

ALL SAINTS'



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All Saints' Welcomes Everyone



Deep Roots, Generous Hearts and New Beginnings

Before too long, the unspeakable heat of this summer will become a lively memory, and Autumn will bring its familiar, comforting sights. The leaves will do their annual shift in colour, the morning air will carry that crisp, unmistakable edge, but as September and October roll in, our parish life enters a particularly rich and hopeful season.

Throughout September and early October, churches across the globe observe the Season of Creation (from 1st September with the new ecumenical celebration of Creation in Christ through to the Feast of St Francis on 4th October

www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/season-creation.)

It is a time set aside specifically for us to pause, reflect, and renew our relationship with God's extraordinary Creation and with one another. It can be easy to treat the natural world simply as a backdrop to our lives, but Scripture repeatedly reminds us that the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.

Caring for our environment is not a mere modern political hobby; it is a fundamental act of Christian discipleship, stewardship, and worship and the 5th Mark of Mission (www.anglicancommunion.org/five-marks-of-mission).

All Saints has recently been awarded Bronze status as an Eco Church. Congratulations and thanks to all involved in preparing and submitting the detailed survey. You can read more about the award later in this newsletter.

Harvest Festival & Christian Aid Appeal Sunday 4th October

This focus on God's earth culminates on ****Sunday 4th October**** as we celebrate our Harvest Festival.

Harvest is always a wonderful time of thanksgiving for the abundance we so often take for granted. Yet, true thanksgiving naturally leads to generosity. This year, as we offer our thanks, we are actively supporting the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal.

Across the world, climate change and economic instability are hitting the most vulnerable communities first and hardest. Christian Aid works alongside local partners on the ground to provide sustainable farming tools, drought-resistant seeds, and vital resources that empower communities to feed their families and build resilience against climate chaos.

Traditional tinned and packet goods will be donated to the Hertford Food-Bank. But let us extend our table to our global neighbours.

You can learn more about how our financial contributions will be used by visiting www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/harvest-appeal. Thank you in advance for your generous giving on the day.

Harvest 'Bring and Share' Lunch

The celebration doesn't end with the final blessing of our service! Immediately following worship on 4th October, we invite everyone to stay for our Harvest Bring and Share Lunch.

Hospitality sits right at the core of who we are at All Saints. Sharing a meal is one of the simplest and most profound ways we build community and express our unity in Christ. Please bring a dish to share—whether savoury or sweet—and come pull up a chair. Keep an eye out for a sign-up sheet, and if you can,

tell us what you are bringing. Either way, whether you are a lifelong regular or stepping through our doors for the very first time, there is a place reserved for you at the table.

Parish Confirmation Service

Sunday 11th October at 10:00 am



The following Sunday, 11th October at 10:00am, our parish family marks another momentous occasion as we welcome Bishop Stephen Venner to lead our worship and preside over our Confirmation service.

Confirmation is a milestone in the Christian journey—a public declaration of faith, a reaffirmation of baptismal vows, and a fresh receiving of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us for Christian service. On this special morning, Bishop Stephen will confirm five members of our community: Dimitra, Carolyn, Cam, BillyJoe, and Mark.

Taking this step requires courage, commitment, and a willingness to say "yes" to God's ongoing call in our lives.

Please keep Dimitra, Carolyn, Cam, BillyJoe, and Mark in your daily prayers over these coming weeks. Pray for them as they prepare their hearts to receive the laying on of hands, that they may know the depth of God's love, feel the warmth and support of this parish family, and be inspired as they continue their life's walk with Christ.

Whether through gathering to break bread, giving to those in need across the globe, or surrounding our candidates with prayer as they commit their lives to Christ, September and October promise to be months of rich grace and joy at All Saints.

I look forward to sharing these holy, happy occasions with you all

With every blessing,
Simon

People's Emergency Briefing

1st Sept 7.00 pm

You've probably noticed the weird weather patterns: most recently a series of heatwaves and approaching drought following a horrendously wet winter; and you've felt the impact of rising food and fuel prices, and the increased cost of insurance.

