I think the Queen is wonderful. She manages to support so many people in so many ways and with great kindness; works an amazing number of hours each week despite being 90 years old; keeps up with a staggering amount of paperwork; has weekly meetings with the Prime Minister of the day which they declare to be ‘useful’; she manages to walk up steps without any help and in high heeled shoes; she apparently takes a real interest in the many people she meets….. She is admired the world round.

Happy Birthday, your Majesty
(see the events on p4,6,8)

Last month we celebrated God’s gift of His Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Schools thought about the ‘fruit’ that the Spirit grows in us, if we let Him: love, peace, joy, kindness, goodness, patience, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians ch.5 vv.22-23). The Queen is a keen Christian and openly says how much God has helped her. I think I see these ‘fruit’ in her – certainly far more than in me!

God’s Holy Spirit is available to anyone who asks Him into our lives – there’s no spiritual GCSE needed, just ask!

Do you want more love to share? more gentleness? more self-control? Try asking God’s Holy Spirit to come and help you. You can’t lose by doing so, and may gain so much.

Summer is a time when I try to encourage folk to get together and enjoy each other’s company in various ways – and so a time to use those ‘fruit’ of the Spirit for everyone’s enjoyment. There’s not enough getting together nowadays – I don’t think that’s just me getting older as the teens say something similar!

There will be Ware Brass concert (p4) and the tea party in the car park (p6) for the Queen. There’s the Madrigals (p.5), the Midsummer Feast (p7), and the Lunch for Charity. There’s Tot’s Time (p5), Mad Chatters (p7) and, there’s TICTACs (p6), Men’s breakfast (p5) and Evergreens (9). I could go on!! In other words there are oodles of opportunities to get together round here, as well as joining with family and friends. I do hope you will – it makes such a difference to our emotional health and so to other aspects of health too

I wish you all a June full of social activities – and Happy Birthday to our wonderful Queen.

Anne
Church News

Lunches for Charities: Thursday 2nd June for Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital.
Come and join us – everyone, of all ages, is welcome to these free lunches at 1pm in the Wilshere Hall, Stanstead Abbots. Please invite friends to join you.
The lunch in April was for Isabel Hospice and raised £150 and in May £100 was raised for the local Air Ambulance.

July and August 2016 Parishes Magazine
Items for the next edition should preferably be emailed to admin@3churches.net or left at the Vicarage by 17th June at the latest please. Copy can also be given to Lynne Heraud.

Transport to Church. If you would like a lift to church please phone one of the Churchwardens (see back cover of this magazine).

From our Registers

We offer our condolences to the families and friends of
Beryl Westwood  Chapelfields  9th May  (Parndon Wood)
Samantha Gomri  Scott Avenue  23rd May  (Parndon Wood)

St Andrew’s church is praying for:-
Trotters Gap - week beginning 5th June
Chapelfields - week beginning 12th June
Abbotts Rise, Abbots Way, Mill Race - week beginning 19th June
Cappell Lane - week beginning 26th June

Please note: The Administrator works on Mon, Wedn and Thurs from 9.15am until 2.15pm and can be contacted on 01920 870115

Need a lift to hospital??
If you need a lift to take you to a hospital appointment, hospital visiting etc or short-term help with shopping, dog-walking (eg during or following an illness), or would like a visit or a prayer call 3 Churches Careline: 01920 871678 between 9am and 6pm (except in an emergency) We’ll do our best to help
Lunches for Charities in Wilshere Hall at 1pm

2nd June for Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital

Great Ormond Street Hospital provides inspirational and world-class care to hundreds of children every day. But they need to raise about £100 million every year to help give hope to seriously ill children and their families. Throughout its long history, Great Ormond Street Hospital has always relied on public support, even after the founding of the NHS in 1948. Their mission as a charity is to raise money to enable the hospital to continue to provide the very best care for its young patients and their families. The support from the charity is concentrated in four main areas - Welfare and clinical development, Medical Equipment and Capital Schemes, Research, Redevelopment, Accommodation and family welfare and in 2014/15 the charity spent £17.3 million in those areas.

