

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
NORTH MYMMS**

That you love one another  
As I have loved you



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# Parish Diary for May 2008

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, NORTH MYMMS

<b>Thurs 1</b>	10.00am-12.00 noon 5.45 – 7.15pm 8.00pm	<b>Ascension Day</b> Carers meet in St Michael's Room BP Brownies in St Michael's Room Team Ascension Eucharist, St Etheldreda's
<b>Fri 2</b>	10.00am-12.00 noon	<b>Philip and James, apostles</b> Pramsters meet in St Michael's Room
<b>Sat 3</b>	9.00-1.30pm	Churches Together in Radlett Quiet Day in St Michael's Room
<b>Sun 4</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	<b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> Holy Communion Parish Eucharist with Junior Church Guest Preacher: Canon Iain Lane Home Communion to the Sick Choral Evensong
<b>Mon 5</b>	10.00am-1.00pm	Queen Eleanor Cycle Ride visit for refreshments
<b>Wed 7</b>	12.00 noon-2.00pm	Oasis meet in St Michael's Room
<b>Thurs 8</b>	10.00am-2.00pm	Carers meet in St Michael's Room
<b>Fri 9</b>	10.00am-12.00 noon	Pramsters meet in St Michael's Room
<b>Sat 10</b>	10.00am-12.00 noon	Christian Aid Coffee morning – United Reformed Church
<b>Sun 11</b>	8.00am 9.30am 6.30pm	<b>Pentecost</b> Holy Communion (CW*) Family Eucharist with Act4 BCP Evensong led by John Barnard
<b>Mon 12</b>	9.30am 7.45pm	Team Communion at St Michael's Birchwood PCC meeting, beginning with Communion
<b>Tues 13</b>	10am-2pm 8.00pm	Diocesan Training in St Michael's Room Deanery Synod
<b>Wed 14</b>	12.00 noon-2.00pm	<b>Matthias the Apostle</b> Oasis meet in St Michael's Room
<b>Thurs 15</b>	10.00am-2.00pm 8.00-9.00pm	Carers meet in St Michael's Room 'Quiet hour' – St Michael's Room

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CW - Common Worship \* - Traditional Language BCP - Book of Common Prayer

# Significant Services and Events

## Pentecost

**Monday 5 May**      10am - 1pm      Cyclists on the Queen Eleanor sponsored cycle ride will be taking a break at St Mary's on their final leg of the journey from Lincoln to London. Do come and cheer them on!

**Sunday 11 May**      9.30am      Family Eucharist with Act4



**Saturday 17 May**      10.15am      Short service to remember those who have suffered through cot death. This will be followed by "Walk a Mile in Memory" to raise funds for The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths. (see p. 12 )

**Sunday 18 May**      3pm      An open air service to remember the departed who are buried in the churchyard.

## **Warning – do not read this over breakfast!**

On a recent visit to Bruges I encountered 2 paintings by Gerard David in 1498 at the Groeninge Museum. I choose the word ‘encountered’ deliberately as they left me with a lasting impression! The paintings, entitled “The Judgement of Cambyses” apparently take the Persian legend by Herodotus as their inspiration. The first shows in the top left corner the corrupt judge Sisamnes accepting a bribe with his arrest depicted centre-stage, surrounded by menacing-looking aldermen. Sisamnes’ face is grey and sweaty with fear as he learns of his sentence by the king, that he is to be flayed alive.

In the second of the pictures – and this is the really gruesome one – we see the king’s servants carrying out this judgement with clinical detachment. Then, to complete this graphic cameo, in the top right corner of the painting sits Sisamnes’ son administering justice from the same chair, which is draped with his father’s skin! These two pictures were hung in the Council Chambers by the Bruges City Burghers to encourage honesty amongst its magistrates!

Happily society tends not these days (at least not in this country) to resort to such unusual ways of encouraging people to use their gifts with integrity. Yet it did cause me to reflect on how we incite one another to act justly, to value goodness, faithfulness and other characteristics of human nature that contribute to the well-being of our communities. Do we threaten, cajole, or use more positive models? Laws legislate, but only to some extent, so much else depends on us working together within the existing framework of our democracy to ensure justice is done. A recent encouraging example of this is holding our government to account for the abolition of the 10p tax band which, as has subsequently been uncovered, is to the detriment of so many whom we would seek to protect.

