

## Holy Baptism



9<sup>th</sup> April

Esme Griffiths  
Alice Porrer

## In Peace



27<sup>th</sup> March

Veronica Humphrey

30<sup>th</sup> March

Violet Bradbury-Johnson

## Mothers Union

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon**  
**Visit to St George's Cathedral of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Stevenage**  
Lifts available.

More information from Rosemary Bolton or Ann Stephens-Jones

## Bible Book Club

Our next meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We will be studying Luke Chapters 7 and 8. All welcome.

## A Christian Aid Walk with a DIFFERENCE on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017

In 2016 we held a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Walk and later celebrated the 50 years of walks at a Thanksgiving Service in All Saints Church. Many of our helpers have retired, but a new Walk Committee has come

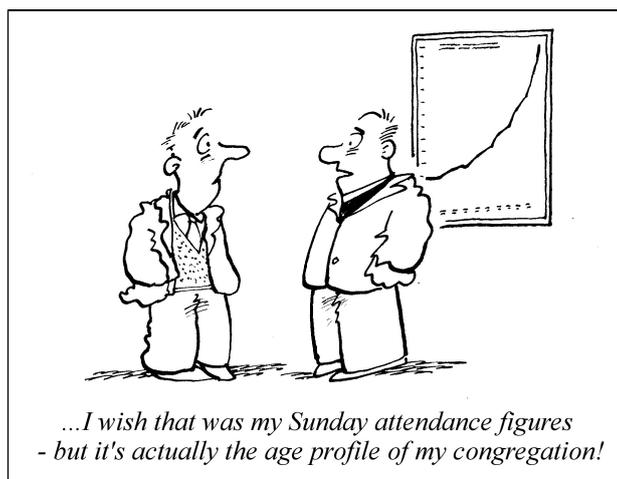
together to organise a different kind of sponsored walk.

It will be 21 km long and largely unmarshalled. Walkers will be given a route overlaid on a licensed printed section of ordinance survey map and 2 pages of detailed instructions. There will be no checkpoints except the start and finish, both at Wodson Park, where there will be limited all-day parking. Only cold drinks will be provided. Toilets will be available at Wodson Park and at two pubs en-route.

Entry costs £10 per adult or £3 for those 18 years and under. Any walker under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult. For those not wishing to walk 21 km, there is a short cut return to the finish reducing the distance to 13.4 km.

The new website is [www.christianaidwalk.org](http://www.christianaidwalk.org). On the Home page under ABOUT click on 21K 4CA (21km for Christian Aid) to obtain a registration form. Clicking CONTACT gives access to a sponsor form which is to be sent to the Treasurer with sponsor money when completed. A colour OS map and detailed instructions for the route will be handed out at the start on the day.

Come and walk with us for Christian Aid!



## Called to be you

Vocations Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter (May 7<sup>th</sup>), is the Sunday set aside in the Church's calendar to encourage all of us to think about our vocation.

So what is your vocation? You may think that you don't have a vocation or that vocations are the sort of thing clergy have. But if you think that, you're wrong. Each of us does have a vocation. God calls each one of us. The question, though, is to what?

First and foremost, God calls us to change: to become more Christ-like. We are called to live out our lives in response to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That process began in our baptism, but it continues through prayer, through the reading of the scriptures and through the receiving of Holy Communion. One of the constant themes in the New Testament is that lives touched by Christ were changed. What is true for the characters of the New Testament is true for us. As we encounter and respond to Christ we cannot help but be changed.

But while we are called to change, we are also called to be more deeply ourselves. God never calls us to be something or someone we're not. God always calls us to what we are capable of becoming. It may be that there are parts of us which are underdeveloped or which rarely see the light of day, which need to be allowed to flourish so we can be our true selves. It may be that we have hidden gifts which need to be discovered, or it may be that there is something that we have secretly always wanted to do but have not had the courage or the time to try. Whatever it may be, we need to find an outlet which will allow us to feel more excited about life or indeed to feel more alive.

St Irenaeus wrote that 'the glory of God is a human being fully alive'. Through the dual process of becoming more fully ourselves and of becoming more fully Christ-like, the will of God is fulfilled and the glory of God seen. That is what Vocations Sunday is about. You have one life. For God's sake and for your own, live it.

Stephen Ferns

## Black Dyke Band joins Hertford Choral Society to 'Celebrate Mid-Summer!'



Celebrating Derek Harrison's 40 years of making music with HCS

**Saturday 24th June 2017**

7:30 All Saints' Church, Hertford SG13 8AY

**TICKETS** £16, students under 25 £4

Phone 07936 719498 Email [tickets@hertfordchoral.org.uk](mailto:tickets@hertfordchoral.org.uk)

\* Online [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

\* In person from Hertford Town & Tourist Information Centre, 10-12 The Wash, Hertford SG14 1PX

\* Subject to booking fee

### Hertford Choral Society joins forces with the legendary **Black Dyke Band**

Whether or not you have an interest in brass band music, you will surely have heard of Black Dyke Band, one of the most famous names in the world of brass bands. They have a long and successful history: founded in 1833, during the past 180 years they have made over 350 recordings, been British Open champions 30 times and European champions 23 times. With that sort of pedigree, you know that you're in for a wonderful display of brass playing, and we are delighted that they are performing with us in Hertford, continuing our tradition of working with different genres of music for our summer concerts. Join us for an exceptional evening of virtuoso brass and choral singing.



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Not to be missed!

[hertfordchoral.org.uk](http://hertfordchoral.org.uk)

#### About Hertford Choral Society



HCS is an all-embracing community choir that brings top quality music to Hertford. Musical Director Derek Harrison engages professional orchestral and solo musicians to support the choir and perform concerts that inspire the singers and delight their audiences. The variety of their concerts ensures something for every musical taste. Alongside their classical events HCS perform with musicians from other genres, for example saxophonists, ukelele players and brass band players. They also include local schools in their Christmas concerts.

To find out more about this very special choir and hear them sing, go to [www.hertfordchoral.org.uk](http://www.hertfordchoral.org.uk).