

ALL SAINTS'



ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone

**Growing in faith**

It has been hot with very little rain recently, and our garden is starting to look very dry indeed. We have been spending many nights trying to water plants and vegetables to ensure that they still grow.

We are now in Ordinary Time in the church's calendar. In these weeks over the summer and autumn, the primary colour you will see in church is green, reminding us that we need to grow in faith and trust of the Lord Jesus.

Our worship is the place where week after week at the Eucharist, we meet Christ the Gardener, but for our faith to flourish and grow, we need to ensure that our spiritual roots go down into good soil that will sustain us as we are watered by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

We look forward to launching several initiatives in the Autumn which will help us do that collectively and individually:

Thinking Thursday - Beginning on September 4th, Thursday mornings will provide us the opportunity to learn and grow together. Starting with refreshments at 9.15am and our learning commencing at 9.30am, we will offer courses and practical tools that will help resource our following Jesus' way.

We will begin with Lectio Divina for a few weeks; later in the autumn we will run the Prayer Course (learning different styles of prayer and trying them out); in Advent we will run a themed study together. We hope to offer these opportunities to learn and grow in an evening group or groups too.

Small Saints - opening its doors for the first time at 10am on September 9th, Tuesday mornings (in term time) will see us launch

Small Saints aimed at babies, pre-school aged children and their parents and carers. Join us for 90 minutes of songs, bible stories, themed craft, refreshments and friendship.

What to expect - a warm welcome with plenty to do!

- How do I join? - sign up via our website www.allsaintshertford.org/smallsaints.php
- Do I have to come every week? - Of course not, but we will miss you if you can't join us!
- Does Small Saints cost anything? We are asking for a donation of £2 per family every time you join us.

The poster is orange and white. It features the text: 'ALL SAINTS HERTFORD All Saints Welcomes Everyone', 'SMALL SAINTS', 'New Toddler Group For Pre-Schoolers and their Parents or Carers', 'Every Tuesday Starting 9 September 2025 From 10.00am-11.30am', 'Crafts, Songs, Games, Friendship and Bible Stories.', and 'Please Book the Date'. At the bottom, it says 'ALL SAINTS CHURCH - Queens Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8AY' and 'www.allsaintshertford.org'.

To enable Small Saints to happen we are also looking for volunteer help as follows (but not limited to):

- ✓ People to serve refreshments.
- ✓ People to help get ready the planned craft activities at home in their own time.
- ✓ People who will pray for the group
- ✓ People who will help set up and put away each week.

Job descriptions for each of those and other key roles will be made available in the coming weeks. If you feel you can support one of those roles we will organise some time for a brief conversation to talk about expectations, commitment and simple

training that will be required. In the meantime, if you are interested, email me.

Creation-tide - In September we will be keeping Creation-tide - four weeks where our Sunday worship will focus our attention on our need to care for all that is. The theme for this year is Peace in Creation and over those 4 weeks our worship will celebrate God as Creator and encourage us in our stewardship and care of the earth. This is pertinent as it focusses our preparation for our Environment Day in some dedicated worship.

I am looking forward very much to opportunities to gather for fun, as planned by the newly got together Social Committee. See elsewhere for details of the Autumn's events. Do join us for fun and fellowship!

Enjoy your Summer break but I hope you will return ready to go and ready to grow in faith and trust in the Autumn!

Simon

FUTUREhope Hertford and Ware



FUTUREhope is a free, confidential service working holistically with young people aged 11-19 in the local area. Our primary goal is to empower young people to have **hope** for their **future** and reach their full potential through our four key areas of work.

We believe that every person is a valuable individual and should be treated with respect regardless of gender, sexuality, race, religion, belief, or ability. We believe that every young person should have access to free and/or affordable support to help them grow and establish healthy relationships.



We live out these beliefs through our 3 key areas of work: Mentoring, Detached/Bus and Schools work. In each of these areas, we look to spread the Gospel message by serving and connecting with the young people of Hertford and Ware. To FUTUREhope sharing the Gospel looks like seeing young people thrive to become the people God made them to be.

If you would like to join us in this mission, please consider our upcoming summer induction dates.

No commitment to volunteer at the end, just relaxed, informative sessions at Pioner Hall from 6:15-8pm:

29th July: Introduction to FH and our programmes

5th August: Issues facing YP today viewed through a biblical lens

12th August: God's heart for protecting and giving a voice to vulnerable people

2nd September: Mentoring Specific Training

Please get in touch if you would like to find out more,
owen@fhhw.org.uk 07531 875124

GreenWatch plus

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GREEN WATCH

SATURDAY 19 JULY 2025

Coffee from 11.30am
Light Lunches from

• Produce Stall: Homemade Jams, Marmalade and Chutney, Locally Pressed Apple Juice, Bird Seed and Handcrafted Greeting Cards.