If you have, then you might want to catch this local screening of the People's Emergency Briefing, a new 45 minute film hosted by Chris Packham, that sets out in clear terms, the risks and threats that communities like ours face in terms of extreme weather, rising costs and impacts on health, food security, the economy, and national security.

People's Emergency Briefing
Community Screening

If you care about:

- heatwaves
- food prices
- food security
- local flooding
- nature loss

and want solutions and action

Come to this screening and audience discussion.

BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE
Scan to book or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/PEB-H6>

National Emergency Briefing Care for Creation
ALL SAINTS HERTFORD

FREE COMMUNITY SCREENING

TUE 1 SEP 2026 | **7:00 PM – 9:15 PM**

All Saints Church, SG13 8AY

Film | Discussion | Refreshments

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE | **FREE ADMISSION**

It's not all doom though – solutions already exist and are highlighted in the film, but urgency and mass mobilisation are needed.

The screening is free to everyone aged 16 and over and there will be an opportunity to listen to people's reactions in a 45 minute facilitated discussion afterwards.

Seats are free and you can just come on the day, but for catering purposes it would be helpful if you book in advance. Bring a friend, neighbour or family member - everyone is welcome. Book free tickets at tinyurl.com/PEB-H6

Singing Saints



Singing Saints is a weekly choir for children age 7+ on Fridays, after school, during term time. It is being funded by All Saints, so membership is free. All we ask is that children are enthusiastic and want to learn to sing. No prior experience is necessary, and we provide all the materials

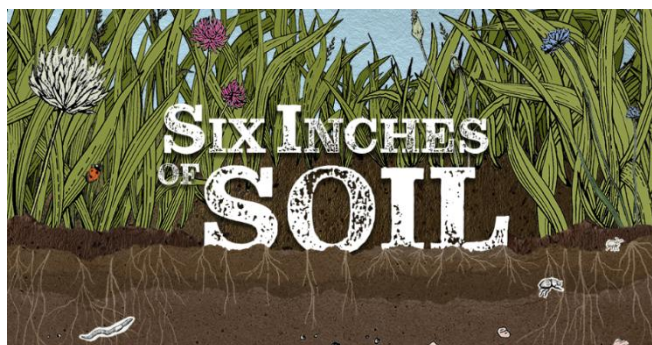
Weekly session run from 4.00pm to 5.00 pm every Friday during term-time (apart from Half-term). We restart on Friday 4th September.

2026 Environment Day

12th September 2026.

The annual All Saints Environment Day will be held on Saturday, September 12, the same day as the Historic Churches Bike 'n Hike which we always support.

This year the Environment Day will incorporate a Film Festival, showing two films - 'Six Inches of Soil' and 'Wilding'. In addition to the films, there will also be a variety of stalls which visitors can investigate to find out more about what is happening locally in terms of our environment and what we can all do to mitigate the dangers we face and also where we can find hope in our precious environment.



'Six Inches of Soil' is the inspiring story of British farmers standing up against the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food - to heal the soil, benefit our health and provide for local communities.

This will be followed by a panel discussion with regenerative farmers, John Cherry and David White and also Andrei Lussmann who has an excellent understanding of the wider food system. They will discuss the themes of the film and answer questions.



The day will close with a showing of the film 'Wilding'. This is the story of Isabella Tree and her husband, Charlie Burrell who strive to breathe new life into the ailing Knepp estate. They reintroduce native ponies, deer, pigs and other wildlife, allowing nature to thrive. They battle entrenched tradition and dare to place the fate of their farm in the hands of nature.

Ripping down the fences, they set the land back to the wild and entrust its recovery to a motley mix of animals both tame and wild. It is the beginning of a grand experiment that will become one of the most significant rewilding experiments in Europe.

Through the day, light lunches and refreshments will be available.

Timetable

10.00	Doors Open
10.00 : 10.30	Stalls
10.30 : 12.00	Film: SIX INCHES OF SOIL ▶
12.00 : 12.15	Stalls
12.15 : 13.00	Panel Discussion
13.00 : 14.00	Stalls
14.00 : 15.15	Film: WILDING ▶
16.00	Close

Refreshments From 10.00am. Lunch from 1.00pm
Stalls open throughout the day.

