

ALL SAINTS'



ALIVE

All Saints' Welcomes Everyone



Looking Ahead:

**All are Invited,
All are Valued,
All are Loved**

At All Saints, our ministry is anchored in a simple commitment: **"All are Invited. All are Valued. All are Loved."** We believe that the love of God is wider and deeper than any human boundary, holding us together across different stories and perspectives. As we move through the autumn months into winter, this radically welcoming ethos runs through everything happening in the life of our church.

October: Milestone Celebrations & Justice

- **Parish Confirmation**
Sunday 11th October at 10am

With Bishop Stephen Venner, we celebrate the journey of our confirmation candidates who have been meeting to explore the core of our faith—Jesus' ministry, his death, resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Confirmation is a public affirmation of faith and a sign of God's continuing call on our lives. Please hold all our candidates - Cam, Dimitra, Carolyn, Vince, and Mark in your prayers as they prepare to take this meaningful step. The service will be followed by cake and celebrations! Please make every effort to be with us.

- **Anti-Slavery Day**
Sunday 18th October at 10am

In keeping with our vision of *Showing and Sharing Love*, we mark Anti-Slavery Day with a guest speaker from **The Clewer Initiative**—the Church of England's national work to combat modern slavery and human trafficking. Modern slavery often hides in plain sight within local communities - even our own. This service will offer an important moment to

listen, learn, and discover how we can help safeguard and advocate for the vulnerable.

November: Remembrance & Episcopal Visit

- **All Saints Sunday & Remembrance**
Sunday 1st November and Sunday 8th

As November opens, we gather for our Patronal Festival on All Saints Sunday at 10am followed by a shared lunch together, giving thanks for the cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and for our shared calling as a parish community. The following week, we keep Remembrance Sunday to honour those who laid down their lives in conflict, praying together for peace across our world.

- **Visit of Bishop Jane Mainwaring**
Sunday 15th November

We are delighted to welcome **The Rt Revd Dr Jane Mainwaring, Bishop of Hertford**, who will be visiting All Saints to preside and preach at our morning service. Her visit is a wonderful opportunity to share our parish life, worship together, and receive episcopal encouragement as a community. Please make every effort to be with us.

Looking Ahead to Advent: Group Study

As the days shorten, we prepare to enter the season of Advent—a time of watching, waiting, and spiritual preparation.

This year's **Advent Group Study** offers an accessible space to pause, read, and reflect together. To help as many people as possible participate, the study groups will run weekly on both **Thursday mornings** and **Saturday mornings**.

- **Sign-up forms** will be available at the back of the church and online via the parish bulletin starting in late October.
- Whether you are firm in your faith, full of questions, or stepping into a group

study for the first time, you will find a warm, open welcome at the table.

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." — **Romans 15:7**

With every blessing,
Simon

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)

Wednesday 30 September 2026
Melanie Woodcock (Cello)
Ian Ray (Piano)
Melanie Woodcock grew up in Ipswich. She was a prize-winning student first at Ipswich University and then at the Royal Academy of Music where she studied with Alexander (Iain) and Jennifer Ward-Carter. She has performed, recorded and toured with many orchestras, chamber ensembles and period instrument groups including the London Lullaby Orchestra, Wren Baroque Soloists, The English Philharmonic Orchestra and the Parley of Instruments.
Ian Ray is Director of Music at Lion Walk Church in the Centre of Colchester and directs the Colchester Choral Society. He is well known as an accomplished, memorable pianist, organist and choral director throughout East Anglia.

Wednesday 7 October 2026
'Anything Goes' String Quartet
Colin Eldred (Clarinet)
Chris Woodrow (Violin)
Claire Lovegrove (Viola)
Jane Eldred (Cello)
The Hertford based string quartet 'Anything Goes' are joined by Colin Eldred to perform one of the great chamber works by Johannes Brahms. During March 2026, the quartet first encountered the clarinetist Richard Kirkwood.