Butterflies
Of Hertfordshire.
Where to find them and
Why They Need Our Help.
By Andrew Wood
Butterfly Recorder of Hertfordshire

Andrew Wood returns to tell us about locally found butterflies and how you can help them to thrive in difficult times for these wonderful insects.

He is the Hertfordshire butterfly recorder and also the record collector for the Herts and Middx branch of Butterfly Conservation. His interest in Lepidoptera has been lifelong.

His meticulous work over several years resulted in the publication by Interis in November 2014 of his highly-acclaimed book 'Butterflies of Hertfordshire and Middlesex'.

It's the first comprehensive guide to butterflies in the two counties for almost 30 years.

In addition to describing and mapping changes in the range and distribution, it places different species in the context of their ecology.

It also includes a very useful section on the best places to see them, including rarer species.

BIG COUNT

St JOHN'S HALL - Churchfields, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8AY
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No- Mow -May saw the grass at home about chest high in the orchard! Wonderful cover for wildlife, and a haven for insects at different stages of life. If you have thistles of any kind growing in your garden give a thought to the goldfinches and other seed eating birds before you just pull them out. The seeds are very popular, and the flowers are good for insects.

Insects are essential food for many birds, especially young ones and nestlings, so native plants are good to grow both for looks and value to nature. Ox eye daisies flower over a long period, look lovely and are not invasive. The common daisy is beautiful too. I have all sorts of wild flowers now that are annuals, seed themselves, can be pulled out when done, yet are there each spring to do their bit.

The July 19th Green Watch talk is being given by Andrew Wood, Butterfly Recorder for Hertfordshire, who will tell us about the butterflies of Hertfordshire, where to find them and why they need our help.

The following month, 9th August, Hugh Gravelle will talk about the Energy Hub.

On an international note, did you watch the programme on Pangolins, BBC2 on 11th June, 9 pm? I was absolutely enchanted and horrified. Maria, a scientist in Namibia, rescues these little dinosaurs, that walk on their hind legs, and eat insects, she rehabilitates them and returns them to the wild. The documentary recounts the story of Honeybun, a delightful, affectionate creature, born to an abused and terrified

young mother, who promptly ran away. Maria, and her splendid African helper, Michael, are both shown carrying Honeybun draped round their shoulders, curled round their necks like a scarf! Very endearing.

The horrific side of course is the poaching and killing of these gentle animals, mostly for the Chinese market as pangolin scales are used in ancient Chinese medicines, and baby pangolins are considered a gourmet delicacy.

It is a fascinating film and hope comes, to mitigate the horror, from a young Chinese actress, Angela-Baby, who works to help rescue pangolins, and to change people's views about the use of pangolin scales in traditional Chinese medicine.

Let us hope we shall see the power of those three females, Maria, Angela-Baby and Honeybun, produce a miracle in China

Fiona Earle

Hymns in August

Do you have a favourite hymn you'd like us to sing in August?

If so, please add it to the list at the back of church by Sunday 20th July and we will do our best to fit it in.

Environment Day

13th September

All Saints Environment Day will be held on Saturday September 13. This is also the date for the Bike 'n Hike, so walkers and bikers will be welcome to pop in.

The format this year will be slightly different in that we will have only two main speakers and a panel discussion. This will give visitors more time to browse the stalls and chat to the stall holders. The response we've had from regular stall holders has been extremely positive, so we are all looking forward to a good day.

Environment Day falls within the church season of Creation-tide, so look out for signs of the wonders of creation!

Upcoming events

Plans for the remainder of 2025 include:

- Charity Afternoon Tea 3.00-5.00pm on 3rd August at 140 North Road. Tickets £15 from Janet Bird.
- An art afternoon in church and Scavenger Hunt for children on Thursday 28th August
- Bike and Hike and Environment Day 13th September
- Soundbites restarts 24th September
- Harvest Lunch Sunday 5th October
- A Games Afternoon Thursday 23rd October
- GreenWatch 8th November
- Christmas Tree celebration Advent Sunday 29th November



The season of Creation-tide runs from September 1 to October 4. The theme for 2025 is "Peace with Creation". The symbol for 2025 is a dove carrying an olive branch, representing peace and hope.

With the Environment Day falling within Creation-tide it seemed an ideal opportunity to celebrate both with displays in the church and we'd like children to be involved.

Our plan is to invite children of all ages and their parents to drop into church on Thursday 28 August between 2pm and 5pm to make items to be used in displays in church for Creation-tide, and also to take home. Street Food heroes will also be in the churchyard from 4pm - 9pm on that day.

