

## ALL SAINTS'



## ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone



## Jesus is risen from the dead

Happy Easter to you all!

When Pepsi-Cola was launched in China, its marketing managers wondered why its famous slogan, 'Come alive with Pepsi' was not achieving the impact that it had achieved elsewhere in the world. It was discovered that the translator had rendered it: 'Pepsi brings your relatives back from the dead.'

This is the shocking claim of the Easter Gospel - that our brother, Jesus of Nazareth, has come back from the dead. All of us like a happy ending. The girl gets the guy. The guy gets the girl. The bad guys get got and everyone walks off into the sunset to live happily ever after. Yet the implications of the resurrection of Jesus are shocking... For the man who was once dead now lives - he eats fish and understands the will and purposes of God! But the Easter message is not just one of resuscitation, of a dead man to life again, because then nothing would have changed - only the corpse. Instead, in the Easter season, we hear and experience the power of the Resurrection - what God is up to in a world already changed by the Incarnation.

And maybe that's the point. Last month, I wrote to you, outlining some of the initiatives and activities that are on the horizon over the next few months, and much of this is building on your hopes as outlined in the parish profile you produced.

But as we edge into the season of Easter and celebrate with joy the resurrection of Jesus, what if we spent these weeks noticing what God is already up to in our world, and seek to join in?

We will have the opportunity to do that at two important meetings on 11th May - the Meeting of Parishioners and the APCM. These are the chance we have to elect church wardens and to look back with thankfulness at all that God has been doing amongst us - and to look forward with hope to all that He will be and to commit ourselves to joining in with the loving purposes of God over the next year and beyond.

As we give thanks for the last year, copies of the annual reports are available in church for you to read and on the parish website (financials are on the Charity Commission site). Please read these reports and come prepared to ask questions and give thanks to God for His faithfulness to us as we look on into the future He is opening up before us.

The future is only possible with a shared commitment to continued prayer and support. God calls us to be the church together - I need, the church needs, Christ needs you to give a little of your time and your talent to fulfil His plans and purposes for us.

The Risen Jesus appeared to those frightened disciples. They knew it was Him as he ate with them and as He opened the scriptures to them to reveal the plans and purposes of God, finding fulfilment in Him.

Jesus calls us, sometimes frightened disciples, to continue to bear witness to Him. We know that the Risen Jesus is with us as we see God's plans and purposes unfolding around us and as we together meet to eat with Him at the Eucharist. But to be a witness is not just to experience an event, to hear good things in church, but to willingly tell others about it. Our call is to continue to proclaim the Resurrection, to make known what God is up to in our communities, to help people within them to answer God's call, and to see their lives transformed by Him.

Simon

## Annual Meetings & Bring and Share Lunch

Please prioritise being at these meetings as we thank God for our life together.

## Rogation Days

**26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The Rogation Days (from the Latin *rogare*, 'to ask') are the three weekdays before Ascension Day. However, in practice, many churches have observed Rogation on the preceding Sunday (Easter V in the Prayer Book, the Sixth Sunday of Easter in Common Worship). The Prayer Book Gospel includes the words of Jesus, 'Whatsoever ye shall ask for in my Name, he will give it you' – words associated with the heavenly intercession of the ascended Christ.

Originally, the Christian observance of Rogation was taken over from Graeco-Roman religion, where an annual procession invoked divine favour to protect crops against mildew. The tradition grew of using processional litanies, often around the parish boundaries, for the blessing of the land. These processions concluded with a mass.

The Rogation procession was suppressed at the Reformation, but it was restored in 1559. The poet George Herbert interpreted the procession as a means of asking for God's blessing on the land, of preserving boundaries, of encouraging fellowship between neighbours with the reconciling of differences, and of charitable giving to the poor.



The tradition of 'beating the bounds' has been preserved in some communities, while others maintain the traditional use of the Litany within worship. In more recent times, the scope of Rogation has been widened to



Our annual meetings are upcoming on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30 here in church. Formal Notices were posted on Easter Day (20<sup>th</sup> April) in accordance with current Church Representation Rules.

These two meetings are key to our life at All Saints:

- ✓ One meeting (Meeting of Parishioners) elects Church Wardens to serve the church and to support our mission and me as your parish priest.
- ✓ The other meeting (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) looks back over the last 12 months with thanks for all that God has been doing amongst us and calling us to as All Saints.