For Christians, the ultimate model is Jesus, whose nature is depicted in the Scriptures; plenty of examples for hearers to interpret as they too encounter him, alongside others and guided by the Church. Such encounters lead us to desire to respond readily to serve others out of gratitude, but with great joy. We know that, but for Christ, we could all too easily be the ones to lose our skins!

So, as local elections draw nearer, may we applaud and support those who are willing to stand and to serve – but be willing ourselves to work with them to initiate policies that truly benefit the disadvantaged, and other schemes which will be for the well-being of us all. I wish also to acknowledge with gratitude those who so readily serve our churches and voluntary organisations in the wider community.

In the love of Christ  
Sally Davenport

# Youth Emmaus

## Exploring The BIG Issues of Faith

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## Appointing the next Bishop of St.Albans – What's the Bishop's role?

Our present Bishop, The Right Reverend Christopher Herbert who has been Bishop of St Albans since 1996, has announced his retirement. His last service will be in St. Albans Abbey on Saturday 8 November 2008. Already the consultation process is in hand prior to consideration of who might be nominated as our next bishop.

The role of a diocesan bishop is varied. In his own diocese he is the chief pastor of all, laity and clergy, and their father in God. He is to teach and to uphold sound doctrine, himself an example of righteous and godly living, it is his duty, as the Canons of the Church of England put it.” to set forward and maintain quietness, love, and peace among all.”

He is the principal minister, and to him belongs the right of celebrating the rites of ordination and confirmation; of conducting, ordering, controlling, and authorising all services in churches, chapels, churchyards and consecrated burial grounds, and of being president of his diocesan synod. So the bishop is never a “visitor” at any service in the diocese because the parish priest or officiant conducts any service only on behalf of the bishop.

The role of bishops is not confined to their own dioceses. As the statement at ordination services makes clear, the ‘special responsibility to maintain and further the unity of the Church, to uphold its discipline, and to guard its faith’ is one which bishops share with their fellow bishops, and they are to promote the mission of the Church ‘throughout the world’. They are members of the college of bishops at the provincial and national levels and attend the Lambeth Conference of all the bishops in the Anglican Communion every ten years (including July and August this year).

All diocesan bishops are members of the House of Bishops of the General Synod and therefore share in responsibility for the leadership of the Church of England nationally and for relationships between the Church of England and the Church in other countries. Beyond their formal synodical role, diocesan bishops tend to be the public face of the Church in the eyes of the media and therefore perform an important communications role. Most diocesan bishops carry particular national responsibilities, chairing committees or boards within the National Church Institutions, ecumenically, or in connection with religious charities.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of London are privy counsellors. They are also members of the House of Lords, as are the Bishops of Durham and Winchester and the most senior twenty-one of the other diocesan bishops in England. Bishops may also be invited to contribute their experience or expertise to the deliberations of national government or regional bodies on particular issues. Diocesan bishops will thus also be called upon sooner or later to play a leading part in national life and to represent not just their dioceses but also their regions at the national level.

*Chris Foster, Bishop of Hertford*

## Summary of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting: 20 April 2008

The APCM, preceded by the Vestry meeting took place after the 9.30am service and 39 members of the congregation attended. Russell Perkins and Diana Glanfield were duly re-elected as Churchwardens. Sara Boothby, Rhoda Brutey and Peter Dalling were all re-elected to the Deanery Synod and therefore ex-officio members of the PCC. Lynne Carey, Tracy Hatswell and Marian Benton were all elected as new members to the PCC. The Rev'd Sally Davenport thanked all serving PCC members, giving special mention to Jean Hockings and Sue Crawley who had served as PCC Secretary and Treasurer respectively and the significant contributions of the late Albert Bernard and the late Harry Fordham.

The annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ended 2007 showed a modest surplus of £3,231 and were received and adopted. Geoffrey Boothby pointed out that the surplus was due in part to the rental income from 21 Bulls Lane. Geoffrey, Sue Crawley, Graham Nicholas and Henry Rickeard were thanked for their contributions to the oversight of the church's finances as well as preparation of these accounts.

