

# Hertingfordbury & The Five Greens Parish News



**Village Breakfast at The Fobury - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

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**April 2024**

*Here with you - Here for you*

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## **Nothing is Wasted**

‘Everything happens for a reason’.

That’s something I hear a lot these days, from all kinds of people.

Behind this popular philosophy seems to be a belief in a Higher Power of some kind; the Universe, Karma, God... It is, I think, an attempt to make sense of the senseless and random things that sometimes happen in life.

But sometimes life is just random and senseless.

As a Christian, I really don’t subscribe to the belief that everything happens for a reason. I prefer to believe that ‘nothing is wasted’.

You see, I don’t believe in a God who orchestrates our lives like pieces on a cosmic chess board. I do believe in a God who works with and in every circumstance of our lives; a God who redeems and recreates with whatever cards we are dealt with. I do believe in a God who can take the senseless and random things that happen to us and through them, deepen us; deepen our wisdom, our empathy, our compassion, our creativity. In God’s economy, nothing is wasted, because with His help, everything we experience can become part of the bigger picture of becoming a deeper, more humane human.

Alan



### **A Personal Prayer with Rev Alan**

On the third Sunday of the month Rev Alan will again be available in the Cowper Chapel at St Mary’s for personal prayer. This will be during communion at the 9.15am service and is for anyone who would value prayers of thanksgiving, healing or concern

## Registers

There are no registers this month

### Some Dates for your Diary

10<sup>th</sup> April - **Mindfulness & Meditation** 7.30pm in church (St Andrews) and on Zoom. On line 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April

28<sup>th</sup> April – **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** for St Mary's following the 9.15am service.

4<sup>th</sup> May – **Village Breakfast at the Fobury** 8.30 – 11.00am

9<sup>th</sup> May – **Ascension Day Service** 8pm at St Andrews

11<sup>th</sup> May – **Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir** at St Mary's church 7.30pm



### St Mary's APCM

#### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Will take place in church on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at approximately 10.15 after the morning service. Hear about our church year, the future and have your say on any church matters

**Open to all – Coffee included**

### Sunday Services at St Mary's

**Sung Eucharist** 9.15am every Sunday

**Zoom Sunday Service** at 10.30am (joining details from Robin Bishop)

**All Age Service & Young Church** 9.15am on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month



## Mothering Sunday at St Mary's



Just under 70 adults and children attended the recent All Age Mothering Sunday service. There were enough posies to be given out to all the adults as well as the mothers.

Candles were lit in memory of the mothers that are no longer with us and the names of all the children baptised in the last 12 months at St Mary's were read out.

A big thank you to Sue, Virginia and everyone else who worked so hard.

### Brace Room

The Brace Room at St Mary's Church is available for hire for anybody in our community. This could be for meetings, exercise sessions or any other purpose. Includes excellent toilet and kitchen facilities. For more information contact David Gorton 01992 551430 or [dgorton1@btinternet.com](mailto:dgorton1@btinternet.com)



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***The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary  
Programme of Events 2024  
Open to everyone***

Saturday 4 May

**Village Breakfast at The Fobury** (08.30 – 11.00)

Helen Bishop 07746 694890

Saturday 11 May

**Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir** at St Mary's Church (19.30)

Tickets £10

Kay Juniper 07776 340932

Saturday 13 July

**Village Fun Day** St Mary's Church (14.00 – 17.00)

David Gorton 07544 702241

Friday 26 - Saturday 27 July

**Art Exhibition at St Mary's** – an exhibition of works by Rev Alan Stewart

Further information to follow – Helen Bishop 07446 694890

Saturday 28 September

**Le Café Français** at St Mary's Church (09.30 -12.00)

Helen Bishop 07746 694890

Saturday 16 November

**Christmas Market** at St Mary's Church (10.00 -13.00)

Helen Bishop 07746 694890

## **Becoming a Friend**

The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary was granted charitable status just before Christmas (Charity number 1206041).

The purpose of The Friends is to raise money for the restoration and preservation of the church building and churchyard. The funds are not for the day to day running of the church. That's the responsibility of the congregation. We should like to make sure that this beautiful church is here for future generations.