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Tea lights
- Paracetamol
- Bars of Soap
- Chocolate bars

We need your donations by Tuesday 15 September please, so they can be sorted in time before departing for Ukraine.

Please leave items at the back of St Andrew's Church, labelled 'for Ukraine'. Thank you.

If you have any questions or would like more details, please speak to:

- Jane Chaplin (07758 072656)
- Julie Markey (07801 236003)

Stalls/Info Hubs

Campaign for the Protection of Rural England
Community Resilience group
Electric Vehicle Centre
Hertford Swift Group
Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust
Love Bengeo Community Group
River Beane Restoration Association
South East Herts RSPB
Take the Jump
Walking and Cycling

More information on flyers in church or at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/ech.php>



Ukraine Appeal

How you can help Ukrainian soldiers on the front line

St Andrew's are acting as a local collection point for items to be taken to Ukraine by UK-aid: <https://www.uk-aid.org/>

The boxes that were sent out last year were greatly appreciated by the soldiers and we have been asked if we can send out more.

These are the items that have been requested and that are being collected at St Andrew's.

- Black Warm Knitted Hats
- Black Warm Knitted Gloves
- Black Socks (thermal if possible)
- Head torches (with batteries)



12 September 2026

We are nearly at that time of year again when we dust down our bikes or walking boots and start getting ready for the annual Bike & Hike in September. This event raises money for the 'Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust' and is an event that covers many counties across the country.



Half of the money raised goes to a church of your choice – hopefully All Saints! Over the last 3 years we raised over £3000. All you need to do is gather sponsors, work out your route and set off on Saturday 12th September! You can visit 9 churches in Hertford alone but always a good excuse to visit other places. You can even be sponsored to stay in church and sign people in!

It is a lovely day out, whether you walk, or cycle and is a great way to raise money for a good cause. I have visited over 40 churches in the past but will set my challenge lower this year. Any sponsorship for anyone who is doing the event would be gratefully received.

Sponsor forms are available to download, and a list of churches you can visit wherever you choose to go at
<https://bedshertshct.org.uk/bike-n-hike/>

You can also set up a Just Giving page if you wish, or use the form and collect money the traditional way and give it to me when all collected in.

We look forward to you joining us.
Dorothy Toyn

Installation of Bishop Andrew

On Saturday 19 September 2026 at 2pm, St Albans Cathedral will host the Installation of The Right Reverend Dr Andrew Rumsey as the 11th Bishop of St Albans.



This joyful and historic service marks the beginning of Bishop Andrew's ministry across the Diocese of St Albans and will bring together representatives from churches, schools, civic organisations and communities from across Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Luton and Barnet.

Tickets are still available and/or you can watch the service as a livestream. Links to book ticket and the livestream are at <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/event/installation-of-the-11th-bishop-of-st-albans>.

There is a 3-minute message from Bishop Andrew at
<https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansdio/videos/2223302748522434/>

Please pray for Bishop Andrew, Rebecca and their family as they prepare for this new chapter of ministry

Soundbites

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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)

NEW SEASON STARTS WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2026

Nicola Loud - Violin
Nicky Tait Baxter - Cello
Viv McLean - Piano

Violinist Nicola Loud first came to prominence when she won the high-profile television competition 'BBC Young Musician of the Year'. A regular on the concert platform, she has appeared numerous times as soloist with many major orchestras in the UK. At the age of 24 British cellist Nicky Tait Baxter gave her first solo broadcast for Radio 3 and joined The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, whilst also touring regularly with the Philharmonia, CLS and the LSO. Her repertoire includes most of the major cello concertos. Since winning First Prize at the Maria Canals Piano Competition in Barcelona, British pianist Viv McLean has performed in all the major venues in the UK as well as throughout Europe, Japan, Australia and the USA.

Music: Piano Trio in G major, No. 39 'Gypsy Rondo' - Haydn
Piano Trio in D major, Op. 70 No. 1 'Ghost' - Beethoven

Free Admission with Retiring Collection in Aid of All Saints' Church Registered UK Charity No: 1134035.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH - Queens Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8AY
www.allsaintshertford.org

Our Autumn Season starts on Sept 23rd with Piano Trios by Haydn and Beethoven.