Children will draw, paint, colour, make origami models to exemplify Peace with Creation in the following categories: Butterflies/insects, Flowers/Plants, Animals, Birds, Fish, Planets. We will supply the materials and there will be people to help, as well as tea, coffee, juice and biscuits.

On the same day, there will be a scavenger hunt for children between 2pm and 6pm. They will be given a list of things to find in the Churchyard and be given a treat once the list is complete.

Pentecost Doves



An amazing effort from loads of people who made over 400 origami doves. Masteminded by Dorothy Toyn. Thank you all!

Our Swedish guests



Hertford Team Ministry

When created in 2008 there were high hopes for what a Team Ministry might bring to our town. These have not come about. After careful consideration all involved have concluded that we will be much more effective (and able to work together more flexibly) if we revert to the pre-2008 situation, viz separate parishes each with their own Vicar or Rector. The legal process has begun.

Anyone is welcome to comment/make representations by 8th July. The explanatory letter is published in full on the next two pages. Those on our mailing list will already have received this and a copy is on our main noticeboard at the West End of the Church.



Notice

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme Hertford Team Ministry

Tuesday 3rd June 2025

The St Albans Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee has prepared a draft Proposed Pastoral Scheme – Dissolution of benefice of Hertford and Hertford Team Ministry

SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT SCHEME (NOT PART OF THE DRAFT SCHEME)

This draft Scheme provides for:

- (i) *the termination of the Hertford Team Ministry and dissolution of the benefice of Hertford;*
- (ii) *the creation of a new benefice of Bengoe;*
- (iii) *the creation of a new benefice of Hertford, All Saints;*
- (iv) *the creation of a new benefice of Hertford, Saint Andrew and Hertingfordbury;*
- (v) *the creation of a new benefice of Little Amwell; and*
- (vi) *the appointments of the first incumbents, the parsonage houses and future patronage arrangements of the new benefices in relation to (ii) to (v) above*

all within the diocese of Saint Albans.

The draft Scheme is on the Commissioners' website

www.churchofengland.org/consultation or you may obtain a copy from me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.**

- Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) by post or, preferably, by email to reach the Commissioners no later than midnight on Tuesday 8th July. **Please send your representation to Matthew Crowe (email: matthew.crowe@churchofengland.org) or letter marked for the attention of Matthew Crowe, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ.**
- If they have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring Matthew Crowe on 020 7898 1784 or e-mail them to ensure it has been received. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and the Commissioners will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory for whom they can identify an address – “the primary petitioner”.
- When making a representation, please indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you

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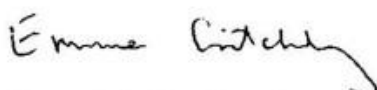
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would like an opportunity to speak to their Committee regarding your representation if the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held regarding the case. Please ensure you provide contact information so that they can be in touch with you regarding later stages of the process.

- If they receive representations against the draft Scheme, they will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will normally be published on the Commissioners' website if the matter needs to be considered by them.
- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Commissioners that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to their Committee. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.
- When they acknowledge representations the Commissioners will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of their Committee's meetings. They will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Commissioners' will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when they consider all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners' staff and any points raised at the meeting.
- The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it.
- If they so decide, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.
- Please see the Commissioners' website www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the procedure.



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Glossary of terms below

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Parish Diary July/August 2025

Tuesday 1st (Henry, John & Henry Vann)

8.00 am Morning Prayer

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 2nd

8.00 am Morning Prayer

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 3rd (Thomas)

8.00 am Morning Prayer

11.00 am Holy Communion

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 4th

12.00 noon Funeral Frank Mann

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 5th

9.30 am Morning Prayer

7.45 pm Concert Hertford Symphony Orchestra

Sunday 6th 3rd Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am All Ages Together Communion

6.30 pm Teaching Eucharist – Part 1

Monday 7th

10.30 am Service at Bentley House

Thursday 10th

11.00 am Morning Prayer

7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 11th (Benedict)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Sunday 13th 4th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Holy Communion by extension

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 14th (John Keble)

10.30 am Service at Bentley House

4.30 pm S Balle set-up

6.30 pm S Balle Awards ceremony

Wednesday 16th (Osmund)

12.00 noon Funeral of Dominac Silversides

5.30 pm RC Set up

8.00 pm Concert Rock Choir

Thursday 17th

11.00 am Morning Prayer

7.30 pm All Saints Art

Saturday 19th (Gregory)

9.00 am Work Party

9.30 am Morning Prayer

GreenWatch

11.30 am Coffee

12.00 noon Light Lunches

1.00 pm *Butterflies of Hertfordshire* Talk by Andrew Wood

Sunday 20th after Trinity

10.00 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Choral Compline

Wednesday 23rd (Bridget)