The Electoral Roll officer, Derek Blumsom, reported 11 deletions and 11 additions over the year, thus maintaining the same level of 170 members.

After highlighting some of the achievements and activities of the church during the year, and thanking everyone who gives of their time and talents so generously, Sally paid particular tribute to churchwardens Russell and Diana. She suggested that before engaging in new initiatives in the next year that we first do some careful listening together to discern the needs and concerns among our community to know where and how we might best use our resources in service to them.

### **Coffee Morning in support of Christian Aid**

**Saturday 10th May**

10.30am to 12 noon

held at

**Brookmans Park United Reformed Church**

**Plant Stall, Traidcraft and Cakes**

**If you can donate any plants, cakes and books for this event please call Di Lee on 01707 654435—they would be gratefully received.**

## *Henry (Harry) Northcott Fordham - 19th June 1923 to 5th April 2008*

*Harry's family, Annette, Pam and Adrian, have given their kind permission to reprint the tribute they gave at his funeral.*

Born in 1923 in Highams Park, Harry was the youngest of 5 children. He inherited his father's good looks but, thankfully, his mother's lovely nature. At school he developed a love of English which stayed with him for life. As members of the scrabble club will know, he knew some of the most obscure and little known words in the dictionary.

He attended Selwyn Avenue school and later George Monoux Grammar school from which he attained his matriculation certificate. Early in his life he learned to swim; he and his siblings were all given season tickets for the local pool to keep them occupied during the school holidays. He was an excellent swimmer and was a national schoolboys' diving champion. He also excelled at gymnastics and played school cricket. By the time he was in the Army, Harry's sporting prowess was less physical but just as competitive. He won many darts and snooker tournaments in the Sergeants Mess.

Both his parents were teachers and his father a keen gardener. Like his brothers and sisters before him, Harry was sent out with a bucket and shovel to follow the milkman's cart and collect manure for the garden! It was from his Dad that he inherited his love of gardening and the pond, pergola and raised beds are very reminiscent of granddad's garden!

When he left school he worked in Fleet Street as a trainee journalist and on his way home one evening was unlucky to be blinded in his right eye by flying glass when caught in a bombing raid. At the age of eighteen like most young men at that time he was called up to join the forces. He was always embarrassed not to be able to go on active service because of his disability but he did the next best thing and trained soldiers to use and care for their rifles and machine guns.

During the war his oldest brother died and the family home was demolished by one of the last bombs dropped on London. Of the war, he said it developed a sense of community in people, which was a feeling he never lost throughout his life.

While stationed at Catterick Camp in Yorkshire, Harry, along with some other soldiers, was invited to Christmas dinner by my Grandparents. There he met Dorrie and developed a love and friendship which stood the test of many partings as Harry was stationed around the county.

A soldier's life suited him and he joined the regular Army after the war and was based at the Small Arms School, on Salisbury Plain, in Wiltshire until 1963. He and Dorrie were married in 1946 and by 1959 had three children and a very full social life at the camp.

Harry spent twenty two years in the forces; the last two he was based in Hythe, Kent. At that time Harry was doing endless correspondence courses in preparation for finding a job in civvy street. When he finally left the Army in 1964 it was to move to Eastcote in North West London to take up a job with GEC. He stayed with them long enough to equip 10 Oxford Drive with a new fridge, cooker and electric fires and enough spare parts to last a lifetime!

After moving to Eastcote Harry joined the Royal British Legion and soon became fully involved with Branch activities. He ran the Friday night bingo for many years and over the years held every office from Secretary and Treasurer through to Chairman. He was awarded a Certificate for outstanding service to the Eastcote Branch when he left in 1981. He transferred his membership and continued to be involved with the Legion when they moved to Welham Green.

After leaving GEC he joined Nestle as Transport Manager of their Hayes Depot where the distribution fleet was run with army precision. Towards the end of his career with Nestle he was transferred to Edmonton and to make the daily commute easier, Harry and Dorrie moved to Welham Green. It was a decision they never regretted.