As of the time of going to print the lunch to be held on 7th July has no-one to host it. If you would like to take this opportunity to raise funds for any charity of your choice, please contact the Vicarage by Wednesday 15th June on 01920 870115 or admin@3churches.net, to give us the opportunity to promote it in the next edition of the magazine and on the usual posters. Otherwise, this lunch will have to be cancelled.

Do you know anyone who cares for a loved one with Memory Difficulties?

Do you suffer from memory difficulties, or care for someone who does? We gather that opportunities to chat are important. So we hold a coffee morning just for you. On 1st Thursday of every month, 10.30-11.30am in St Margarets Parish Church, Hoddesdon Rd. There’ll be coffee and biscuits and chat, with a bit of well-deserved fun as well (scrabble, planting bulbs in pots, word searches…..!)

On June 2nd we will be decorating boxes.

St Andrew’s Evening Prayer Group

on the 1st Monday each month 7.30pm – 8.30pm
in Wilshere Hall (next to St Andrew’s Church) Just turn up.
Come in and pray for our ministry
You are invited to a concert...
on Sunday 5th June from 3.00pm
in the Vicarage garden
at 25 Hoddesdon Road

St Margaret’s Parish Council and the 3Churches celebrate the Queen’s official birthday. To that end we invite you to come and enjoy Ware Brass.

Ticket price, (cream tea included), is £5 for adults and £2 for 5-11 year olds, available from the churchwardens and Vicarage (numbers on the back of the magazine)

Please bring along your own chair as we have very few!

Come and celebrate!

St Andrew’s have been evolving a new style of worship on the 1st Sunday of every month at 10.15am. Folk said they would like to sing more, so we meet in the Wilshere Hall where it is easier to sing. Everything is on a screen so no juggling with books! (though there are also paper copies for those with poor sight.) There is still a children’s activity table (enjoyed by some parents too!)

Please do come and celebrate with us

Have you just moved in? Or know someone who has?
We provide a pack to welcome people into the Villages. It has information about bin days, doctors, children’s activities…. If you see someone has moved in near you, please ask the Vicarage for a pack for you to give to them, a good way to introduce yourself! They are kept at the Vicarage so we can endeavour to keep them up to date!
Would You Like to Meet
Up with Other Pre-School Children
and their Carers at Tots Time?

Carers of pre-school children (a parent, grandparent or childminder) all are welcome to come along to Wilshere Hall (next to St Andrew’s church)

EVERY FRIDAY 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Children can play while the adults have an opportunity to relax, chat and support each other over a cup of tea or coffee.

FREE (no subscription/ weekly fee)
EVERYONE WELCOME

Madrigals at Amwell Pool
with the Haileybury Madrigal Singers for the 76th Year

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE at 9pm
All donations to go to Isabel Hospice
(The event will be held in church, if weather is poor)

TICTACs
This is a group for secondary school youngsters. We meet once a week in the Wilshere Hall Upper Room for an hour on a Wednesday from 6.30pm. Please do come and give it a try, no commitment to join! Just turn up
Stanstead Abbots ‘Street Party’
To Celebrate
the Queen’s 90th Birthday
Sunday 12th June

In the High Street Car Park
Starting at 3pm singing ‘Happy Birthday’
and finishing at 6pm with the National Anthem

For all Stanstead Abbots residents. Please bring along sandwiches
and cakes for yourselves and to share
Tea and soft drinks for sale at the event (NO alcohol please)
Competition for children dressed as kings or queens
Raffle prizes – proceeds to go to village charities; Helping, Scouts, Evergreens,
re-leading the church windows, defibrillator in the phone box

Regular evening Bible Study and Home Groups

Bible Study Group led by Revd Glyn Howdle held
at 342 Stanstead Road at 7.30pm on alternate
Monday evenings.