8.00 am Morning Prayer

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th

8.00 am Morning Prayer

11.00 am Holy Communion

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

7.30 pm All Saints Art

Saturday 26th July (Anne & Joachim)

9.30 am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Wedding of Emma Fentiman and Harry Hicks

Sunday 27th 6th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

Monday 28th

8.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30 am Service at Bentley House

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 29th

8.00 am Morning Prayer

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 30th (William Wilberforce)

8.00 am Morning Prayer

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 31st (Ignatius of Loyola)

8.00 am Morning Prayer

11.00 am Holy Communion

4.00-9.00 pm Street Food Heroes

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

7.30 pm All Saints Art

AUGUST Saturday 2nd

9.30 am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Wedding of Sara Brown and Chris Penney

Sunday 3rd 7th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am All Ages Together Communion

3.00pm Afternoon Tea at 140 North Road

6.30 pm Teaching Eucharist – Part 2

Monday 4th (Jean-Baptiste Vianney)

8.00 am Morning Prayer

10.30 am Service at Bentley House

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 5th (Oswald)

8.00 am Morning Prayer

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 6th (Transfiguration)

8.00 am Morning Prayer

9.00 am Holy Communion

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 7th (John M Neale)

8.00 am Morning Prayer

11.00 am Holy Communion

5.00 pm Evening Prayer

7.30 pm All Saints Art

Saturday 9th (Mary Sumner)**9.30 am** Morning Prayer**GreenWatch****11.30 am** Coffee**12.00 noon** Light Lunches**1.00 pm** *Energy Hub* Talk by
Hugh Gravelle**Sunday 10th 8th Sunday after
Trinity****10.00 am** Parish Communion**6.30 pm** Evensong (Said)**Monday 11th (Clare of Assisi)****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**8.30 am** Holy Communion**10.30 am** Service at Bentley
House**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Tuesday 12th****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Wednesday 13th (Jeremy
Taylor)****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**8.30 am** Holy Communion**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Thursday 14th (Maximilian
Kolbe)****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**11.00 am** Holy Communion**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**7.30 pm** All Saints Art**Saturday 16th BVM (transferred)****9.00 am** Work Party**9.30 am** Holy Communion**Sunday 17th 9th Sunday after
Trinity****10.00 am** Parish Communion**6.30 pm** Evensong (Said)**Monday 18th****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**10.30 am** Service at Bentley
House**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Tuesday 19th****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Wednesday 20th (Bernard)****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**9.00 am** Holy Communion**12.30pm** Wedding of Louise
Norman and
Christopher Lane**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Thursday 21st****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**11.00 am** Holy Communion**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Saturday 23rd****9.30 am** Morning Prayer**Sunday 24th 10th Sunday after
Trinity****10.00 am** Parish Communion**6.30 pm** Evensong (Said)**Monday 25th (Bartholomew)****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**10.30 am** Service at Bentley
House**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Tuesday 26th****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Wednesday 27th (Monica)****7.30 am** Holy Communion**8.00 am** Morning Prayer**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Thursday 28th (Augustine)****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**11.00 am** Holy Communion
2.00pm Children's Creation-
Tide Art and
Scavenger Hunt**4.00-9.00 pm** Street Food
Heroes**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Saturday 30th (John Bunyan)****9.30 am** Morning Prayer**12.30pm** Wedding of Amy
Brown and Nick
Dickinson**Sunday 31st 11th Sunday after
Trinity****10.00 am** Parish Communion**6.30 pm** Evensong (Said)**SEPTEMBER Monday 1st (Giles)****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**10.30 am** Service at Bentley
House**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Tuesday 2nd (Martyrs of Papua
New Guinea)****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Wednesday 3rd (Gregory the
Great)****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Thursday 4th (Birinius)****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**9.15 for 9.30** Thinking Thursday**11.00 am** Holy Communion**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**7.30 pm** All Saints Art**Friday 5th****5.30 pm** Choir Practices**Saturday 6th (Allen Gardiner)****9.30 am** Morning Prayer**12.30pm** Wedding of Evie
Pringle and Joe
Evans**Sunday 7th 12th Sunday after
Trinity****10.00 am** All Ages Together
Communion**6.30 pm** Taizé style worship**Monday 8th Birth of BVM/
Accession of King
Charles III****8.00 am** Morning Prayer**9.00 am** Holy Communion**10.30 am** Service at Bentley
House**5.00 pm** Evening Prayer**Contact information**www.allsaintshertford.org   AllSaintsHertf**Vicar**

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