Knit and Natter

Saturday Sept 26th

Everyone Welcome

COFFEE morning

...Knit and Natter

Saturday 26 September 2026 ~ 10.30am to 12noon

BRING PATTERNS YOU DON'T NEED ANYMORE TO GIVE AWAY OR SWAP

Free Admission • Homemade Cakes • Fiona's Produce Stall

ALL SAINTS HERTFORD **ALL SAINTS CHURCH - Queens Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13**
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Come and join us for a relaxing FREE morning with your knitting / sewing / embroidery or other craft work, chatting over a cup - or 2 - of coffee and delicious homemade cakes! Bring any patterns that you no longer need to swap or give away so you can start your new project! (Please take home any patterns that do not find new homes!!)

Come and chat among friends and meet new ones while enjoying your hobby! We look forward to seeing you there from 10.30.

Project Water Source!

With Creationtide approaching, and this year's theme focusing on Living Water, we decided to start a little early.

After such a very dry summer, and with no natural water source within the churchyard itself, our Care for Creation group has begun placing small water stations in safe spots amongst the hedgerows and away from pathways. Some are temporary while we shape the project, but they are already being used. We've seen insects stopping for water and were especially delighted to spot a young fox drinking from one of the stations one evening.



It feels like a simple, practical way of putting this year's Creation-tide theme into action — caring for the life and ecosystems around us. If you'd like to support us in caring for and expanding Project Water Source, please get in touch.

Eco Church Bronze award

Congratulations and thanks to all involved in preparing and submitting the detailed survey which covers five key areas of church life:

Worship and teaching

We worship a God who loves the earth he created and calls us to care for it. Doing so is part of our worship and witness as we respond to a creation that is groaning.

Buildings and energy

While 'church' is not the building we meet in, for many of us our corporate worship and activities happen in a building(s), and our use of these spaces is what generates the most significant aspect of our energy emissions.



Land and nature

When churches manage land for nature, be it land owned by the church or land in the local community, they reinforce the whole mission of the church by caring for creation and serving the community - increasing access to nature for human wellbeing, building climate resilience and pointing people towards our Creator God.

Community and global engagement

The climate and nature crises are profoundly unjust, with the most devastating impacts affecting the poor and vulnerable who have done the least to cause the crisis. We are called to love our neighbour, and so it is our responsibility to them and the places they live, wherever they are, to demonstrate love for people and nature by advocating for a more just world (Micah 6:8). While there is much that we can do as a church body, our impact will be even greater when we work with others to bring about local and global change.

Lifestyle

We worship a God who loves the earth he created and calls us to care for it. While it's important to take action together as a church, we also have an individual responsibility to take action in our daily lives so that we tread lightly on the earth, and use our voices to speak up for nature. This category is about our churches encouraging people to act as individuals and households - integrating creation care into daily lives out of integrity, as an act of worship and obedience to God and as we grow in discipleship.

More information at
<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>

Community Christmas Tree Festival

Come and see a Display of Fantastic Christmas Trees Created by Local Schools, Groups, Charities, Organisations and Individuals.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Opening Reception Saturday 21 November 2026
7.00pm to 9.00pm (Everyone Welcome)
The Festival will be open daily, all week till Saturday 28 November 2026 except for times of regular services.
Admission Free • Donations Welcome

PLUS

CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2026
10.30am to 3.30pm

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2026
6.30pm

GRAND PRIZE DRAW with AMAZING PRIZES
Delightful Musical Performances by Local Schools
• Homemade Cakes and Produce • Handcrafted Christmas Wreaths and Gifts • Luxury Christmas Hampers
• Bottle, Chocolate and Soft Toy Tombolas
• Fabulous Local Craft Stalls
Refreshments: All Day • Light Lunches from 12noon

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Following last year's very successful Community Christmas Tree Festival we are holding another this year.

It will run from 21st-28th November, ending with our Christmas Fair and followed on Sunday 29th by our Advent carol Service at 18.30.

Categories for prizes this year are 'Most thought provoking', 'Most creative' and 'The

people's Favourite' so plenty of time to prepare something spectacular!