Dorrie easily slipped back into village life and joined the Women's Section of the Legion and made many friends in Welham Green. When Dad retired after a couple of years he very soon was fully involved in village life as well as the Legion for whom he organised the Poppy Day collections and disabled men's annual party.

Harry's interests were many, from running the Youth Club, Friends & Neighbours Friday Club, Wednesday Scrabble Club to organising holidays and daytrips. He was also a member of the Green Belt Society, the Over 50s Club, Horticultural Society and a serving member of the P.C.C. Harry also had quite a reputation as the village chauffeur.

In 2001 Harry was invited to County Hall where the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire presented him with a certificate for his services to the community. Following that in 2003 he received a further award from the Parish Council.

During his busy life he still found time for his garden, keeping it especially colourful for the Women's Section summer meetings.

The family would like to thank those friends who visited and helped him during his illness; he always appreciated the company.

It is impossible to express how much Harry's family and friends are going to miss him;

*Annette, Pamela & Adrian*



## A word from your editor

My husband lovingly teases me almost daily that I cry at anything and everything. Recently on a packed commuter train I began to cry. Usually I try to conceal my emotions as I know it makes those around me uncomfortable; on the train people adopt an 'eyes down' approach to getting to work. On this occasion I could not. I was reading a transcript of a phone call to the police that described the scene as a young woman was beaten to death by a group of jobs whilst she cradled her boyfriend's inert body from further assault.

A fellow passenger actually asked me if I was OK. I loudly responded, explaining my tears, and she asked if I knew the woman, believing this to be the cause of my outburst of emotion. "Yes, she is a fellow human being, I know her as well as I know you and in the same way as I would feel your pain". Hardly something I would usually say or indeed expected to say, I felt compelled and it provoked conversation with more of my fellow passengers. At the conclusion of the train journey and hence our conversation I felt that our sense of community responsibility was not completely dead although we were all clearly struggling to preserve it.

We can't take on the responsibility for changing the world; it is too big a task and we become overwhelmed and our resolve is crushed. But in the same way that a toddler learns to walk, small steps achieve noticeable changes, and by starting to take responsibility at home and in our community for our own actions we can change the environment we live in for the better.

We may not see an immediate demise of senseless violence or the suffering of the most vulnerable but in taking small steps to love our neighbours we do see the spread of love, respect and responsibility for all in our community. I often pray for light in what appears to me to be dark times and have come to see that by creating my own ripples I can add to the sea of change. The theme of the magazine this month is community and I hope you can share my new found optimism for a brighter future. I pray my future is full of daily tears; tears of joy!

Tracy Hatswell

## PARISH B B Q



This will be held on Thursday June 19th 2008 at 7.00pm  
on the terrace of St Michael's Room (weather permitting!)

Lots to eat, plenty to drink and great fellowship.

All for £6 adults, under 14 £3.50!

Book the date NOW! Tickets on sale from mid May.

See you there! Diana, Joyce and Kay



## Parishioners Pages

### Colney Lakes—An Oasis

My recent discovery of the oasis of tranquillity has given me enormous pleasure. The lakes are only two miles away by footpath, following the River Colne from the first bridge on Coursers Road (off the roundabout in Colney Heath). It ends at the Green at London Colney with its lovely willow trees bordering the river and its ancient ford which was part of the old London to Holyhead road. (For the less athletic you can reach the lakes by travelling for quarter of a mile in the direction of London Colney from Savacentre.) I prefer to access the footpaths from the carpark in Shenley Lane (off St Anne Road).

I saw a yellow wagtail there recently as well as a variety of duck. There are a number of footpaths leading from here to Bell Lane, Ridge and Colney Heath, as well as a circular paths around the larger lakes, formed from worked out gravel pits.

They claim to have carp here as big as a three year old child according to local fishermen! If you are lucky, you can see otter footprints and grebes on the lake as well as kingfishers. The varied vegetation here entices birds, like the redwing I saw before they migrated back to Northern climes for the summer, and there is also a bird hide on the opposite side of the lake.

