

## In Peace



14<sup>th</sup> February      Enid Studman

## Mothers Union

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2pm Women's World Day of Prayer

Hertford Baptist Church. Written by the women of The Philippines "Am I being unfair to you?"

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 9.45 to 2.30 Spring Sharing Day

All Saints' Croxley Green WD3 3AJ

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 8pm Shepherding God

Doug Loveridge will lead us in our Lent Reflection in the Church Meeting Room.

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2pm Lady Day and Mothering Sunday posy preparation in the Church.

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10am Mothering Sunday Service

"Make a Mother's Day" – Mothers' Union ethical gift catalogues available from the back of the Church or online at <http://www.makeamothersday.org/>

## Mothering Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 Family Service

Please invite as many people you know to this relaxed Mothering Sunday Family Service. This service is to celebrate all Mums living and departed. There will be simple readings and music, prayers, flower posies, candle lighting, and activities for all ages.

The service will be approximately 40 mins.

## Make a Mother's Day

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

### Putting mothers at the heart of everything this Mothering Sunday

Mothers' Union would like to offer you a very special and powerful way to celebrate your mother this Mothering Sunday. With a gift from your heart you can say thank you to, or remember, your own mum and also help mothers like Violet to flourish.

With a husband and two children to care for, Violet lived a hand-to-mouth existence in Zambia. Unable to find work, the family survived on what little maize would grow in the dusty land. In years of poor harvest, they simply starved. It's hard to imagine the daily heartbreak of struggling to raise a family while never knowing where your next meal might come from.

### Thankfully Violet no longer fears going hungry.

She received training from Mothers' Union that helped her start a small baking business and now even earns enough to send her children to school.

This Mothering Sunday you could buy a gift for your mum from our **Make a Mother's Day** collection that will bring about real change for other mothers, like Violet, who find themselves marginalised.

You could give the life-changing gift of learning to read and write, helping a woman find a job or take an active role in her community. You could help women overcome inequality and violence, or put a local church group at the very heart of change in their parish.

For each one of these empowering gifts that you buy we'll send you a beautiful card to give to your mum on Mothering Sunday, or keep in her memory.

By celebrating your mother in this special way you can give women, in the UK and overseas, the faith, education and training they need to transform not only their own lives, but those of their families and communities.

To check out the Make a Mother's Day range of gifts visit [www.makeamothersday.org](http://www.makeamothersday.org)



## All Saints Art

Our group is going well, meeting every Thursday evening from 7.30 to 9.30. We have a varied programme of subjects and use different media to produce our pictures. We each have our favourites but also explore new ways of working.

As usual we are having **a talk with slides by Dr Roger Aubery entitled 'My three favourite Saints'**. This is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March and will be held in the Memorial chapel. We charge £2 and provide tea and biscuits. **This is open for anyone to attend so please do join us.**

We would also welcome new members to join us to paint and draw. We often do crafts as well. Beginners or experts welcome.

If you would like to know more contact:  
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## Lent Lunches

Churches Together in Hertford have decided to try something different in 2017. You are welcome to join them at special events in Lent – see the poster opposite.

For those who prefer to keep up the lunch tradition, then there will be a welcome at Soundbites from 12:15 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> (followed by prayers at 2:15) 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March here at All Saints!



### 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March Isabel Hospice Make a Will Week - Are your family provided for?

Make A Will Week, is your chance to make sure they are. It is the perfect opportunity to ensure that your wishes are recorded and to support Isabel Hospice at the same time. Local solicitors will prepare or amend your exiting Will, and instead of charging a fee, they will invite you to make a donation to the Hospice. Find you local solicitor on our website to make an appointment. Be sure to do this in good time, as appointment slots fill up fast. Go to [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk) for a full list of local solicitors.



### Young Persons Project

Our newest project is a support service for young persons affected by Drugs & Alcohol, bullying or Domestic Abuse. The pilot will start in April 2017 with 6 young people in the hub we are developing in our café on Mondays. We have an exciting timetable for this work, a little untraditional, but proving to work.

