

Bible Book Club

As Tuesday 4th clashes with the Be Still Prayer Event in Knebworth we will meet on **Monday 3rd**.

We are continuing our 'dip' into the book of Psalms especially their poetry, and their use in worship from ancient times to the present.

Mothers Union

Friday 14th June 'Unearth the Unusual' at Myddleton House Gardens' at 1.30pm
Come and join us for a stroll around these lovely restored botanist's gardens, with a carp lake, Victorian glasshouse, visitor centre/museum and cafe in Enfield followed by a refreshing cup of tea. Lifts available.

Saturday 15th June 9.45-2.30pm. Diocesan Annual Meeting Woolmer Green Village Hall, Hall Lane, Woolmer Green, SG3 6XA

Saturday 22nd June at 1.30pm. Wave of Prayer.

Our Deanery Wave of Prayer service will be at Stapleford Church.
Lifts available.

The Mayor of Hertford



Congratulations to Rosemary Bolton, pictured here with some well-known friends and members of the MU from All Saints, on her election as Mayor of Hertford (and as a District Councillor for East Herts). It was

great to welcome her, councillors, distinguished guests and friends to the Civic Service on Sunday 19th May.

As her two charities, Rosemary has chosen Herts Young Homeless and Carers in Herts. You can read a little about them on page eight.

Jo commented:

I am delighted that Rosemary Bolton has been elected as our new Mayor, and I was pleased to attend the Mayor-making at Shire Hall on 16th May, becoming Mayor's Chaplain for the year. Rosemary joins an illustrious company. We pray for Rosemary in this busy role within our town, and that we may all be strengthened to build up our community in faith and love.

Coffee Morning/Plant Sale 18th May

Thank you to everyone who took part. The event raised well over £700 shared between 'Send a Cow' and Church Funds.

Swifts



The swift boxes are now in place on All Saints. Fiona and Julia have fixed up a call system to attract some residents. The calls will play from 6 - 9 am and pm, which are the times swifts are likely to visit nests.

Can you help?

As a glance at the diary shows, the Church is being used far more frequently than in the past, both as a community resource and as a way of increasing our income, with at least one event every day.

We would like to establish a list of key-holders who could open up or lock up for these events. The hope is that we can build a large list so that no one person would be called upon more than once a month.

If you can help in this way please let Martin Penny know, along with days/times that you are likely to be available.

Thank you!



15th June Van Hage, Great Amwell, SG12 9RP – 3pm

Isabel Hospice Forget Me Not Celebration! You are invited to join us to remember your loved ones and reflect on the happy memories you shared with beautiful handcrafted metal forget-me-not flowers.

Please join us on Saturday 15th June at 3pm at Van Hage Garden Centre to view the stunning art installation of forget-me-not flowers. You can dedicate in memory of anyone special to you, a family member or a friend, and it doesn't matter if they were not cared for by Isabel Hospice.

25th June Tea in the Garden Orchard House, Deadfield Lane, Letty Green, Hertford, SG14 2NZ – 1.30pm

Join us for Tea in the Garden by kind permission of Vic and Carol Watkins in aid of Isabel Hospice.

Come along to the beautiful 20 acre

grounds of Orchard House on Tuesday 25th June from 1:30pm - 4pm for afternoon tea, tours of the garden, music, raffle and stalls!

Tickets cost £20 per person. Contact Shirley Storey by email storey.shirley@gmail.com to find out more.

30th June Mind, Body & Soul Corn Exchange, 39 Fore Street, Hertford, SG14 1AL – 12pm

Join us for Serendipity Therapies Mind, Body & Soul event in aid of Isabel Hospice!

There will be:

- Holistic treatments and therapies
- Reiki and sound healing reiki drum
- Natural remedies and therapies
- Local handmade arts and crafts stall
- There will also be health food options (vegan and vegetarian) and refreshments available.

Contact Serendipity Therapies by email Serendipitytherapies@outlook.com to find out more.



Colin and Janet Bird cordially invite you
to a Fund Raising Tea Party
in their garden (*indoors if wet*)

On Saturday 8th June from 3 until 5pm

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

Proceeds to be shared between The Hertfordshire
Convalescent Trust 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



Single Parents Matter

There are an estimated two million single parents in the UK, raising their children in a variety of situations: alone, co-parenting with an estranged partner, or in the middle of a legal battle. Our church family can best enjoy their company by becoming their extended family, and offering them companionship, care and skill support.

One single mother has told of how, when her husband left shortly after the birth of their baby, her church members rallied around with meals, money, and baby-sitting offers. It was a great encouragement as she began life as a young mother on her own.

Another young mother was astonished – and grateful – when several married women in her church ‘loaned’ her their husbands, to do jobs that ranged from an afternoon of heavy gardening to various carpentry and plumbing jobs around the house as she needed them, on an on-going basis. They also invited her for regular meals, making her feel wanted and valued. *“I dread to think where I would be without them,”* she says.

A single father told how the women in his church had encouraged him to maintain the family traditions he and his wife had begun with regard to his children’s birthdays and Christmas and Easter breaks. They had baked birthday cakes and even taught his children how to bake, and how to wrap presents for *him*.

Another single father told how a couple in his church had invited him and his children down to their holiday cottage in Wales for a summer break.

So what can we, as a church family, offer to any single parents in our church? For starters, how about inviting them for a meal at their own house, where you bring the food, and they don’t have to worry about babysitters!

Does anyone feel that they would like to start a ‘skills group’ where various people

in the church could pledge various skills for a number of afternoons a year, which could be given out, as needed?



Herts Young Homeless's mission is to prevent homelessness by empowering individuals to make positive, informed choices. To support young people and their families, those in crisis and individuals at risk of becoming homeless.

hyh has a variety of FREE services open to all 16 – 24 year olds who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. We also have a Health Service which has no upper age limit.

We can provide information and support as well as emergency accommodation through our **Nightstop Herts** scheme.

hyh is an independent charity and has been supporting vulnerable people in Hertfordshire since 1998.

<https://www.hyh.org.uk/>



Carers in Hertfordshire aims

- To ensure all carers receive information, advice and support
- To enable carers to participate in service planning and decision making
- To be a platform for the voice of carers

Carers in Hertfordshire fulfils these aims through a mix of strategic work, development activity and direct service provision to carers.

Carers in Hertfordshire's work is delivered by 47 staff and around 200 active volunteers within communities in Hertfordshire and from our base in the county town of Hertford and Crossroads Care Service office in Borehamwood.

<http://www.carersinherts.org.uk/>