The Daily Mail and M&S are campaigning to stop the use of free plastic bags, when I see how many blight this beautiful landscape I applaud their efforts. The Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust run the reserve and can be contacted on 01727 858901. I find communing with nature lifts my spirits and I hope you discover this also. *Craig Rees*

### HERTFORDSHIRE WALKS WITH ST MICHAELS'S RAMBLERS

I made it this time! Having written Dave Gunn's details in my diary from a previous magazine article and having had to pull out of the March walk in deference to a visit from my long-suffering plumber, I was able to join The St Michael's Walkers for their April walk. After warm welcomes and clear instructions at St Michaels' we drove to Staplefield to lunch at Watton at Stone via the impressive Woodhall Park. Thanks to the hard work of the organisers, our Pub lunch had been ordered before a meander back along the River Beane catching sight of the first bluebells along the way. Although an early (for me!) start on a Saturday can be a challenge, a walk in the countryside blows away the cobwebs of the week and allows me to harmonise with nature. I always feel in touch with Creation with the grass, mud and stones under foot. Meeting new people from other local Churches and talking to some familiar faces is also a bonus, so do consider joining future walks on:

**3rd MAY, 7th JUNE, 5th JULY, 2nd AUGUST, 6th SEPTEMBER, 4th OCTOBER,  
1st NOVEMBER, 6th DECEMBER**

Details of when and where can be obtained from Dave and Janet Gunn on 01462 790280 beforehand

*Jo Grimes*

## Mr Common Sense—London Times Obituary

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No-one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and, maybe it was my fault.

Common sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children are in charge). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6 year old charged with sexual harassment for kissing a class mate; teens suspended from school for using mouth wash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

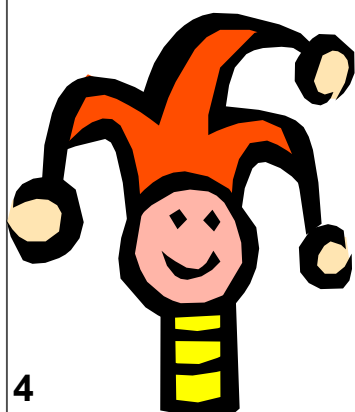
Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotions or a plaster to a student, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home but the burglar could sue you for assault. Common Sense finally gave up after a woman failed to realise a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in his death by his parents Truth and Trust; his wife Discretion; his daughter Responsibility and his son Reason.

He is survived by 4 step brothers: I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I Am A Victim.

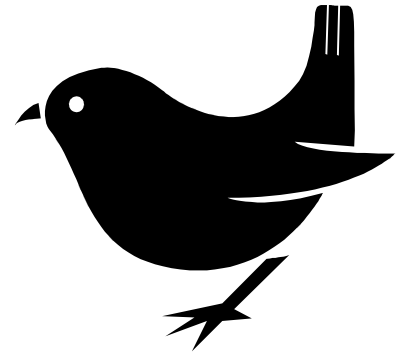


Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he had gone. If you still remember him pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

*Passed on to me by Jeff Mills.*

## A SPECIAL VISITOR

Good Friday at St Mary's was a scene of happy, noisy activity with 43 or so children and adults there for a Children's Special, led by Sally, her friend Sandra, Mary and Robin with a great team of helpers.



There were games, stories, singing, worship, craft, making Easter Gardens, a huge decorated cardboard cross to hang on the wall, and yummy refreshments by Karen and co. It finished with every child sticking coloured labels with their names onto the Passion Play cross so that it seemed to blossom for Easter. It was a magic time!

On Easter Sunday the snow fell, very prettily; the church was full of people and flowers and joy, a real celebration. The Easter Garden in the St Catherine's chapel was a moving sight. There were three crosses on the Mount of Olives at one end of a long table, and a sandy path led to the Tomb at the other end. (The Tomb was built with old weathered stones and bricks found in the churchyard).

The children had covered the rest of the table with moss from Gobion's Wood and flowers and cuttings from people's gardens. On the path they scattered shiny pebbles and a few marbles and seashells brought back from holidays. A tissue was rolled up in the tomb and a black "boulder" pulled across.

