

ALL SAINTS'



This week's Newsbulletin

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

Services/events for this week

Third Sunday after Trinity 20th June

8.00 a.m. Said Communion

10.00 Family Eucharist in All Saints, with choral and organ music.

Tuesday 22nd June

11.00 Morning Prayer on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87458760537>

Meeting ID: 874 5876 0537

Please note the revised number.

Thursday 24th June

11.00 Holy Communion in Church

'Zoom'-ing by 'phone

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

Caring for God's Acre

Dear Friends.

Caring for God's Acre is a charity that encourages and supports groups and individuals to investigate, care for, and enjoy burial grounds and graveyards.

Caring for God's Acre is starting a special partnership with the Church of England, the Church of Wales and A Rocha, called Churches Count on Nature. Their aim is to keep burial grounds beautiful, accessible and connected to their communities. There are over 20,000 burial grounds in England and Wales, and they all represent an irreplaceable source of local history as well as offering refuge for native wildlife.

Caring for God's Acre asked churches to use the week between 5th and 13th June as a springboard to start recording the wildlife within their Churchyards.

For All Saints, the week began with last week's Family Service which highlighted what we are

doing and why it is so important to monitor and record the wildlife around us. Each county in England has a centre for recording biodiversity and this provides an understanding of how widespread species are, as well as where populations are increasing or declining.

We are grateful to all those who submitted details of what they had seen during the week. These are being collated and will be submitted to the Caring for God's Acre website.



However, this is only the start. The recent Zoom meeting hosted by Barry Trevis highlighted the Peregrine Falcons that have been frequenting the church tower. This generated some wider interest in recording the wildlife that inhabits the churchyard.



A number of local wildlife enthusiasts have volunteered their services over the coming weeks and months to identify and log the birdlife, butterflies, plants and insects that can

be found. Stuart Fox, a keen Hertford bird photographer has been particularly supportive in this regard. For those of you who use Twitter, his photographs can be seen @StuartFox1.



In addition to the monitoring programme, renowned wildlife film maker Russell Savory is undertaking some filming in the churchyard and hopefully this will result in a short programme to be shown on ITV. Russell was in the churchyard very early on Sunday morning to catch the beautiful early morning light, and he will be visiting frequently.



The "Caring for God's acre" event has been a fantastic start to showing us the wealth of wildlife that calls the churchyard its home.

If anyone would like to be involved, in the monitoring programme, or in any other aspect of making sure that through our churchyard the communities around us are able to connect with us, and us with them, please speak to Fiona or Nerine.

"If God is in nature, nature itself becomes divine, and from that point it becomes reasonable to argue that reverence for God and nature implies a responsibility not to

harm it, not just for our own selfish interests but also as a duty to the Creator".

Prince Philip

"Christian loyalty and solidarity is being with and being for those you have not yet met and a world you have not yet seen. It's why....Christians ought to be passionately and sacrificially concerned about the environment, for the very simple reason that we are called to be faithful to the future, even though we can't see it, to a future of harmony and reconciliation with the whole creation. Our failure to be loyal to this particular aspect of the future, is one of the most crass and troubling forms of injustice that afflicts our world – not to mention our church – today. "

Rowan Williams (In a sermon preached in St Albans Cathedral)

Love, Nerine

Opening the Church

When we had the church open during Thy Kingdom Come, the people who ventured in were all from the general public, not our own congregation.

It showed us that there is a need for people to be able to come in, and we would like to open the church every Saturday morning from 10 – 12.

If anyone is willing to volunteer to be in church on a Saturday morning once a month or once every two months, depending on how many volunteers we have, please contact Janet (07798 692797 or 01992 587544) or Nerine (07535 803529 or 01992 504893)

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