## ***The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary***

Membership forms, with the FoHSM account details, are available inside the church by the south door should you like to become a Friend or make a donation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more information. Thank you for your support.  
Helen Bishop [thefobury@outlook.com](mailto:thefobury@outlook.com) 07746 694890

*You are invited to the  
Village Breakfast  
at The Fobury on  
Saturday 4th May at 8.30 - 11.00am*



*A selection of breakfasts including  
The Full English, Smoked Salmon & Scrambled  
Eggs, Bacon or Sausage rolls or even enjoy with a  
glass of Bucks Fizz.*

*message Helen Bishop on 07746694890 for more  
information.*

*a FOHSM charity event*



## Hertingfordbury St Mary Charitable Giving

Like most other churches, St Mary's has historically given to charities as part of its mission within the community. This has in the past been amounts raised at specific events organised by the church. Quite obviously much depends on the success of the event and often those attending may not necessarily be aware of the charitable objective. Usually there have been two charities each year. One local and one national/international.

Your PCC have recently discussed this at some length and have come to the following decisions:

- It is felt a more structured and transparent approach is needed and therefore we have agreed that 5% of the church's income will be donated each year following the approved annual accounts
- The definition of "income" is very important. In this case income will mean basically what parishioners, congregations and visitors give through the Parish Giving Scheme, standing orders, envelopes and the plate in church (including weddings, funerals etc).
- Income will NOT include one off donations and legacies which often have restrictions attached anyway. Likewise all funds raised by The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary through events, membership fees or other means are strictly dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the church building and churchyard and would not be included.

St Mary's is so grateful for the generosity and financial commitment of its congregation and wider parish community, that we feel it is essential that this is a completely transparent and communicated process. Everyone who so kindly gives to the church must be fully aware of the charitable commitment within their giving.

### Charitable Giving 2024

The following two charities have been nominated to receive our donations in 2024

- **Warrenwood Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA)** is a local charity based in Essendon. They provide a pony riding experience and therapy for disabled and special needs children from local special schools. It is run under the auspices of the RDA totally by volunteers.





## Hertingfordbury St Mary Charitable Giving

- **Mercy Ships** is a global Christian charity whose aim is to bring hope and healing to those suffering from disability, disfigurement and disease. They deploy hospital ships and partner with African nations to transform surgical systems and provide free surgery to those most in need. Although an international organisation the UK branch is based in Stevenage. [www.mercyships.org.uk](http://www.mercyships.org.uk)

**We can confirm that each of these charities will receive £835 this year**

Once again we can only emphasise our gratitude to all those who donate to St Mary. If you have a proposal for a charity that you think we should support please let us know. Also if you would like to give to St Mary's on an ongoing basis please contact our treasurer Robin Bishop at [robinhbishop@gmail.com](mailto:robinhbishop@gmail.com) or 01992 551946

## Coffee after church at St Mary's



**Jean and Beth's St Patrick Day's offering!**

We used to have coffee and cake after the 9.15am church service once a month. However after Covid it was decided to do it every week and it's been a great success. A lovely and enjoyable way to socialise and get to know new members of the congregation, our community and visitors. It has really helped build up the church friendship and now if we don't get over 40 in the congregation we're a bit disappointed! Grateful thanks go to all our regulars who provide the cakes and biscuits and serve the coffee. Recently on St Patrick's Day, Jean & Beth celebrated with cakes including one which was a chocolate Guinness cake!



## Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir

will be performing on



**SAT 11th MAY @7.30pm**

**at St.Mary's Church Hertingfordbury**

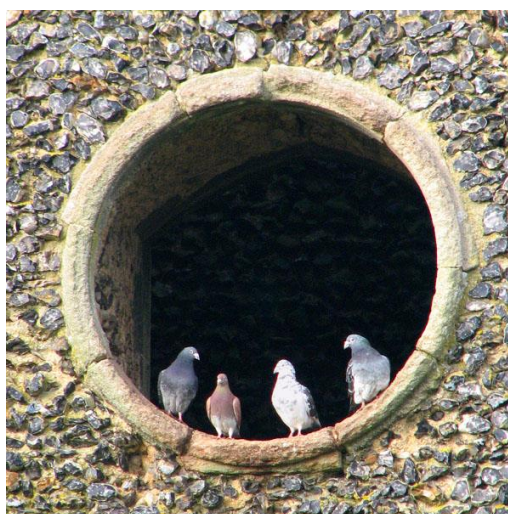
**tickets £10 msg Kay Juniper 07776 340932**

*The choir was founded in 1935 by a group of  
Welshmen who had moved to WGC in  
search of work. They enjoy singing music from a  
variety of genres including songs  
from shows, spirituals, traditional English,  
Scottish & Irish pieces.*

**a FOHSM event**

## Eco Church: Caring for God's Earth

*Help us to respond faithfully to the climate and nature crises*



*Evelyn Simak / St Andrew's church, Roudham - pigeons perched in the sound hole*

Eco Church is a scheme run by A Rocha UK, equipping churches to care for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement, and individual lifestyles.