We have gathered written reports for this meeting which cover the diversity of activity that makes up the All-Saints community and our Deanery. All are available on our website at

<https://www.allsaintshertford.org/apcm.php>  
along with hard copy at the back of church.  
Please do read these in preparation for the  
meeting.

We will then continue our celebrations by sharing a Bring and Share lunch together.

include petition for the world of work and for accountable stewardship, and prayer for local communities, whether rural or urban.

## Thy Kingdom Come

29<sup>th</sup> May-8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is all about praying for people to come to know the amazing, life-transforming love of Jesus.

What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

TKC invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.



TKC now unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions - so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way.

It is our hope & prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him.

Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part & join in

## Pray for 5



We encourage everyone to choose 5 people they know and pray for them throughout the 11 days and beyond!

There are so many ways you can pray for your 5. You can use a band and tie 5 knots, each one representing one of your 5.



You could write their names on your bathroom mirror, or in this little card, to help remind you to pray throughout the day. These will be available at the back of church later this month.

Or perhaps you could pray during your daily exercise such as running or walking.

Get involved by

- ✓ Watching The Rt Revd Dr John Sentamu at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQSh5NPx\\_Kk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQSh5NPx_Kk)
- ✓ Accessing TKC resources at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-0>
- ✓ Finding out more about TKC at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



## VE Day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025



Hertford Town Council

# VE DAY 80

**HERTFORD CASTLE**  
**THURSDAY 8TH MAY**  
**GATES OPEN 5.30PM**

**FREE ENTRY**

**\*\*\*BEACON LIGHTING & TRIBUTE 9.30PM\*\*\***

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**  
FISH AND CHIPS BAR CRÊPES

Scan here for further info

Bring your own picnic blanket / seating



On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025, the Mayor of Hertford, on behalf of Hertford Town Council, welcomes everyone to come together to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

The day will begin with the raising of a commemorative VE Day 80 flag on the roof of Hertford Castle at 9.00am, joining those raising flags across the nation, to remember the sacrifices made by so many millions during World War Two.

Later, in the evening, Hertford Town Council will host a free event in the grounds of Hertford Castle so our community can come together to share in celebration, as well as thoughtful remembrance, to mark this poignant date.

The gates of Hertford Castle will open from 5.30pm with food and drink stalls available, including Fish and Chips. Fish and Chips were not rationed throughout the whole of World War Two, and to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, the nation will be encouraged to eat

this much-loved dish to pay tribute to the brave fishermen, farmers and land girls who continued to fish the seas and toil the fields despite the dangers of war.

A programme of live entertainment will follow from around 6.30pm featuring Just Love to Sing, The Barn-ettes and The Rock Choir. The event will culminate at 9.30pm with a Tribute read by the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, and the lighting of a beacon, accompanied by the Hertford Choral Society; bringing everyone together for a united moment of reflection and remembrance.

For further information and updates closer to the time, please visit [www.hertford.gov.uk/events-listings/ve-day-80](http://www.hertford.gov.uk/events-listings/ve-day-80).

## Plant Sale 17<sup>th</sup> May

10.00am-2.00 pm

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**OUR PLANT SPECTACULAR IS BACK AGAIN!**

# PLANT SALE

**With Refreshments and Light Lunches**

**SATURDAY 17 MAY 2025**  
10.00am to 2.00pm (Light Lunches Served from 12noon)



- Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Plants
- Seedlings
- Indoor Plants
- Garden Books and Magazines
- Bird Food and Accessories
- Garden Tools
- Greeting Cards
- Homemade Cakes
- Raffle
- Produce Stall

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Our annual Plant Sale will be on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. From 10.00 to 14.00 with refreshments throughout and Light Lunches from 12.00 noon.

Any plants you can contribute will be welcome and can be left outside All Saints on the grass on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> or handed in on

Thursday morning when the church is open for the service at 11 am or finally bring them on Saturday morning. We will have stalls for vegetables, for bedding, for herbaceous plants and shrubs, and for wildflowers.

If you can help with a stall or with refreshments (coffee and light lunches) that would be great - please let Dorothy, Fiona or Shirley know if that would be possible.

## Concert by HSO 17<sup>th</sup> May

7.00 for 7.45pm at All Saints



Hertford Symphony Orchestra presents 'New World'.

Principal Guest Conductor Daniel Hogan  
Beethoven Egmont Overture  
Coleridge-Taylor Violin Concerto (Soloist Katie Mazur)  
Dvorak 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony

## Bishop's Harvest Appeal

Each year since 2009, I have had the joy and privilege of inviting our Diocese to come together around the Bishop's Harvest Appeal—an opportunity to lift our eyes beyond ourselves and share God's generosity with others in need.

