

Holy Baptism



24th Feb Penelope Joan Greggain-Smith

10th March Rachel Brett
Reshat Ercin

Confirmation

By Bishop Michael on 10th March



Anthony O'Gorman	Biornelly Kasham
Jerome Caines	Karen Flin
Neeley Anderson	Nike Adenle
Paul Foster	Rachel Brett
Reshat Ercin	

Bible Book Club

We complete our study of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians on Tuesday 2 April, usual time and place, 8.00pm in the meeting room.

Chapters 13 – 16 contain some of Paul's best loved and most profound teaching on love, life, death and resurrection. And on Church order: *'Let everything be done in a proper and orderly way'* (1 Cor 14 v 40). Was Paul the first Anglican?

Mothers Union

National Marriage Week – May 13th–19th

Looking through the MU programme this year I realised that National Marriage

week had moved from around Valentines Day to May. I thought it might be good to recognise National Marriage week in a fun way, and I am putting together a collage of wedding photos from various people, and can put together six weddings going back four generations from our own family.

I am looking for people willing to join in with this project, and all I need is a photocopy of your – or other family members - wedding photo. Official, unofficial, serious or fun – whatever! I can arrange to photocopy pictures for you if necessary.

It also happens to be the week – or close to – we invite the wedding couples for the year to learn about what will happen on their big day, which might be fun. Thanks for your help!

**Tuesday 9th April MU Meeting at 7.30 pm.
Herford's Blue Plaques**

Jean Riddell will tell us about the Blue plaques in Herford placed on buildings of interest – either architecturally or because of who lived there. Venue: All Saints' Meeting Room and all welcome.

Dorothy Toyn

Herford and District Churches Together

Good Friday Walk of Witness

Owing to the ongoing redevelopment of Hertford town centre, with the loss of Waitrose and much of the Bircherley Green Shopping centre it has been decided to try something different this year on Good Friday.

Rather than a static witness we would like to walk from the Methodist Church, via the Friends Meeting House, finishing at the United Reformed Church, where folks have kindly offered to provide refreshments.

Following discussion it was felt that calling at only three town centre churches was probably all that we could manage in the time available.

The current plan is to begin at the Methodist Church at 10 am with prayers, readings and possibly a hymn. Then walk to the Friends Meeting House (either in silence or possibly singing as we go) where we would have another reading and prayers. We would then process to the URC for more readings and prayers, possibly a hymn or two and then refreshments.

We anticipate that this would take about an hour and people could join as and when they can.

This is still very much work in progress and I would appreciate any comments or suggestions. I am consulting with Rev Debbie Hodgson and hope to have plans finalised asap.

Janet Bird

Annual Church Meetings

28th April 2019 11.30 onwards

Our Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parish Church Meeting will be held after the Morning Service on Sunday 28th April and will be followed by a 'Bring and Share' Lunch.

As well as electing new Officers (see below), this is your chance to hear what has been done over the last year, to consider various plans and ideas. Please do come and bring your thoughts, questions and ideas.

We also need new people on our PCC, your voice and perspective is vital as we serve God and the community at this exciting time. Please have an informal chat with Jo, Julia or Colin if you would like to know more about the role. We are really keen to hear from you.

APCM Papers

In an effort to reduce our paper consumption (and associated impact on the environment) we will not be producing large numbers of copies of APCM reports this year. There will be two folders at the

rear of church each with a full set of the reports we have received. These will also be available on our website (where you will also find those from previous years, minutes and the Treasurer's presentation). www.allsaintshertford.org/apcm.php

If anyone need a personal hard copy of any report do please ask and we will happily print one.

Donations for Flowers



This is to remind you that you can donate money for flowers on the Altar or in the memorial chapel in memory of a friend or relative. The calendar for you to enter your chosen date is on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Please contact the team leader on duty for the month you have chosen – a list of Team Leaders is on the noticeboard. The team leader will organize the flowers using your money donation.

If you are unsure who to contact, please get in touch with me (Dorothy Toyn) see below.

Easter Flowers

Flowers in church at Easter in memory of loved ones have always been special. Your donations are always appreciated and are a great help in making our church look its very best on Easter morning.