Essentially, the idea is that churches make a commitment to demonstrate their engagement with the environment by working towards an award.

There are five areas that a church must demonstrate environmental engagement with to receive an award:

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

According to the Church of England website: 'As of the end of 2022, there are 1155 Bronze, 401 Silver, and 23 Gold Church of England Eco Churches, and our first two gold cathedrals; Salisbury and Chelmsford. The scheme is a fantastic resource for encouraging churches, cathedrals, and dioceses to embody the fifth mark of mission.'

St Mary's is proposing to have a go at working towards a Bronze Award! If you care about the environment and would like to get involved, ask Rachel Carter ([raich.carter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:raich.carter@yahoo.co.uk))



## **Ordination of Women as Priests**

This March marked a milestone in the history of the Church of England – 30 years since the historic first ordination of women as priests. To mark this significant anniversary, and to give thanks for the remarkable contributions of the ministry of women over the past three decades, the Diocese held a special service of celebration in St Albans Cathedral on Saturday 9 March.



Our very own Rosemary Caruana (sitting front left) was invited and participated in the service and celebration. Rosemary was our Priest in Charge at St Mary's from 1998 until 2005. She took over from Rev Jim Birtwistle and was of course followed by Rev Alan Stewart who thankfully is still with us today 18 years later!

We give thanks and prayers for the service and devotion that Rosemary has given and still gives to our church and wider community.

## **Ordination of Women Priests**

The Revd Christina Rees CBE was invited to preach a sermon at the service. Christina lived and ministered in the Diocese of St Albans for 35 years, served on the Church's General Synod for 25 years and was Chair of WATCH, advocating for the ordination of women bishops and striving for gender equality within the Church. In recognition of her contributions to the Church of England, she was awarded CBE in 2015.

In her sermon, Christina reflected on the Church's journey to ordain women as deacons, priests and bishops, recounting the story of the Revd Dr Florence Li Tim-Oi, the first woman ordained as a priest in the Anglican Communion, in 1944 during World War II.

Sharing her thoughts on the struggle for acceptance and recognition women faced within the church, Christina highlighted the resistance and then the change that led to the ordination of women. She spoke of the initial reluctance of figures such as Archbishop Robert Runcie, who, influenced by his encounter with Dr Li Tim-Oi, eventually supported the movement towards gender equality in ministry.

Quoting Saint Catherine of Siena, Christina encouraged all to "be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire."

## **St. Mary's Churchyard Regulations – Easter**

We are very conscious that this is a sensitive area – and we are most grateful for the care shown by many people tending graves and memorial plaques – but as Churchwardens we are required to ensure that the regulations laid down by the diocese relating to the churchyard are adhered to. The rules relating to churchyards are very stringent compared to those applying to local authority cemeteries. The full regulations are displayed on the noticeboard by the entrance and inside the South Door porch.

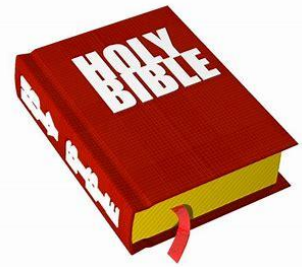
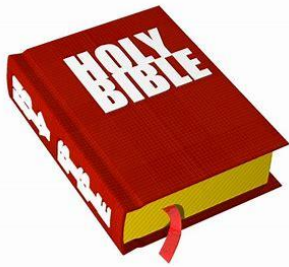
We would therefore ask that you remember that the placing of the likes of Easter Bunnies, windmills and so on, on graves/plaques is not permitted. Similarly floral remembrances should consist of natural flowers. Also please do not use glass vases or jars as they might be accidentally broken during mowing.

Whilst we should be reluctant to do so, we will, if necessary, remove items. We would always be happy to explain our reason for doing so. Please do speak with us if you would like advice about what is permitted.

