

# Helpful Information and Contacts

## June 2019 Villages Magazine

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## **Need a lift to a hospital appointment or a visit??**

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: 07986 014452 between 9am and 6pm (except in an emergency) We'll do our best to help**

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## **Need Help with a Problem???**

Contact the **East Herts Citizens Advice Service**  
Council Office, Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford SG13 8EQ  
Open: Mondays Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am – 2pm  
**Adviceline telephone service is also available**  
**Monday – Friday 10am-4pm** Tel: 03444 111 444

Also sessions in Ware, Bishops Stortford, Buntingford, Sawbridgeworth.  
For details of these and online advice, go to [www.ehcas.org.uk](http://www.ehcas.org.uk)

## **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 on 01920 870632.



## **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 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!



## **Regular Clubs, Groups and Meetings** **in the three villages**

**Saturday Coffee:** St Margaret's Church every Saturday, 10.30am - noon

**Lunch for Charity** of host's choice: 1pm 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday every month (see p.3)

**Stanstead Abbots Brownies:** Mondays 5.45pm-7pm (Wilshere Hall, Cappell Lane Stanstead Abbots) – for girls aged 7 to 10 years.

Guider in charge: Helen Payne 01920 462676

**1st Stanstead Abbots Guides:** Monday 7.30-8.45pm (Wilshere Hall also) - for girls aged 10-14. Please contact [1stsaguides@gmail.com](mailto:1stsaguides@gmail.com).

**Beaver Scouts:** Boys and girls aged 6 to 8 year olds

**Cub Scouts:** Boys and girls aged 8 to 10 ½ year olds

**Scouts:** Boys and girls 10 ½ to 14 year olds

**Great Amwell Scout Group:** (Scout HQ, London Road, Ware)  
[www.greatamwellscouts.org.uk](http://www.greatamwellscouts.org.uk). Group Scout Leader – Julie Greaves  
[gsl@greatamwellscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@greatamwellscouts.org.uk) or 0845 6344183

**1<sup>st</sup> Stanstead Abbots & St. Margarets Scout Group:**

(Scout H.Q., Marsh Lane, Stanstead Abbots: [www.StansteadAbbottsScouts.org.uk](http://www.StansteadAbbottsScouts.org.uk))

Group Scout Leader: Paul Stretch 01920 320100

**Bingo for the over 60's:** Every Friday 2.30pm – 4.00pm in Folly View Community Centre. New players welcome, just turn up.

**Evergreen Club:** Every Monday afternoon 2-4pm in the Stanstead Abbots Parish Hall. Transport can be arranged. Contacts: 01920 424140

**Carpet Bowls:** 7.30pm Tuesdays in the Parish Hall, Great Amwell and every Monday in Stanstead Abbots Parish Hall (not during the summer months)

**Great Amwell Women's Club:** Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm – 10.00pm in the Parish Hall, Great Amwell. Club Secretary: Dulcie Fordham, Contact number for enquiries: 01920 466689 (Christine)

**Herts Wheelers (cycling club):-** Weekly Sunday club rides for various abilities normally starting in Ware. Contact [membership@herts-wheelers.org.uk](mailto:membership@herts-wheelers.org.uk)

**Amwell Society:** Quarterly talks in Parish Hall, Great Amwell, as well as theatre trips, walks and other activities locally. For details contact William Brown 01920 872450 (Chair)

**Stanstead Abbots Local History Society:** Chairman; Bob Hunt. Regular meetings about the history of our locality for both members and non-members. Details of events on the website: [www.salhs.org.uk](http://www.salhs.org.uk). For details of membership contact: [admin@salhs.org.uk](mailto:admin@salhs.org.uk).

**St Margaretsbury Tennis Club:** A friendly club with social sessions on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday mornings, plus a juniors section, coaching available, and opportunity to play match tennis in local leagues. Details from [secretary@stmargaretsburytennis.co.uk](mailto:secretary@stmargaretsburytennis.co.uk) or come along to a social morning.

# Lunches for Charities in Wilshere Hall at 1pm

## April lunch raised £90 for Herts Rape Crisis Centre.

### **Thursday 2nd May for Herts and Essex Air Ambulance**

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance is not part of the NHS and receives limited Government funding. They are a Charity and rely on the money we donate. The public's support provides a free life-saving Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) for the critically ill and injured of Essex, Hertfordshire and surrounding areas. Their Pre-hospital Care Doctors and Critical Care Paramedics provide advanced medical care on-site that is normally only found in the Emergency Department. Once stabilised, patients are rushed to the most appropriate hospital for their needs. This early intervention makes a dramatic difference to each patient's survival.