As I prepare to retire at the end of May, this will be the final Harvest Appeal I have the honour of introducing. It feels appropriate, then, to begin with a word of gratitude.

Thanks to the remarkable generosity shown by so many of you, the Harvest Appeals over these past 16 years have raised over **£1 million**—a truly extraordinary achievement. The total now stands at £1,021,953, which represents lives changed, communities strengthened, and hope restored in places

near and far. For every coffee morning held, every school assembly shared, every collection plate filled—I thank you.

## 2025 – Rewrite Their Future

This year's appeal is called *Rewrite Their Future*, and we are once again partnering with Mission Direct, who we worked with in 2023 in their work with families living in poverty in Kumi, Uganda, by providing them with chickens, leading to sustainable incomes.

The 2025 appeal is focused on the work of Mission Direct in Zambia and Uganda, where they are building schools and improving access to education in some of the world's most under-resourced communities. In just the first year, the schools supported by this appeal will serve over 1,500 children—and over the next 20 years, nearly 17,000 children will gain access to education that would otherwise be out of reach.



At a time when 250 million children globally are not in school, this is one small but vital way we can help change that reality.

As Hebrews reminds us:

"Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God."  
(Hebrews 13:15–16)

These words call us to both worship and action.



I pray this year's appeal will once again be an expression of our calling to live God's love—with generosity and joy, imagination and courage—as we seek to care, serve, and share with those in greatest need.

Resources for churches, schools, and chaplaincies will be available shortly. As ever, please feel free to shape and share them in ways that suit your own context.

Thank you for all the ways you have helped to live out the love of Christ through these Appeals.

Thank you for walking this path with me over these years. It has been a blessing to serve alongside you, and to witness the compassion and commitment of so many across our Diocese.

+ Alan St Albans

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## Wanted – spare wool



Joan Fenwick knits prolifically, mostly items for children, which she sends to children in Ukraine or Romania. She has recently started knitting scarves with the remnants of balls of

wool to distribute to those in need. If anyone has any left over wool, please bring it to church for Joan to use for her scarves, as in this photo.

## Soundbites May 2025



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# Soundbites

**A Term-Time Series of Concerts on Wednesday Lunch-Times**  
(Light Lunches served from 12noon for Concerts at 1.00pm)

<p><b>Wednesday 7 May 2025</b>  <b>Richard Moore (Organ)</b>          Sub-Organist at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford</p>  <p>Richard read Music at St John's College (Oxford), after which he took up a place the Royal College of Music, studying Organ with Professor David Graham and improvisation with Sophie-Véronique Cauchéfer-Chopin. Prior to his appointment to Christ Church, Richard was Sub Organist at Guildford Cathedral. He holds the Soloist (Artist) Diploma of the Royal Danish Academy of Music, and continues his organ studies with Bine Katrine Bryndorf.</p> <p><i>Music by Bliss, Bach, Derri Joseph Lewis, Smyth, and Weir</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 21 May 2025</b>  <b>The Mezzacapo Mandolin Trio</b>          Stuart McGowan,          Roberto Garcia          Steven Watson</p>    <p>is a unique ensemble of three experienced Classical Guitar and Mandolin players, all of them engaged in the composing, arranging, typesetting, performing and publishing of music for plucked strings.</p> <p><i>Music by Beethoven, Josef Seger, Nicolò Romaldi, Eduardo Mezzacapo &amp; Cécile Chaminade</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 14 May 2025</b>  <b>Natasha Page (Soprano)</b>  <b>Christopher Benham (Piano)</b>  <i>'Spring Serenade'</i></p>  <p>Described as 'an excellent fresh relatively new voice to the opera world' (operascene.co.uk), and 'with a glorious rich tone, soaring high notes and engaging manner' (lightmusicsociety.com). British soprano Natasha Page is a graduate of the Royal College of Music International Opera Studio, where she studied with Rosa Mannion. She was awarded First Place at the Maureen Lehane Vocal Awards at Wigmore Hall in 2023. Natasha is a Samling Artist, an Oxford Lieder Emerging Artist, a Making Music Philip and Dorothy Green Young Artist and a Leeds Lieder Young Artist.</p> <p><i>Music by Brahms, Chausson, Schubert, Stanford, Strauss, Quilter, Vaughan-Williams and Walton</i></p>	<p><b>Wednesday 28 May 2025</b>  <b>'Wild About Recorders'</b>          Musical Director:          Catherine Wild</p>  <p>An ensemble that has been working together under the direction of Catherine Wild for over 20 years. They have recently amalgamated a group for adult players RAGS (Recorders Again) and The Broxbourne Recorder Consort for students.</p> <p><i>Music through the ages arranged for recorder consort</i></p>