If you would like to make a donation this year Dorothy Toyn or the Churchwardens would be pleased to receive your gift by Sunday 14th April.

The XMAS TREE CROSS will be decorated on Easter Day. Please remember to bring a flower on Easter Day Sunday 21st April.

Dorothy Toyn
01992 589781 dorothy.toyn@ntlworld.com

'Plastic Free' Real Easter Egg

The Archbishop of York and the lead Bishop for the environment have welcomed a 'plastic free' version of The Real Easter Egg.

Out of the 80 million eggs sold in the UK every year The Real Easter Egg is the only one which includes a 24 page copy of the Easter story in the box, is Fairtrade and supports charitable causes. And now, this year the Real Easter Egg is going plastic-free.

The change is in response to a survey which found that 96% of Christians think it is important for Easter Eggs to be plastic-free and news that 11.5 million tonnes of food packaging waste is produced every year.

David Marshall from the Meaningful Chocolate Company, who make the Real Easter Egg, said: "Easter eggs don't have to cost the earth. We have replaced plastic bags, tamper-seals and Best Before stickers with paper versions. There is still the same amount of chocolate in the Real Easter Egg and the box sizes are the same, but the redesign means our Dark and Original Egg will save at least 5 tonnes of plastic and 175 tonnes of card in the next five years."

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, said; "I am delighted that an Easter Egg, which shares the Story of Easter, is leading the way by reducing packaging."

The Bishop of Salisbury, The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, said; "As the lead bishop on the environment for the Church of England I am delighted that an Easter Egg, is taking seriously the care of our planet."

Third Hope Africa 6th April 7.30 pm St Andrew's

St Andrew's are hosting a special fundraising concert on 6th April for Third Hope Africa, a charity that works for the

long-term rehabilitation of ex-child soldiers in Northern Uganda.

Admission is free with a retiring collection. Refreshments will be served.

de Merc Chamber Choir

FREE ADMISSION
RETIRING
COLLECTION

REQUIEM

FOR THE CHILD SOLDIERS
OF NORTHERN UGANDA

Sung by the De Merc Chamber Choir directed by Alison Smart Fisher

7.30pm 6 th April 2019	St Andrew's Church, St Andrew Street, Hertford, SG14 1HZ	All profits from retiring collection for Third Hope Africa, working for the long-term rehabilitation of ex-child soldiers in Northern Uganda www.thirdhope.org
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Some images may be upsetting to younger children.

THIRD HOPE AFRICA

Third Hope UK, registered charity no. 1133419

Composer of the Requiem, David Salmon, tells us: "We know that it is only in fellowship with others that we will find a way through to the healing and hope that awaits these abandoned young people. So it is with gratitude that we are able to sing and intercede from them with you all at St Andrew's through this piece."

HOST Lent Appeal



As we approach a time of joyful celebration in the Church calendar we ask if you might consider doing

something for international relations...making a small but significant contribution towards greater understanding worldwide.

HOST's mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Our volunteer hosts can offer hospitality for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend.

Please consider becoming one of our volunteer hosts. We operate all year round and would very much welcome you to join us.

More information can be found on our website: www.hostuk.org
 Or email us on: info@hostuk.org
 Or telephone us on: **020 7739 6292**

Living Churchyard

The Living Churchyard Project aims to help churches manage their churchyards in a wildlife-friendly way, while being sensitive to the needs of all churchyard users, paying particular heed to the primary function as a resting place for the dead and a contemplative place for friends and relatives of those buried there.



A workshop day has been organised for Saturday 13th July at St Mary the Virgin, Potton.

More information at <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/living-churchyards/>

Hertfordshire Festival of Music



The days are getting warmer and longer and we're excited about the Summer to come, and to share our 2019 Festival programme, full details at www.hertsmusicfest.org.uk/events

HFoM's Principal Artist for 2019 **Steven Isserlis CBE** will open the Festival on Thursday 13 June with a masterclass for cellists at **Benslow Music, Hitchin**. Steven is then featured in two major performances on Friday 14 (with the **Orchestra of the Swan**) and Saturday 15 before we dive into an eclectic week of wonderful artists that includes **ZRI** - a versatile ensemble who fuse Eastern European traditional music with jazz and classical - plus Hertfordshire's own **William Whitehead** (organ) and **Tim Thorpe**, who's Principal Horn of the **BBC National Orchestra of Wales**. The Festival Finale welcomes back musicians who proved such a hit in the 2017 Festival, the wonderful **Carducci Quartet** with outstanding pianist **Clare Hammond**.