Elizabeth Goldsmith (01920 422065) hosts the
Home Group on alternate Tuesdays at 7.30pm in
the Wilshere Hall. Please see the diary for actual meeting dates.

Daytime Study Group

This Study group meets on alternate Friday mornings 11.00am until
12.00pm in St Margaret’s parish church. That means that children can
play in the crèche corner in church while we have coffee and discuss. The
next meeting will be on 24th June. Re却 Donaldson

Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study

The next meeting is on Saturday 4th June
from 8.00am to 9.30am in the Wilshere hall, Cappell Lane.
All men welcome – of any church or none!
For more information please contact the Goldsmiths on 01920 422065.
Dial-a-Ride transports residents living in Stanstead Abbotts to Hoddesdon for shopping trips on the following days:

**Thursdays 1:30pm – 3:00pm**  
**Fridays 10:00am – 11:30am**

Dial-a-ride is a door-to-door transport service for Hertfordshire residents who are aged 75 years and over, or who are registered with a permanent disability, (this includes children). Further details about the Dial-a-ride service, including charges, are available on our website at [www.hertsdirect.org/dialaride](http://www.hertsdirect.org/dialaride)

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### Need Help with a Problem???

Contact the **East Herts Citizens Advice Service**

Temporarily located at the United Reformed Church in Hertford  
**Open:** Mondays and Wednesdays 10am – 2pm or 20 Tudor Square, West Street, Ware SG12 9XF on Tuesdays 10am – 1pm  
**Adviseline telephone service is also available**  
**Monday – Friday 10am-5pm**  
Tel: 03444 111 444  
There are also drop-in sessions in Bishops Stortford, Buntingford and Sawbridgeworth. For details of these, check website [www.ehcas.org.uk](http://www.ehcas.org.uk)

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### Hire the Wilshere Hall

The hall next to St Andrew’s Church is available for both one-off and regular bookings. The ground floor room seats 40 around tables, and up to 70 if tables are not required. It has a well-equipped kitchen area. There are toilets, including disabled, and some parking.  
For bookings contact: Maureen Freeman 01920 870632

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### For help with debt –

**CAP (Christians Against Poverty)**  
**0800 328 0006 (free call)**
You are invited to
Stanstead Bury, Old Hay Barn
from 7.30pm on
Saturday 25th June 2016
Rustic
Midsummer Feast
Local food, local folk.
Booking essential, numbers limited
via email or telephone:
johnniepilk@hotmail.com
Telephone: 07768 720377
ginitrower@btinternet.com
Telephone: 07721 751910
£20 per head
All profits to village charities

Mad Chatters
Mad Chatters was born in November!! We are a group of 30s to 70s. A ‘drop in’ with no commitment, so folk can come and meet new friends. We just chat. It may also be that some within the group decide to go to the theatre together or whatever. So be it. Anyone in the 3 villages is very welcome to join us on the last Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Red Lion restaurant.
We next meet on 27th June
The Queen’s 90th Birthday Events

As stated in our previous editions here is the finalised list of events both locally and in London.

On June 5th the 3churches and St Margarets Parish Council are putting on a concert by Ware Brass in the Vicarage garden from 3pm (see page 4), with tea etc in the interval. Tickets from Churchwardens (numbers on the back page) and the Vicarage, £5 for adults and £2 for 5-11yr olds.

June 10th there is a service of Thanksgiving in St Paul’s, which we will show in St Andrew’s church as we have done with previous special national services. The service starts at 11am, but please join us from 10am when refreshments will be available, and join in the hymns and prayers with those gathered in St Paul’s cathedral.

June 11th is Trooping the Colour in Horseguards Parade

June 12th There is a special street party in the Mall – so Stanstead Abbots is holding a ‘street party’ in the High Street car park, where the playground for the children is. Please note that the car park will be closed all day on 12th June. It will start at 3pm and end at 6pm. It is a Tea Party, so please bring sandwiches and/or cake to share – no alcohol please. There will be tea and soft drinks on sale. And please remember to name any plates etc you want to keep!

