

ALL SAINTS'



This week's Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

Dear Friends,

Our Gospel this week is about the wedding in Cana that Jesus and his friends attended.

We were blessed last year by having the opportunity in December just between the two lockdowns to celebrate with Shurti and Shope their wedding. Although there were all the restrictions on numbers attending, wearing masks and a lot of hand sanitising and virtually no hugging, the wedding was amazing, joyous, colourful and very celebratory. Their wedding really showed us all how much joy there can be even in these very challenging times.

Jesus' friends celebrating in Cana were not so fortunate. The wine runs out. This story can speak to our lives at this time of lockdown as we may feel that in many ways our spiritual 'wine' has run out. The sense of the celebration and enjoyment of life has evaporated. Perhaps each of us could tell a story about that.

When the wine runs out, we may be tempted to look for a substitute by working harder, doing more, or – worse – giving in to wallowing in a loss of hope. Don't reach for the bottle, for "running out of wine" can be a new beginning and makes straight the way for miracles to happen. In our emptiness we can ask God to fill us with newness. As at Cana, Jesus steps into our lives bringing hope and filling us with love, that spills over so that we can share this love with others.

We look forward to hearing Archdeacon Janet as she reflects on this in our Zoom Family Eucharist service this Sunday, which will also be recorded and put on our website.

Love and blessings,
Jo

Church Closed during Lockdown

The PCC decided on Wednesday that it would be best and safest to keep the church closed until the government lifts the lockdown restrictions. Funerals can still take place in All Saints' during this time.

It's heartening to know that so many of our church family have had their vaccine and we hope and pray that the numbers of deaths and infections goes down very soon.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



UNITY SERVICE

Join Christians from across Hertford for an evening of worship and praise, as we pray together for our town



Please click [here](#) to access the Zoom meeting



Wednesday
27th January



7:30 pm
start

Meeting ID: 870 3000 0665
Passcode: 009524



Any queries?

Contact vicar@allsaintshertford.org

We are holding our Unity Service on Zoom on Wednesday 27th Jan at 7.30pm. The theme is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit". Members of all the different churches in Hertford will be taking part. Please join us with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87030000665?pwd=ZEhiY1o0YlNXMEI3ODdaMGFVd28zQT09>

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Our website and phone calls

Please keep in touch with us, the website is packed full of encouraging, prayerful items, including music and of course news. One of our members who had been very ill indeed told me how much it had sustained him. If you

would like to have phone calls or would like our prayers please get in touch with me

Lent and Easter



Plans for deepening our faith and reaching out to the community during Lent and Easter are underfoot. Any additional ideas are welcome, and everyone is invited to become involved and contribute in whatever ways are practical for you.

During Lent:

1. A one day at home retreat, with online or print material available – more detail to follow.
2. A weekly Lent course, using the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2021, *Living His Story* by Hannah Steele.

Both the book and the accompanying daily reflections encourage all Christians to think about their calling, how to share their faith and reflect on the difference Christ makes in our lives.

3. The porch – we will be creating something wonderful with this space, building on our Advent/Xmas display.

The Churchyard

1. With the theme of Love for Lent, we plan to use all the different types and sayings of love in the Bible leading up to Easter, the greatest love story the world has ever known.

We encourage everyone to knit/sew/make hearts and come and hang them on the churchyard trees any time from 12 February. Let's bomb our churchyard with hearts and share the message of Christ risen with all of Hertford!

2. Is there anyone who would like to create a labyrinth in the car park? There are

some instructions in this Youtube video: <https://youtu.be/f1m5-ygVdq> Please let Jo know if this is something that interests you.

3. We would like to put up boards/posters as we did for the Advent trail. If anyone would like to contribute a painting, please contact Nerine.

Sunday 24th (Epiphany 3)

10.00 Family Eucharist on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85012384579?pwd=UFFnWXkwY0tTdU4rWWJMV0FteUpaZz09>
Meeting ID: 850 1238 4579 Passcode: 318853

Tuesday 26th (Timothy & Titus)

11.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88015708219>
Meeting ID: 880 1570 8219

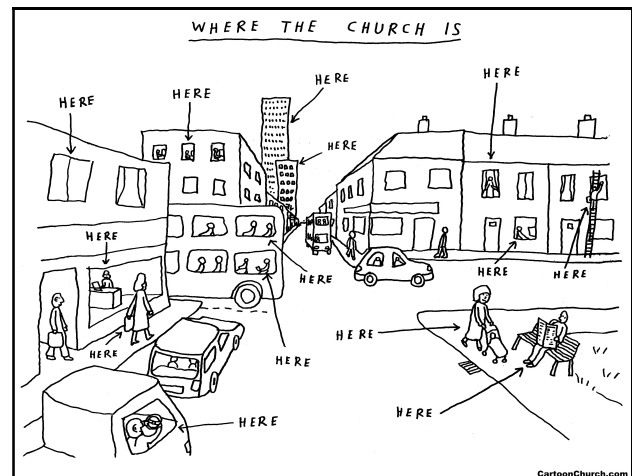
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19.30 Unity Service

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'Zoom'-ing by 'phone

Call 0203 051 2874, 0203 481 5237, 0203 481 5240 or 0131460 1196 and use meeting id followed by #



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