After Easter, when the church was quiet, Lynda, and Diana (who went in each day to check the church flowers) found a little wren, who had come in from the cold, frolicking in the Easter garden, loving the soft moss, diving into the flowers and pecking the little red berries laid below the crosses. The bird felt quite at home and could not be persuaded to go back out into the cold, so they filled the shells with water for him to drink!

When it warmed up, our little Jenny Wren left, having doubly blessed the Garden that Sally had blessed with the children on Easter Sunday. Such a special visitor!

PS You may find Jenny signed into the Visitor's Book!

Chris Willis

### Truth or Tale?

Jeff Mills claims that if you burn your finger whilst cooking and hold it on your ear lobe it will not hurt! If you have any useful bits of trivia to share please email me.

## CHANGE IS POSSIBLE!

**Back in July last year your community set about tackling its own problems..**

“A community action group in Welham Green is to involve local youth in the planning, funding and running of projects aimed at young people in the area. The initiative comes from the recently-formed Welham Green Working Group which meet at St Mary’s school.

The first step will be to restart the dormant Welham Green Youth Project with support and initial guidance from Claire Taylor, one of its former officers. Local resident Helen Shearer will chair the group and will oversee fund raising and the involvement of local youth in projects they are interested in.

Another initiative is likely to be the financing of a meeting shelter for young people. The shelter would be a bit like a bus shelter with three solid sides and a place for urban art. The site has not been agreed yet, but the idea is to take young people away from the shops in Dellsome Lane and offer them somewhere covered to meet.“

**Now the changes can be seen,**

“Last summer several public meetings were organised by Welwyn Borough Council reflecting a growing concern about anti-social behaviour and the breakdown of community in Welham Green.

From this grew the Welham Green As One group, made up of local residents and business people. We include young people and police as well as representatives of both the borough council and North Mymms Parish Council.

We have revived the Welham Green Youth Project and through them the young people have obtained funding to allow construction of a youth shelter on the parish council grounds near the football pitch off Dellsome Lane.

We are listening to the young people and encouraging and supporting them in arranging other activities and clubs that would give a constructive use for their time.

At the same time we are all engaged in putting together a Good Neighbourhood Agreement which will emphasise responsibilities including that of supporting the police with assistance and information when our community is threatened by anti-social behaviour.“

**This may not be the solution, but it is a start and a step in the right direction.**

The extracts above are taken from reports posted by **Peter Hastings** on [www.brookmans.com](http://www.brookmans.com), comments by Tracy Hatswell

## WE NEED PLANTS!

For nearly 20 years we have had a plant stall outside the church porch on [most] Sundays. The money collected all goes to Christian Aid, to whom we send a considerable sum each year.



We do need more plants, so if you have some spare seedlings, plants from your garden which have been divided and are surplus to requirements, or even plants which you have grown bored with and want to replace, we would be pleased to have them. Also any extra produce would be gratefully received.

It is so very satisfactory to be able to raise money for Christian Aid through our gardening!  
*Di Lee & Patricia Cook*

## "Mile in Memory" Sponsored Walk—Saturday 17th May

The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (FSID) is the world's leading cot death charity, supporting research into cot death and offering support and guidance to bereaved families.

May has been designated as "Save a Baby Month" and on Saturday 17th May there will be a nationwide "Mile in Memory" sponsored walk to raise vital funds for cot death research, information and support.

Caroline Wheeler, (Mum to Josef and Yasmin), herself a bereaved parent and a befriender for the charity, is organising a local walk around St. Mary's Church, and is inviting anyone who has been affected by a sudden and unexplained death to join her on the walk, or to sponsor someone who is walking. The walk is only one mile, so parents with prams and grandparents can all join in.

The Rev'd Sally Davenport will lead with a short memorial service at St. Mary's Church, North Mymms at 10.15am. The walk will commence from the church at 11am and refreshments will be available in St. Michael's room afterwards.