- And does anyone know of someone with trestle tables and / or chairs whom we could ask to borrow them for the day, apart from the Scouts and the school?
- Please could volunteers help set up on Sunday morning and to clear up after 6pm.

Please let the Vicarage know on 01920 870115 or vicar@3churches.net

St Margaret’s Parish Church is open throughout the year every Saturday morning for refreshments 10.45am – 12.15pm. Please pop in.
Mini Autumn Garden Show for all the family.
Come to St. John the Baptist Church, Great Amwell, on Saturday, 1st October.
All entries to be submitted between 9.00am - 10.30am

2.00pm – 4.30pm show open to all

Display your fruit, vegetables and flowers.
Family fun, refreshments and competitions.
Listed below is the Category listing; this and the Entry Forms are also available in each church (or from Bryan and Julia Brace on 01992 447845 or bjdbcbrace122@gmail.com or Ann Hardy on 01920 870526/07850 458366 or annhardy@greatamwell.com)

Start growing now!

Categories

1: Flowering Chrysanthemums single heads- 3 Stems
2: Spray Chrysanthemums - 3 Stems
3: Dahlias - 3 Stems
4: Vase Of Mixed Garden Flowers, Leaves & Berries
   - Not Exceeding 18"×18"×18"
5: Pot Plant - Foliage - Pot Not Exceeding 7 " Inside
   (1 year in possession)
6: Runner Beans - 5 with Stalks
7: Potatoes - 3
8: Courgettes - 3
9: Beetroot - 4 with 4” Foliage On
10: Onions - 3
11: Leeks - 3
12: Tomatoes - 3
13: Tomatoes – vine of cherry tomatoes
14: Dessert Apples - 3
15: Cooking Apples - 3
16: Dessert Pears - 4
17: Peppers - 3
18: Basket/ Trug Of Mixed Vegetables
19: Boiled Fruit Cake – (recipe to be provided)

Children's Categories (Age 10 And Under)
20: Miniature Garden - Size Not Exceeding 9”×15”
21: Bunch of Flowers in a Jam Jar
22: Animals made from Fruit and/or Vegetables
23: Edible Necklace

Please return entry forms to Bryan & Julia Brace (01992 447845 / bjbrace122@gmail) or Ann Hardy (01920 870526/07850458366/ Annhardy@greatamwell.com) via the church, or contact them for alternative options, once you know what you will be entering.

Last date for entries is Thursday 29th September
Regular events in the three churches:

TICTACs (Year 7+ students): weekly in term time at 6.30pm on Wednesdays in the Wilshere Hall Upper Room. Phone 01920 870115

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday mornings 9.30am – phone 01920 870580

Monday study group: Alternate weeks 7.30pm. phone 07769 434 997

Tuesday Homegroup: Alternate weeks 7.30pm. phone 01920 422065

Friday study group: Alternate weeks 11.00am phone 01920 870115

Alpha Courses: Enquires - 01920 870115

Crèche: toys and books are at the back of St John’s and St Margarets’ churches and in the tower area at St Andrew’s

Sunday School: (see Diary pages)
- at St Margarets’ every Sunday, 10.30am on 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11.00am on 2nd Sunday (Family Service 10.30am on 4th Sunday)
- at St Johns on 2nd Sundays during the 9.30am service

St. John the Baptist Bellringers: Thursdays 7.30pm-9pm

St. Andrew’s Music Group: one Wednesday each month, 7.30pm in Church

St. John the Baptist Choir Practice: Saturdays 10.00am in Church

St. Margarets’ Church coffee: every Saturday 10.45am – 12.15pm

Church Tots’ Time: Fridays 1.00pm – 3.00pm in Wilshere Hall

Evergreen Club of the Three Villages

A delightful outing in May took us to the Wood Green Animal Centre at Godmanchester. We were greeted by Fiona and Christina who told us about the setting up of the charity and then we were set free to explore the restaurant and the animal homes!

The complex is very big and we were impressed with the number of people there caring for the various animals. I must admit that I saw very few animals - most were having their after-lunch snooze!