For the first time at HFoM, we are also offering guided walks and interesting talks this year. Some of these will have limited spaces available and we'd urge swift booking to avoid disappointment.

The Box Office will be open to the general public from 1 April, when you'll be able to book either online, by telephone or in person



Churches and individuals are being urged to get involved with collecting and safely disposing of single-use plastic from streets and parks, recycling as much as possible. A great way for churches to join forces with their communities in caring for the environment.

More information, resources and ideas at

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>

African Palms

Where our Palm Crosses come from



The aim of African Palms is to give people living in a very poor part of Tanzania the possibility of earning some extra money. The people's daily work is the planting of maize, millet and some ground nuts to feed themselves and their families.

The important thing about the Palm Cross project is that it does not interfere with their work of producing the food they need to live. Any money they earn from palm crosses is used for the usual household necessities – clothes for the parents and their children, salt, soap and any money required to get to the nearest hospital for medical treatment.

African Palms was started in 1965 and after a very small beginning has grown so that churches in the USA, Canada, Sweden, Norway and other European countries now buy African Palm Crosses for their Palm Sunday Service.

People look forward to be able to do the work. Their work is really good and the crosses are made beautifully. Here in the United Kingdom at the end of each year if there is any money over after all the costs are paid, it is covenanted to a charitable trust The African Palms Association. The trust aims to give help to schools and for medical work in the area.

www.africanpalms.co.uk

Hertford Oral History Group



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Hertford Oral History Group (HOHG) was set up in the 1990 to research and record the oral history of Hertford residents, preserve that history for future generations and make the histories gathered widely and freely available.

Many recordings have now been completed. These are gradually being transcribed and the resulting records of interviews are available from the Hertford Museum website:

<http://hertfordmuseum.org/oralhistory/list-transcripts.php>

Hertford open market, 1964
Photo: Peter Ruffles



The lives and experiences of Hertford residents over the years provide a fascinating and evolving social history for our community. HOHG continues to record oral histories and needs help with the transcriptions.

COULD YOU HELP?

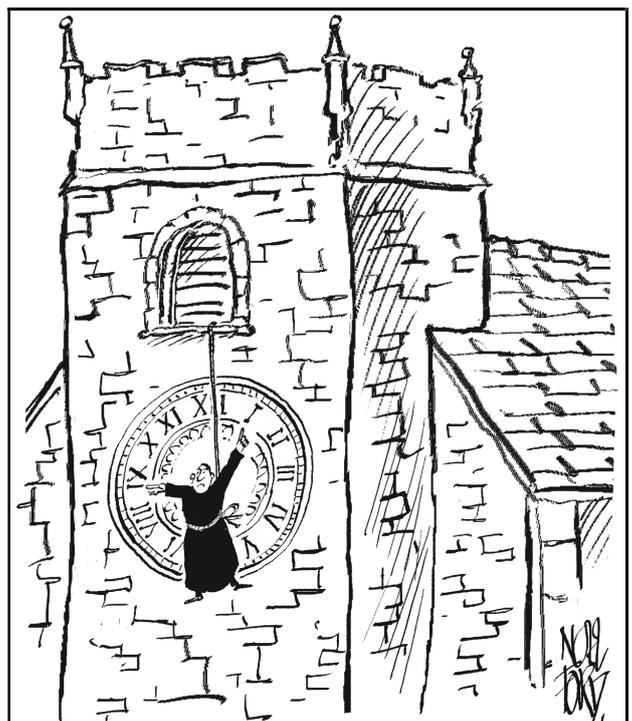
Volunteer transcribers are needed to undertake transcription of our recordings. The role is an interesting and flexible one, working at your own pace. The recordings contain historical local information of great interest.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED?

We should love to hear from you and discuss the role and requirements. Email: hertfordoralhistorygroup@gmail.com

 Hertford Oral History Group

January 2019



The vicar had assured the verger that the clock repairers had promised to come as soon as possible