The youngsters will be in an age range from 16 to 19 years of age and will engage with film making and music writing. They will work on a project as a team to its conclusion 12 weeks later with a production for the public and their parents.

We are currently opening up referral pathways for this group. We are planning on building on the strengths of these young people.

**Future Living is in the process of launching a marketing campaign** to raise the profile of the work we do and raise vital unrestricted funds.

To this end we are inviting people to become members as Friends of Future Living and make a donation.

There is a dedicated page on our website <http://www.futurelivinghertford.co.uk> of the same name. Please do take a look and support us if you feel able. There is also a corporate strand to Friends of Future Living which costs nothing as it is tax deductible under the Corporate Strategy Policy.



Runners and walkers are signing up for our Run Hertford event for the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in support of Future Living. This will be hosted by our lovely Lady Mayoress, Dr. Linda Radford. We anticipate it being even

bigger and better than the two previous years.

It is a real family affair and such a lovely Sunday morning out, we do hope you will all sign up. We have distances of 10K, 5K and a 2K Family walk. You can register and pay on our dedicated website [www.runherford.co.uk](http://www.runherford.co.uk) or purchase your tickets on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/run-herford-2017-tickets-28844320138?aff=es2>



## **HDCT Report February 2017**

We had an extremely busy time on the run up to Christmas, made even busier by the very generous food donations we received from the public this year. We wondered if this was because of the film "I, Daniel Blake" which featured a Foodbank and the very good press coverage we had from the Mercury local newspaper; this was also due mainly to the success and skills of our new Publicity Officer, Martin Ring.

We were challenged with finding extra storage for these donations and we are grateful to the URC for offering the use of one corner of their church for excess stock. This stock will help us cope in the months ahead when the 'Christmas effect' has dwindled. This is when we are so grateful to all our local churches for the steady inflow of our core stock, either directly or through one of the local supermarket Collection Points.

To highlight this point, food issued in January this year was 1102kg whereas food and toiletries donated were 737kg. A shopping list of the most required items is always available on our website.

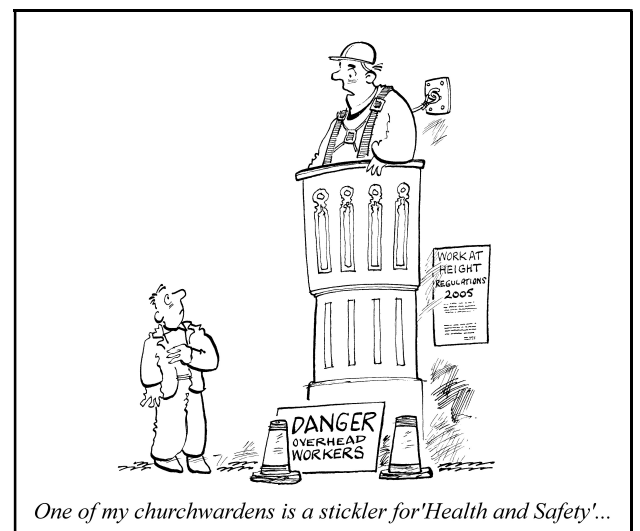
Fuel Poverty has also been addressed this winter and we are able to give struggling clients up to £50 towards their fuel

payments. This is accessed through the Citizen's Advice Service.

In the next few weeks alterations are taking place to the Foodbank Reception Area giving us a more defined area for refreshments including a 'drinks station', this has been financed by an HCC Small Community Grant sourced through the URC.

We continue with an amazing team of volunteers and feel we are providing a very necessary service to the Community on behalf of the churches in Hertford. Special thanks are due to our Stores Manager, Howard Ward and his team who have been exceptionally busy over the past couple of months.

Latest statistics tell us that January 2017 saw an actual '27% decrease' in clients compared with last year. Good news!



## **Naughty Mummy!**

A mother asked her young son, as they waited for the bus, to tell the driver he was five years old, because then he would ride for free. As they got into the bus the driver asked him how old he was. "I am five years old," said the little boy proudly.

The driver had a son of his own that age, and smiled. "And when will you be six years old?" he asked.

"When I get off the bus," answered the boy