The weather was good and we were able to make very good use of the two wheelchairs (purchased with the grant from East Herts District Council). If they had not been available, some of our older members would have not been able to come on this outing as the Centre is so large and spread out. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

We are looking forward to our own celebration of the Queen’s birthday with a barbeque and tea, and music and entertainment in the beautiful garden of Mrs Vicky Burt. We are inviting friends to celebrate with us, on Monday 13th June at 1.30pm - note the earlier start time because of the barbeque.

Our next outing is to Clacton on June 27th - leaving Stanstead Abbotts at 10am and leaving for home at 4pm. All bookings are to be made with Rosemary Imroth, 01920 424140 - r.imroth@ntlworld.com. Price not yet finalized

Rosemary Imroth
News from the Wider Church

A photographer who devoted a year of his life to documenting the ministry of a Church of England priest has spoken of how the experience changed his life – and drew him back to his Christian faith and regular church going.

Jim Grover said photographing Rev Kit Gunasekera, a priest in Clapham, south London, had been ‘the most incredible experience’ and had shone a light on the ‘amazing’ unseen ministry of Church of England clergy.

“I learned about what it takes to be a minister – I find ministry now an inspiring thing – I think what I call the ‘foot soldiers’, what the local parish priests do in their communities day in, day out, is remarkable,” he said. “Whilst at the top of the church there are a whole series of very big issues being wrestled with, out in the parishes, on the ground, ministers are going about their days doing amazing things for the people they connect with.”

The project, called Of Things Not Seen, was aimed at showing the ‘unseen’ ministry of CofE clergy beyond Sunday services, baptisms, weddings and funerals. They show Rev Kit at home, in his church and caring for people in the wider community.

Some people said how viewing the photographs had made them rethink their own relationship with their faith and the church, he said.

Speaking about the ‘unexpected, unintended and wonderful’ impact of the project on his own life, Mr Grover, a former Group Strategy Director with the company Diageo, said he had moved from being a ‘classic Christmas day church goer’, to recommitting to his faith and becoming a regular church goer. “I had a very busy work life, I used to run round the world a lot, so weekends were very precious… My faith and the church weren’t a big part of my life for a long time – it wasn’t a deliberate move away from it, but it took a back seat while other things were more important,” he said. “Now that has completely changed. I really love going to church and learning more about God and faith and spending time with Kit’s parishioners. My Sundays are now completely changed from what they were. “Every Sunday you will find me at church and other times too. I am on the PCC – I am completely recommitted to church both as a churchgoer and a believer with faith, as well as someone trying to help Kit’s Church as much as I can, on the sort of agenda items that churches face.”

You can find out more about the project as well as view the photos at www.ofthingsnotseen.com
St Elizabeth’s
Summer Fayre

Saturday 25th June
12 noon – 4.00pm
At our Perry Green address, Much Hadham, SG10 6EW

Family Fun, Animal Petting & Live Music, BBQ & Afternoon Tea

For further details please do not hesitate to contact the Fundraising team on 01279 844355 or email: fundraising@stelizabeths.org.uk
Charity number 1068661

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**Food Bank Collection**

We have a collection for the Food Bank in Hertford. They would like dry foods of all sorts, long-life liquids, and tinned foods – that will help people who are sent there by Social Services, CAB etc, when they cannot afford to feed their family until the next cheque comes in. They also need toiletries, washing-up liquid etc. Please put your contributions in the box in Burtons or in the churches, and we will take the contents to Hertford.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. People are being really generous. Please keep it coming as help is still needed in these particularly trying financial times.

