to Ann.

### Saturday 14th May Christian Aid Walk

The last East Herts' walk will start from Allenbury's Sports Club, Ware at 8.30am. Helpers & walkers needed. Please contact Rosemary.

### Monday 23rd May "Get up & go!"

Simple exercises to stay mobile, suitable for everyone & led by Dorothy Toyn in the Church Meeting Room at 7pm.

### Tuesday 24th May 10 am-12 noon. Deanery Coffee Morning at Janet & Colin Bird's, 140 North Road.

Please come & enjoy fellowship in aid of MU projects in the UK & overseas. Raffle,

MU cards & Bring & Buy stalls. "ALL WELCOME!"

For more information, please speak to Ann or Rosemary.

## Godparents' Sunday 1st May

This dedicated day is a response to research commissioned by the Archbishops' Council that shows the importance of godparents to families bringing their children for baptism.

Some Bishops have shared their Godparent stories. The Bishop of Huntingdon, David Thomson said of his Godparents: *"I was blessed with three very holy godparents – a monk, a missionary and a godmother who eventually entered a religious community too. Their prayers must have been powerful to enable a crumbly cookie like me to become a bishop! They continue to be an inspiration: my godmother in her 80s rebuilt a hospital in Africa!"*

[www.faithpictures.org](http://www.faithpictures.org)



Faith Pictures is a new downloadable free course to help you talk to friends, neighbours and colleagues about what you believe. At the heart of it is the identifying of an image that says something about your faith. Each of the six sessions includes a short video and lively discussion-starters.

Faith Pictures is a little different from most other courses. It has three main distinctives:

**Honesty** – About our faith journeys, without bracketing out the hard questions.

**Humour** – Faith Pictures is designed to be fun and profound at the same time.

**Whole Church** – Faith Pictures is a simple idea that can be used across different traditions and with different age groups.

Faith Pictures is an easy way to open up potentially life-changing conversations, and it is free.

## New Diocesan Director of Mission



The most striking thing about Tim Lomax's previous experience is his involvement with mission from young adulthood, both before and after ordination. In the

1990s, when he was in his twenties, he was Youth and Children's Project Leader in the Diocese of Lichfield. With a degree in music, he was lecturing on worship and mission and leading conferences on worship around the country before he was thirty.

In his early thirties, when working as a teacher, he was called to ordained ministry and went to train at Ridley Hall, Cambridge in 2005. Currently in his first incumbency, he is leading a church to become more mission focussed, through creating fresh expressions as well as renewing existing Sunday congregations. In between achieving all that, he has authored several works including 'Creating Missional Worship,' and taken a Masters Degree in Theology, Mission and Ministry. In his new role, Tim hopes to establish new mission hubs and partnerships and renew the relationship between mission and worship.

Tim said: "I am eager to join the diocese as it moves forward with the Living God's Love vision. As Director of Mission I am looking forward to joining with others in mission and evangelism and the


proclamation of the good news of Jesus in every generation."

Tim is married to Kate, also ordained. He says: "Kate and I are looking forward to returning to the diocese. She served her curacy in Luton and this was the diocese that sponsored my ordination training. We have quite a number of friends in the area and we're looking forward to connecting with them and making many other new ones."

**Forum**  
Churches Together in Hertfordshire

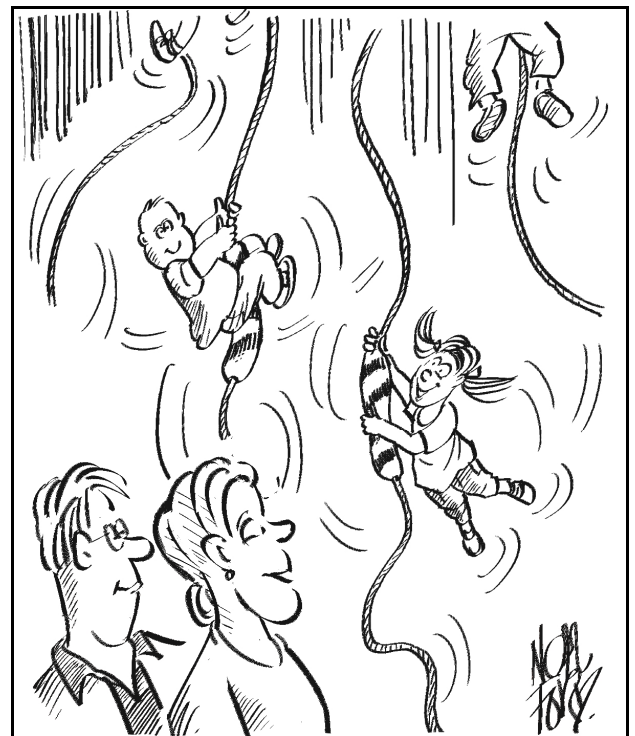
*Ben Ryan of Theos  
will be speaking on*

**Finding a Soul for Europe**  
a reflection upon the spiritual implications of the  
political debate



19:30 – 20:30 business meeting  
20:30 keynote speaker and conversation  
4 May 2016  
The Focolare Centre for Unity  
69 Parkway  
Welwyn Garden City  
Herts  
AL8 6JG

Ben Ryan is a researcher at Theos Think Tank which seeks clear thinking on religion and society. An acute theologian and thinker, he is the author of the Theos reports *A Very Modern Ministry: Chaplaincy in the UK* and *A Soul for the Union*.



"...and then the vicar realised the bellringer-shortage and the problem of providing crèche facilities could be solved in one go!"