Wednesday 14 October 2026
Robin Colvill (Piano)
International Concert Harpist and Shostakovich Award winner, Robin Colvill, born in Scotland, is one of the busiest and most popular pianists performing in Britain and Europe today. His musical abilities are diverse encompassing solo, duo and chamber concerts. He also gives masterclasses and has appeared on radio, television, and in the press. He is particularly in demand in Scotland and throughout Europe and returns each year with his own concert programmes.

Wednesday 21 October 2026
Erasmus Chamber Ensemble
Catherine White (Soprano)
Ibrahim Aziz (Viola da Gamba)
Dan Tishler (Harpichord)
The Erasmus Chamber Ensemble specialises in vocal, instrumental and instrumental chamber music from the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries, with a particular interest in unusual and neglected repertoire. Join us on a journey through the repertoire of the Erasmus Ensemble, featuring music from Italy, England and France and giving life to the musical life of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Like the original audience, we also take time to reflect on the human condition in this case, works by the da Vinci and the harpichord written to display the talents of various players.

Admission - Free Price
The Studies in English Folklore - Vaughan Williams
Saxons No. 2, Op. 58
Folk Music Society

Free Admission with Referral Collection
In aid of All Saints Church
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Our Autumn Season continues through October. Details in Diary and at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/concerts.php#sbs>

Greenwatch 10th October

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GREENWATCH
A Series of FREE Talks on Environmental Themes
A VOLUNTEER'S YEAR
By Nick Hoyle
SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026 at 1.00pm
Coffee from 11.30am. Light Lunches from 12noon
Live Piano Music by Mary and Martin Penny - Fiona's Produce Stall

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Nick Hoyle talks us through a year as a volunteer at Panshanger Park and Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust. Coffee from 11.30 Light Lunches from 12.00 and talk at 13.00.

A Rocha 25th anniversary

A Rocha UK is celebrating its 25th anniversary alongside the 10th anniversary of its Eco Church programme with special events across England and Wales. One of these events is to be held on Saturday 17 October, when Ely Cathedral is hosting 'Breakfast with

Professor Julian Allwood'. "How do we act meaningfully on climate - not someday, but now?"

Join Professor Julian Allwood, (<https://www.useless.group.cam.ac.uk>) a leading Cambridge expert on climate mitigation, for a clear-eyed, hopeful conversation about practical climate action that communities and individuals can take today.

Tickets cost £6 (including a light breakfast). Book at <https://www.elycathedral.org/events/earth-in-our-hands>

After the talk, there will be an opportunity to explore Ely Cathedral. If anyone would like to join others from All Saints who are attending, please contact Sharon at sharonkaplanphotography@gmail.com

Care for Creation

two ways to get involved

Care for Creation
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Christmas Nature Craft – Half Term

During October half term, we're planning to spend a couple of hours with children aged seven and over in our wonderful churchyard, beginning with a walk and forage for some of the natural treasures the churchyard offers us — conkers, acorns, pine cones, feathers, beautiful fallen autumn leaves, seed heads and whatever else we happen to find.

We'll then use what we've gathered to make Christmas decorations from the gifts of the churchyard itself. If you have children or grandchildren who might enjoy taking part, please speak to Nerine or Sharon. Date and time to follow!

Come and join our Care for Creation journey

Earlier this year, All Saints received the **A Rocha UK Eco Church Bronze Award**, and we're now beginning to work towards Silver. It is very much a joint effort, and there are lots of ways to be part of it.

Our Care for Creation Instagram page follows that journey, as well as sharing the wildlife and changing seasons of the churchyard, our Green Watch events and some of the things happening along the way.

We'd also love the congregation and wider community to contribute. Why not take a walk around the churchyard, have a closer look at the flora and fauna around you, and take photographs of anything you find beautiful or interesting?