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**Historic St James’ church, Roydon Road now has a website**

If you have ever wanted to know more about St. James's, why not visit the website [www.stjamesoldchurch.org.uk](http://www.stjamesoldchurch.org.uk). On the website you can learn more about the church's history, confirm service times and check out forthcoming events.
Stanstead Abbotts Local History Society

Annual General Meeting on May 13:- Chairman’s Report → Financial Account for the year (very good; well in the black) → Election of Chair and Committee (unanimous). All over in half hour. Now for the wine, nibbles and refreshments. That’s the way to run an AGM, said one member! Seriously, we are very grateful for the on-going support from all our members. The membership number remains constant at just over 100; average attendances are about 55, and besides our excellent speakers, we’ve also arranged for some very interesting outside visits (with another one coming up soon – see below).

A familiar guest, Stephen Ruff, (Buntingford Line), rounded off our AGM. He had inherited a box of slides (‘A Mixed Bag’) of local places and he elicited help from the audience in placing them as they were shown on the screen. Great fun – and some bewilderment as to when and where some were taken!

Our next visit will be to the unique, Scott’s Grotto in Ware on June 22nd at 7.30. One of our localities’ hidden gems. Very atmospheric - and a dream of a place to spend a midsummer’s evening! Numbers have to be limited and so your opportunity to sign up for this visit will be at our next monthly meeting.

This will be on June 10th at 7.30 about a local ‘bad-lad’; the infamous Dick Turpin and his Essex Gang (where else?!) This talk will be given by Stephen Poulter. We look forward to seeing you there.

SALHS is keen to share its ever-growing knowledge and awareness of local history. This has included giving talks at our local junior school, St Andrews and at other local history societies. Additionally, we are engaged in plans to erect a Stanstead Abbotts Display Board somewhere along our village High St (we’ve already placed one in the railway station’s booking hall). Our greatest vision, however, is to set up a village museum. We dream on!

As always: please don’t forget to check out – and maybe add to – our website: www.salhs.org.uk

Bob Hunt

Card making classes

Card-making classes are in the Wilshere Hall, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month from 1.00-4.00pm.

All materials are provided and whatever you create is yours to take home with you. Come and give it a try.

For further information please contact Janet Dance on 01920 871262.
St John’s Church, Great Amwell
Afternoon Teas
Sunday afternoons 3pm – 5pm, throughout the summer from 19th June to 18th September, call Julia Brace on 01992 447845 for any further information.

HANGING BASKET COMPETITION

There are so many beautiful baskets and containers in the parishes. How about entering them for a competition.

We are fortunate to have Nigel Copping, our local garden expert, to judge our competition.

We will visit you during 25th – 26th June with our judge and take a photograph of your entry (one entry per household).

An exhibition of the photographs will be displayed and the prizewinners will be announced at St Margarets Parish Church, Hoddesdon Road on Saturday 2nd July, 2016 at 3pm (The church will be open from 2-4pm)

If you would like to take part please email your name, address and contact number to StMSM@yahoo.com

THE MEADOW - Community morning
10am-12noon on Sunday 26th June
planting wildflower seeds / clearing nettles
Come and join us
For more information please contact ginitrower@btinternet.com or 01279 793171
St. George is the Patron Saint of Scouting so term started with the entire Scout Group taking part in the 1,000+ strong District Scouts and Guides, St. George’s Parade through Ware. During the celebrations we were once again announced as the winners of the Peter Geer Competition for “participation”; as over the last year our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had participated the most in certain District run events. It’s the 5th year in a row we’ve won this award, and it’s great to see our girls and boys being so keen to take part in so many Scouting activities.

Our Forest Beavers have been getting on their bikes for their Cyclist Badge; learning how to look after them and how to ride safely.

Our Panther Cubs have been celebrating winning the District ‘Go Karting’ Competition, with our Jaguar Pack coming a brilliant 4th place out of the 13 Packs taking part. Our girls and boys pushed each other around the course showing some great teamwork and lots of determination.

Earlier in April our Panther Pack Cubs also took a wonderful day trip to Colchester Zoo, where they met some fantastic animals before returning to HQ for a St George’s themed sleepover.

The Scouts meanwhile enjoyed a fantastic Survival and Navigation camp in some local woods, making fires, foraging for food, building shelters and demonstrating their newly learnt navigation skills.