Remembrances should be removed by Ascension Day (9 May) at the latest.

Thank you. David & Robin, Churchwardens





## **The Bible Course**

**An eight-session course helping you to explore the BIG story**

Whether you're well versed in Scripture or new to the Bible, The Bible Course (from the Bible Society) offers a superb overview of the world's best-selling book. The course will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. Over eight interactive sessions, it combines video teaching, group discussion, personal reflection and daily readings.

Meeting people in groups, where everyone shares their thoughts and experiences, lies at the heart of The Bible Course as everyone learns from each other.

13 of us took part in this course last autumn and found it really helpful and enjoyable.

We are looking to offer it again in the summer, starting in early June and we'd like to get an idea of what size of group we might expect before deciding on a time and venue.

To find out more, or to register your interest in attending the course, please get in touch with Kath Oates: [kathoates2022@virginmedia.com](mailto:kathoates2022@virginmedia.com)



## ***Church Flower Rota - April***

*7<sup>th</sup> - Sue Parsell*

*14<sup>th</sup> - Jean Skinner*

*21<sup>st</sup> Alison Robinson*

*28<sup>th</sup> Sharron Maxwell & Penny Duce*

*We are extremely grateful for the time, generosity and skill that the flower team give each week to make the church look so beautiful*



'ROOTED IN JESUS, GROWING IN WISDOM,  
OVERFLOWING WITH THANKFULNESS'  
(COLOSSIANS 2:7)

# Hertingfordbury Cowper C of E (VA) Primary School

As we head towards the end of the Spring Term, we can reflect on some of the children's highlights of recent events.

## SIAMS Inspection

In February, we had our SIAMS inspection. This involves looking at the school's Christian vision, the provision the school makes because of this vision and how effective this provision is in enabling all pupils to flourish. We are extremely proud of our report as it reflects our vision and whole school community. The inspector, as are we, was very impressed with our children. Below are a few comments from our report. The whole report can be found on our school website (<https://hertingfordbury-cowper-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/siams-report-1/>)

'strong, caring community working in the best interests of each individual'

'The curriculum brings the vision meaningfully into activities within and beyond the school day, championing inclusivity and equity throughout.'

'Opportunities for spiritual growth are planned to enrich learning experiences.'

'Parents and staff are enthusiastic in their praise for the 'school family' atmosphere and how the values positively affect their lives outside of school.'

'Worship is important for spiritual health. It holds a central place in the school's culture.'

'The updated Christian vision creates a supportive atmosphere that values dignity and respect for all. It promotes personal growth and belonging, affirming everyone's worth.'

'RE is carefully structured to provide pupils with a coherent and sequential curriculum, embedding key Christian concepts and biblical understanding.'

# Hertingfordbury Cowper C of E (VA) Primary School

## World Book Day

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we celebrated World Book Day. The children were invited to come into school dressed as a given character or a colour, linked to a book 'Dear Earth' by Isobel Otter. We had children and staff dressed as elephants, zebra, cacti, fish, bears, whales, parrots, zebra. The book was revealed to them on the day and they spent parts of their learning time exploring the themes and important messages within this beautiful picture book. A true way to promote reading and our love of books.





# Hertingfordbury Cowper C of E (VA) Primary School

## Famous People Parade - Year 2

At the start of the half term, we had a whole array of 'famous' people joining us in school for the day - from famous explorers, scientists, rulers, inventors and sports stars. Year 2s came in fantastic costumes with props, and shared research and facts showing the impact the famous person had. A great start to their History unit of learning 'How have people changed our lives?'



## Sporting Success - Year 4 Rapid Fire Cricket

A team of Year 4 children recently represented our school at a Hertford and Ware Rapid Fire Cricket Tournament. They played brilliantly as a team and won all of their matches to be the overall winners. They will now go on to the County Finals later this month.