If you would like to collect a sponsor form or make a donation, please contact Caroline on 01707 660727. For more details, log onto [www.fsid.org.uk](http://www.fsid.org.uk)

## BISHOP'S HATFIELD TEAM

### Tuesday 27 – Friday 30 May

Walking pilgrimage from Wells to Salisbury (50.5 miles!) Further details call John & Linda Barnard: 01707335074, or e-mail [john209barnard@btinternet.com](mailto:john209barnard@btinternet.com)

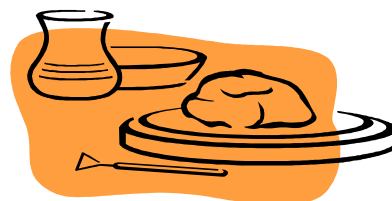
### Friday 30 May

Day Pilgrimage to Salisbury, £12.00 Details on notice board in St Mary's, or telephone Lynda Potter on 01727 825578 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9am – 1.30pm.

## CRAFT FAIR

A Craft Fair will be held at North Mymms Youth and Community Centre  
on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2008  
12 noon to 5.00pm

Refreshments available  
Enquiries: Tel 01707 657576



## COFFEE MORNING

**Women's Fellowship are holding their annual Coffee Morning in St Michael's Room on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 10.00am to 12 noon. Will you please support us?**

**Muriel Norman**



Preston Gardens Open Day. (3 miles south of Hitchin)  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1-5pm.

. Flower Festival in Arts&Crafts Church, Stalls on the Green, Teas in the Village Hall.  
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## From the Parish Church Registers

### Baptisms

30 March                      Lewis John Lowry

Harry O'Connor



### Funerals

1 April                         Dorothy Young

16 April                        Henry (Harry) Northcott Fordham

24 April                        John Martin Fuller

28 April                        Kenneth Beagles

### Golden Wedding Anniversary

5 April                         Roy and Barbara Smith

### **General:**

Enquiries concerning Baptisms, Marriages, Blessings of Civil Marriages and publication of Banns of Marriage should be directed to the Vicar, who should also be contacted for all matters concerning Communion of the Sick and Confessions.

Bodies of all parishioners may be brought into their Parish Church for a Funeral Service, prior to burial or cremation.

Only the current registers, (Baptisms from March 1980; Weddings from January 1999, Burials from March 1984 and Services from July 1996) are stored at the church.

All previous church registers, and parish magazines, are stored at the Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies, County Hall, Hertford, SG13 8EJ. (01992) 555105, to ensure they are adequately preserved.



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Women's Fellowship	Muriel Norman	01707 642139

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# Parish Diary for May 2008

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<b>Fri 16</b>	10.00am-12.00noon	Pramsters meet in St Michael's Room
<b>Sat 17</b>	10.15am	Service of remembrance for those who have suffered through cot death, followed by "Walk a Mile in Memory" in churchyard
<b>Sun 18</b>	8.00am 9.30am 3.00pm	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Holy Communion Parish Eucharist with Junior Church Open Air service commemoration service for those buried in our churchyard, followed by refreshments in St Michael's Room
	<i>NB: No Evensong</i>	
<b>Mon 19</b>	9.30am 8.00pm	Team Communion at St Luke Churches Together planning meeting St Thomas More
<b>Tues 20</b>	12.15pm	Georgian Group visit church
<b>Wed 21</b>	12.00 noon-2.00pm	Oasis meet in St Michael's Room
<b>Thurs 22</b>	<b>Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)</b>	
	10.00am-2.00pm	Carers meet in St Michael's Room
<b>Fri 23</b>	10.00am-12.00 noon	Pramsters meet in St Michael's Room
<b>Sun 25</b>	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am 6.30pm	<b>The First Sunday After Trinity</b> Holy Communion (CW*) Parish Eucharist with Junior Church Holy Baptisms BCP Evensong
<b>Mon 26</b>	<i>Bank Holiday</i>	
<b>Tues 27</b>		Women's Fellowship meet in St Michael's Room
<b>Wed 28</b>	12.00 noon-2.00pm 5.00-6.45pm	Oasis meet in St Michael's Room Youth Emmaus : St Michael's Room
<b>Thurs 29</b>	10.00am-2.00 noon	Carers meet in St Michael's Room
<b>Fri 30</b>	9.00am-9.30pm	Bishops Hatfield Ministry Team day pilgrimage by coach to Salisbury
	10.00am-12.00 noon	Pramsters meet in St Michael's Room
<b>Sat 31</b>		<b>Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</b>



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