Then back at HQ the Scouts found themselves making Sushi, and learning to introduce themselves in as many languages as they could for their International Activity Badges. It’s been a busy month for everyone.

www.stansteadabbottsscouts.org.uk

Fiona McKenzie-Smith
Upcoming Isabel Hospice Events

**JUNE**

**Saturday 11th - Dragon Boat Regatta, Sacred Heart School, Broadmeads, Ware: 11.00am**
Have you got what it takes? The Hertford Shires Rotary Club are hosting a Dragon Boat Regatta race on Saturday 11th June in Ware. Isabel Hospice is one of the charities to benefit from this fundraising event! For entry details contact Philip Walter on 01920 420045.

**Friday 17th - Madrigals at Amwell Pool, Great Amwell, near Ware: 9.00pm**
This wonderfully atmospheric free concert by the Haileybury Madrigal Society is now in it's 76th year. The location is magical and the music matches. Please join us, and give generously to the collection, which is in aid of Isabel Hospice.

**Saturday 18th – Garden of Memories, Van Hage, Great Amwell: 3.00pm**
You are invited to join us to remember your loved ones and reflect on the happy memories you shared. The symbol of the Garden of Memories ceremony is the sunflower. Sunflowers remind us of happiness and love, always turning to the sun. Please join us for this short uplifting ceremony which will include poems and songs. Upon receipt of your donation, there will be a sunflower icon at the ceremony, ready for you to collect on the day, write the name of your loved one on it, and place in the Garden of Memories. Every donation you make in the name of a loved one, helps us to continue to provide care for others. Did you know that £27 could pay for one hour of specialist nursing? The Garden of Memories is a symbolic display available for viewing on 18th June only, during the ceremony itself. After the ceremony you can take your sunflower home with you.
Make your dedication at [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk) or 01707 382500.

**Sunday 26th - NGS Open Gardens, teas for Isabel Hospice, Michael’s Folly, Epping Green, Hertford: 2.00pm-5.00pm**
Something different! Forget your busy life and enter this atmospheric naturalistic garden. Meander the woodland walk and visit the earth labyrinth. Sit and reflect by the large natural pond and enjoy the abundant organic kitchen garden. Interesting structures abound; a straw bale studio for yoga and dance and a Mongolian Yurt where tea will be served. Admission £3.50 (not in aid of the Hospice), children free. Home-made teas on sale in aid of the Hospice.
Saturday 10th September 10am – 6pm

The Bike’n’Hike is a fundraising event organised by the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. The idea is to raise money for both the Trust and the participating churches. Half of every cyclist’s and walker’s sponsor money goes to the Trust and half to the church of their choice. Consequently, the more cyclists and walkers who take part, then the greater the direct benefit to that church.

There is also an indirect benefit, because the more funds raised for the Trust, the more it will be able to offer as grants in support of church repair projects across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

Last year the whole event raised £106,465.09 in sponsorship and gift aid. To enter and support your local participating churches, get your sponsor pack from bikenhike@bedshertshct.org.uk or 01767 312966.

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St James’ Church, Roydon Road
Open Sundays

St James Church will be open for visitors on Sunday afternoons 2.30pm to 5.00pm, from 5th June through to 25th September.

Come and look round this beautiful historic church, but sorry – no teas, as there is no electricity or water supply!

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Local Weekly Walk; Please Come and Join Us

We are trying to spread the word in the local community (especially now the weather is improving) about a weekly led walk from Your Town in Fawkon Walk, Hoddesdon. The walk is led by a qualified leader and takes place every Monday at 9.30am from ‘Your Town’ for about 45 minutes. It usually starts with a walk up to Barclay Park, then takes different routes from there. It is suitable for all (buggy and dog friendly) and it is free. “Your Town” is a community hub in Hoddesdon and the walk is for people to get out, get some fresh air and meet others from the town. It is also a great way for those new to the area, or those who feel isolated, to be able to get out and meet other people. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the weekly walk.

Lucy Kennedy - 07957 860268