From all of us here at Hertingfordbury Cowper Primary School, may you have an Easter time full of

*hope, peace and love.*



## ***1st Birch Green Brownies***

*1st Birch Green Brownies have had a busy Spring Term with some more new Brownies joining us and lots of getting to know each other. We have done lots of activities this half term including a Sponsored Silence!*

*Whilst we have had new starters, we do still have space within our unit for new Brownies to join, so if you know someone who may like to join us, please do get in touch! The Owls would be happy to answer any questions that you may have, please do email us on:*

*[birchgreenbrownies@aol.co.uk](mailto:birchgreenbrownies@aol.co.uk)*



We bring people together through a shared curiosity for the arts. We meet on the last Thursday of the month to hear arts related lectures in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere at the The Spotlight in Hoddesdon. We meet for coffee at 10am, followed by the lecture at 10.30. **Visitors are very welcome at the lectures for a small fee.**

### **Upcoming lectures**

**25 April – Hidden Canvases: Street Art and the City** by Doug Gillen

**30 May – Tamara de Lempicka: Art Deco Diva** by Alexandra Epps

**27 June – An Actor's Life for Me** by Tyler Butterworth

**(followed by the Summer Lunch)**

For more information please go to our website

[www.theartsocietyeastherts.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietyeastherts.org.uk)



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**"New class for Beginners"** starts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - £5 per week

**MIDSUMMER HOEDOWN** on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June

**HARVEST HOEDOWN** on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Interested throughout the year? Please contact Penny & Bob Warner - 01920 465276

For further details see [www.waggonerssquaredanceclub.com](http://www.waggonerssquaredanceclub.com)

e-mail: [waggonerssdc@gmail.com](mailto:waggonerssdc@gmail.com)



### WhatsApp Groups

If you would like to be part of the **St Mary's Church WhatsApp Group** please contact David Gorton on 07544 702241

**Hertingfordbury Village WhatsApp Group** is a sociable community group. For more information please contact Jamie Shawyer or Mick Barratt

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## **Four Rivers Coffee Shop open in Birch Green – now open Thursdays!**

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### **Four Rivers Coffee Company in Birch Green**

#### **Opening hours**

Thursday & Friday 8am to 4pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am to 2pm

**[Fourriverscoffee.co.uk](http://Fourriverscoffee.co.uk)**

## **Printed copies of the Parish News are now available from Four Rivers Café**



### **Recreation Ground Library**

A library, containing books, both fiction and non-fiction, including a good children's section, DVD's and games has been set up in the tennis pavilion on the Hertingfordbury recreation ground.

This is a free resource for all Hertingfordbury residents. Access can be gained at any time by the use of keys that are kept in a key-safe at the pavilion. Should anyone have any books, DVD's, or games to donate to the library new stock is always welcome.

If you are interested in using this facility please contact Penny or Mick Barratt on 07715 378212 and they can provide you with the key safe access code.



## Hertford & Ware Street Pastors

### Encounters with Jesus on Our Streets

I have had more encounters with Jesus on the streets of our town than in church. This somewhat heretical statement can't be true, can it? I certainly used to be confused as to why this should be. After talking to many people, I realise why this might be the case - if you walk out in faith, God walks with you. On the streets I'm totally reliant on God; I pray to him for safety, wisdom, insight and for God's help in identifying vulnerable individuals that we can help. One of the truisms of the Street Pastor ministry is that God answers prayer on the streets. We see it all the time and it can be anything from a truly "wow" moment, to a God of small things moment. I want to share one such God of small things encounter.



On a Street Pastor patrol back in Autumn of 2022 at about 2am on a Saturday morning in Bull Plain, Hertford; we were looking after one youngster whose drink had been spiked. He was unconscious, sprawled against the little bridge leading into Folly Island. Some of the team stayed with him until an ambulance could attend. We had taken our large winter coats off to keep him warm. At the same time, the rest of the team were looking after a very drunk teenage girl outside PopWorld. We covered her in a blanket to protect her modesty and a street pastor coat to keep her warm, as we waited, until mum could collect her. I was the patrol leader on that night and as I was hurrying between these two incidents a fight was about to breakout outside of PopWorld.