You might spot a bird, insect, flower, fungus, tree or something else that catches your eye. Send your photographs to Sharon by WhatsApp or text on **07981 668077**, along with your name — or however you would like to be credited — and anything interesting you know or have discovered about what you photographed.

You'll find us on Instagram at **@careforcreationallsaints**. And please do pass the page on to children, grandchildren, neighbours and friends who might enjoy following what is happening too.

Board Games afternoon



**WEDNESDAY
21 OCTOBER
2026
2.30pm
to 5.00pm**
(After Soundbites)

Refreshments: All Afternoon
Admission Free • Donations Welcome

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Join us for an afternoon of Board Games, social chat and tea/coffee and cake!

All Welcome!

Christmas Tree Festival

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.



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
• Table Top Games • Fabulous Local Craft Stalls
Refreshments: All Day • Light Lunches from 12noon

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Categories for prizes this year are 'Most thought provoking', 'Most creative' and 'The people's Favourite' so plenty of time to prepare something spectacular!

Full information will be available in church on-line and via Social Media after the launch next week

Christmas Fair

We are looking forward to an exciting and fun-filled Christmas Fair which will be the culmination of the Christmas Tree Festival. To ensure that this will be a successful community event, we need donations of anything in a bottle, chocolate, luxury items for Christmas Hampers (use by date not earlier than February 2027) and shoe boxes or baskets to house the luxury items. Please leave these in the appropriate box at the back of the church

Parish Diary October 2026

Thursday 1st

11.00 am Morning Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 2nd

1.30 pm Morgans Harvest Service
4.00 pm Singing Saints
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 3rd

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 4th Harvest Sunday

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

Monday 5th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Larch School Harvest Service
10.30 am Service at Bentley House
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Lectio Divina

Tuesday 6th William Tyndale

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

Weds 7th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Colin Eldred - Clarinet
'Anything Goes' String Quartet
2.00 pm Home Communions
3.30 pm Organ Teaching
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 8th

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 9th

4.00 pm Singing Saints
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 10th Paulinus

9.30 am Holy Communion
11.30 am Coffee Morning
12.00 pm Light Lunches
1.00 pm Talk: Nick Hoyle
A volunteer's year
2.00 pm Confirmation
Rehearsal
3.00 pm Set up/Rehearsals
7.30 pm Rock Choir concert in aid of Isabel Hospice

Sunday 11th 19th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Confirmation with Holy Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 12th

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

Tuesday 13th Edward the Confessor

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

Weds 14th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Robin Colvill - Piano
2.30 pm Piano Masterclass
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 15th Teresa of Avila

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.15 for 9.30 Thinking Thursday
11.00 am Holy Communion
12.00 noon Organ Repairs
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.00 pm End Baby Loss Week
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 16th

4.00 pm Singing Saints
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 17th Ignatius

9.00 am Work Party
9.30 am Holy Communion
12.00 noon Baptism preparation

Sunday 18th Anti-Slavery Sunday

10.00 am Parish Communion
12.30 Holy Baptism
6.30 pm Choral Compline

Monday 19th

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

Tuesday 20th

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

Weds 21st

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.15 am Wheatcroft Assembly
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Erasmus Chamber Ensemble

2.30 pm Board Games afternoon
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 22nd Monica

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 23rd

8.00 am HRC Degree Ceremonies
4.00 pm Singing Saints
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 24th

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th Bible Sunday

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 26th Alfred

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

Tuesday 27th

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

Wed 28th Simon & Jude

8.00 am Morning Prayer
10.15 am Wheatcroft Assembly
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Duo Diesis - piano duo
5.00 pm Holy Communion

Thursday 29th James Hannington

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 30th

2.00 pm Piano Tuning

Saturday 31st

9.30 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Concert HCS
Echoes of Vienna

Sunday 1st NOV All Saints Sunday

10.00 am Festal Eucharist
12.00 noon Shared Lunch
6.30 pm Evensong