More details will be available in next month's newsletter

Mayors Vintage Tea Party



HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MAYOR'S VINTAGE TEA PARTY

22nd October 2025

**OVER 75?
LIVING IN HERTFORD?**

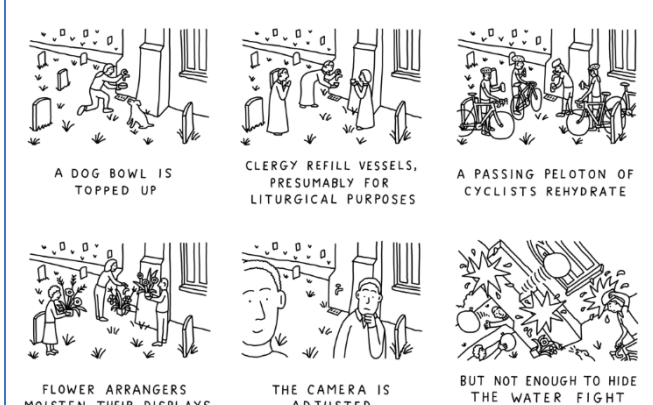
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REFRESHMENTS, ENTERTAINMENT
AND GOOD COMPANY**

2.00PM AT HERTFORD CASTLE

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on The Wash or email: mayoral@hertford.gov.uk

THE CHURCHYARD TAP
SCENES FROM THE WEBCAM



A DOG BOWL IS TOPPED UP

CLERGY REFILL VESSELS, PRESUMABLY FOR LITURGICAL PURPOSES

A PASSING PELOTON OF CYCLISTS REHYDRATE

FLOWER ARRANGERS MOISTEN THEIR DISPLAYS

THE CAMERA IS ADJUSTED

BUT NOT ENOUGH TO HIDE THE WATER FIGHT THAT ENSUES

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Parish Diary September 2026

Tuesday 1st

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.00 pm Film: People's
Emergency Briefing

Wed 2nd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
2.00 pm Home Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 3rd Gregory the Great

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 4th

4.00 pm Singing Saints
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 5th

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 6th The Festival of Creation in Christ

10.00 am All-age Service
6.30 pm Said Eucharist

Monday 7th

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

Tuesday 8th Birth of BVM

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am SmAll Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 9th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
3.30 pm Organ Teaching
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 10th

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 11th

4.00 pm Singing Saints
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 12th

9.00 am Bike 'n Hike
9.30 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am – 4.00 Environment Day
10.30 am Film: Six inches of soil
12.15 pm Panel Discussion

1.00 pm Light Lunches
2.00 pm Film: Wilding

Sunday 13th Second Sunday of Creationtide

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong (1st
EP of Holy Cross)

Monday 14th Holy Cross

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

Tuesday 15th Cyprian

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am SmAll Saints
12.00 noon Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 16th Ninian

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.00 am Holy Communion
3.30 pm Organ Teaching
5.00 pm Holy Communion

Thursday 17th Hildegard of Bingen

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 18th

4.00 pm Singing Saints
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 19th

9.00 am Work Party
9.30 am Morning Prayer
2.00 pm Installation of Bishop
Andrew at the
cathedral

Sunday 20th Third Sunday of Creationtide

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Compline

Monday 21st Matthew

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Service at Bentley
House
12.00 Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lectio Divina

Tuesday 22nd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am SmAll Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 23rd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Nicol Loud – Violin
Nick Tait Baxter – Cello
Viv McLean – Piano

3.30 pm Organ Teaching
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th Monica

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 for 9.30 Thinking Thursday
11.00 am Holy Communion
4.00-9.00 pm Street Food Heroes
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 25th

4.00 pm Singing Saints
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 26th

9.30 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Coffee Morning/Knit
and Natter

Sunday 27th Fourth Sunday of Creationtide

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 28th

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

Tuesday 29th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am SmAll Saints
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Wed 30th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Melanie Woodcock – Cello
Ian Ray – Piano
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

OCT Thursday 1st

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 2nd

4.00 pm Singing Saints
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 3rd

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 4th

10.00 am Harvest Sunday
All age Service
12.15 pm Bring and Share Lunch
6.30 pm Parish Communion (said)