## **Hertford & Ware Street Pastors**

A young man was aggressively swearing at the top of his voice at one of the door staff from the club. His girlfriend was hysterical and screaming at him to stop, but he wasn't listening, and his body language was changing as he moved from posturing into preparing to fight. The doorman was also preparing for the coming conflict. I was very much in "Martha-mode" (Luke 10:38-42), a Samaritan trying to help vulnerable people in the town. As I walked past, I moved into a "Mary-mode" and prayed for God to intervene in this situation. Immediately the young man's posture changed, he was much less aggressive, and he was for the first time listening to his girlfriend, who also had calmed down, whilst the door man had changed his stance to a much more conciliatory tone. I was somewhat embarrassed at how quickly and fully my prayer had been answered. Isn't prayer supposed to be hard work? But here a simple pray, with my mind focussed elsewhere was answered instantly

David Elder, Hertford & Ware Street Pastors



## **Hertford and Ware Street Pastors Quiz Night** **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April (7 for 7.30pm start)**

**Sele Farm Community Centre,  
Perrett Gdns, Hertford, SG14 2LW.**

**Tickets - £10 pp (Tables of 8)**

**Bring your own food, snacks, drinks and glasses**

**Book your table:**

**Email - Alison Tyler: [alisonjtyler@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alisonjtyler@hotmail.co.uk)**

**Phone - David & Margaret Elder: 01992 302541**

**(Bank transfers preferred)**

***Raffle on the night***



# Hertingfordbury Parish Council

**Chairman** – Paul Rochford

**Vice Chairman** – Haidy Blake

**Councillors** – Nicola Gordon, Roger Morris, Simon Bostock

**Member of Parliament** – Oliver Heald

**County Councillor** – Ken Crofton

**District Councillor** – Bob Deering

If you wish to contact the Parish Council please contact the Clerk

**Clerk:** Katie Eyre at [clerk@hertingfordbury.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hertingfordbury.org.uk)

## **Next Meeting**

Meetings are at Hertingfordbury Cowper School between 7pm – 9pm. Members of the public are welcome. Please see website for latest dates

To report an issue with fly tipping, highway fault, overflowing rubbish, street lighting etc, please call East Herts District Council directly on 01279 655261 or go to <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/faultreporting/>



## **Defibrillators**

Please note that Defibrillators are housed on the outside walls of the.....

- **Parish Room (The Brace Room) at St Mary's Church, Hertingfordbury**
- **Cowper School, Birch Green – outside the school gate**



## **Church Cleaners**

We really need people (men or women!) to join our church cleaning rota

It takes a couple of hours every few weeks. We want our beautiful church to always look its best

If you can help please contact Virginia on 01992 583560

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## **Churchyard Volunteers Needed**



Volunteers required for grass cutting

Second Saturday of each month, anytime between 9 - 12 noon

Reward is a picnic lunch and good company..... and a laugh!

Please let David Gorton know if you are able to help

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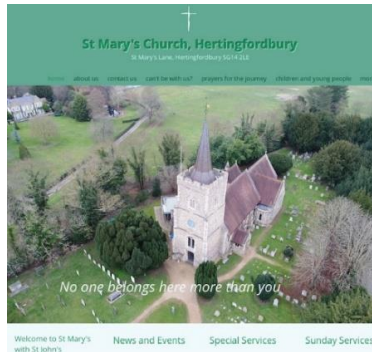


## **Volunteers needed to open/close St. Mary's**



As part of St. Mary's commitment to be 'Here with you, Here for you' we are pleased that we have been able to keep the church open during the day. However, to do so requires volunteers to open and close the building every day. As a village if we want the church to be open – and I think we do - we need some new volunteers. It is not an onerous task.

Please give serious thought to joining the rota and speak to one of the Churchwardens. Thank you for considering this



**[www.hertingfordburystmary.org](http://www.hertingfordburystmary.org)**

The St Mary's website features all the church news including the latest digital Parish News in full colour

This website is a vital communication tool to be able to follow updates on the church.

If you wish to contribute in any way please contact Rachel via e mail

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### **Every Wednesday**

Meditation & Mindfulness 8.00pm

### **Every Sunday**

Service of the Word 10.30am

(Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday will offer Communion)

Compline 7.00pm

Please note that a recording of the Reading, Sermon and Prayers from the Sunday morning service is now available on the St Mary's website

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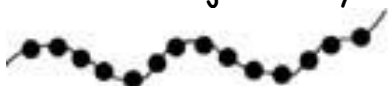
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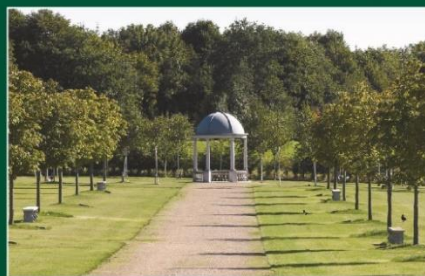
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