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Full details of our May programme are now available on our website at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/concerts.php#sbs>

## Church Decorations

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Flower Club for the Easter Flowers, and all donations are very much appreciated. We hope you like the result, and especially the special Easter Garden – thanks to Fiona and her amazing garden, and to Richard for transporting the trees and shrubs!! Photos on next page and back page.

The next major celebration will be Ascension and Pentecost. You may recall that during Covid we decorated the North Porch, and at Pentecost we filled it with doves. I have an idea for doves for Pentecost this year, but I will need your assistance to cut – or fold



(Origami) paper doves as we will need lots of them!

We will produce some patterns and instructions and leave them at the back of the church and leave a container for 'finished doves'. I can always send the patterns by e mail if required so please contact me via the [flowers@allsaintshertford.org](mailto:flowers@allsaintshertford.org) address and I will get back to you.

Many thanks  
Dorothy Toyn



## Wildlife for Kids

Wildlife Watch is here for kids that can't get enough of exploring the great outdoors or those desperate to find out a bit more about the weird and wonderful creatures we share our world with.

It's part of The Wildlife Trusts, who look after lots of awesome places for wildlife and run hundreds of events each year in the UK.

As a taster try this spring flower spotter by becoming a nature detective! Can you tick off any of these?

### Spring flower spotter



Download the image at  
<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-02/Spring%20flowers.jpg>

Find out more about Wildlife Watch at  
<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/>



# Parish Diary May 2025

## Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> (Philip & James)

11.00 am Morning Prayer  
7.30 pm All Saints Art

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> (Anathasius)

1.00 pm Wedding of Sonal Pandya and Tim Quadling  
5.30 pm Choir Practices

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>

9.30 am Morning Prayer  
1.00 pm Wedding of Lydia Bancroft and James Stuart

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.00 am All Ages Together Communion  
6.30 pm Stations of the Resurrection

## Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am Morning Prayer  
10.30 am Service at Bentley House  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

## Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am Morning Prayer  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

## Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am Morning Prayer  
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites Richard Moore - Organ  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

## Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> (Julian of Norwich)

8.00 am Morning Prayer  
11.00 am Holy Communion  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer  
7.30 pm All Saints Art

## Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

5.30 pm Choir Practices

## Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am Morning Prayer

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Holy Communion  
11.30 am Annual meetings  
1.00 pm Bring and Share lunch  
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

## Monday 12<sup>th</sup> (Gregory Dix)

8.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30 am Service at Bentley House  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

## Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am Morning Prayer  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

## Weds 14<sup>th</sup> (Matthias the Apostle)

8.00 am Morning Prayer  
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites Natasha Page – Soprano  
Christopher Benham - Piano  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

## Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

8.00 am Morning Prayer  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> (Caroline Chisholm)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

## Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

NB Simon on post-Easter break until 24/5 inclusive  
9.00 am Plant sale  
7.45 pm Concert by HSO 'New World'

## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Parish Communion and Civic Service  
President & Preacher Archdeacon Janet  
6.30 pm Choral Compline

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> (Helena)

12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites The Mezzacapo Mandolin Trio

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

11.00 am Morning Prayer

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

5.30 pm Choir Practices

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.00 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

## Monday 26<sup>th</sup> (Rogation Day - Augustine)

8.00 am Morning Prayer  
10.30 am Service at Bentley House  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

## Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> (Rogation Day)

8.00 am Morning Prayer  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

## Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> (Rogation Day – Lanfranc)

8.00 am Morning Prayer  
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites 'Wild about Recorders'  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

## Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day "Thy Kingdom Come" begins

8.00 am Morning Prayer  
11.00 am Holy Communion  
4.00-9.00 pm Street Food Heroes in Churchyard  
5.00 pm Evening Prayer  
7.30 pm All Saints Art

## Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> (Visitation of BVM to Elizabeth)

9.30 am Morning Prayer

## JUNE

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.00 am All Ages Together Communion  
6.30 pm Service of Meditation and Prayer



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