Throughout the year there are many imaginative and exciting fundraising opportunities for you to take part in: for more information look at their website [www.ehaat.org](http://www.ehaat.org)

**World Vision®**



### **Thursday 6th June for World Vision**

World Vision believes that by working together with children, their communities, and our supporters and partners – in almost 100 countries – the lives of the world's most

vulnerable children can be transformed.

Their experience since 1950 has shown that by bringing together people – of all faiths and none – they can improve children's health, education, water, protection and sources of family income to build brighter futures.

They do this through their unique community-involvement model, understanding the particular needs in each context, as well as children's physical, emotional and intellectual needs, so they can reach their full potential. Their integrated approach means that, children's situations can be transformed – whether in an emergency, through long-term development or by local, national or international advocacy.

As a Christian organisation they aspire to reflect God's unconditional love in everything they do. 82% of all donations go directly to charitable activities and 18% is invested in fundraising, meaning that in 2018 the lives of 2 million children were transformed with donations from the UK.

# You are invited to a concert...

## on Sunday 9th June from

### 3.00pm-5.00pm

in the Vicarage garden

at 25 Hoddesdon Road, SG12 8EG



Please join us on this summer's afternoon and enjoy the varied repertoire of music played by

Ware Brass. **Ticket price, (cream tea included), £8 for adults and £2 for 5-11 year olds, available from Janet Dance (Churchwarden) and Vicarage**

(numbers on the back of the magazine)



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

## Evergreen Club of the Three Villages



We meet every Monday 2pm – 4pm in The Parish hall, Roydon Road, Stanstead Abbots (not Bank holidays). We recently had a trip to Thriplow to see the wonderful display of daffodils, then on to Scotsdale Nursery. They have a very good plant, shrub, tree section and a large shop selling birthday cards to rat poison.

Our next trip is to Jordans Mill, Biggleswade on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, a beautiful garden and Mill to explore followed by a cream tea. Please contact me or Rosemary Imroth, 01920 424141 if you would like to join us. Ann Hardy 01920 870526:

A nice tea and good company, costs £1 each time you come to the hall meetings.

## The Post office is closed until 16<sup>th</sup> May

Due to the refurbishment of the Co-op on the High Street, many of you will be aware that it is currently closed, which obviously includes the Post Office facility. If you still require access to a Post Office during this period, please contact **Careline on 07986 014452** as we have extra drivers willing to take people to either the Roydon or Stanstead Road Post Offices. But apologies they are not able to assist with food shopping transport.

## Beating the bounds of Stanstead Abbots!

This is a traditional activity at Rogationtide - **19<sup>th</sup> May**. It used to be so that people knew where the parish boundary was for benefits purposes! Since then it has become an opportunity to pray for the agriculture and businesses within the parish. Stanstead Abbots boundary is beautiful so well worth the walk. If you feel you cannot do the complete walk Anne will be providing lifts home from various points.

We start with a Celebration service in St James church at **10.15am** (craft for the children), and the walk will begin about **11.00am** Please just turn up and stay for as long as you wish!

## 'Death Café'



When I was asked to organise this I said 'What is that?!' It turns out to be very fashionable in London and various other cities! (There are 1,622 in UK and more than 7,000 around the world) Apparently people want to talk about aspects of death as it's not a topic of usual conversation nowadays. The Death Café movement says 'Our objective is 'to increase

awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives'. It is a discussion Café, not a counselling session

So we have started one in the Village Café. We had a lovely group at the first and a good chat. The next is on **May 23rd at 6.30pm – 8.00pm**, and every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday as long as it proves helpful. And one for folk more able to come in the afternoon on **9th May at 2.30pm – 4.00pm**, also in the Café.

Tea and coffee available, and free cake!

If you want to have an opportunity to discuss things about death, dying, funerals etc then just drop in during that time. There will be cards with discussion starters on each table to help the conversation get going (yes, they even produce 'Grave Talk' cards!)

There will not be a speaker each time (though we may organise eg a talk about wills by a solicitor if that is asked for) but there will usually be a (retired) palliative care nurse, someone who has supported her husband as he died and can also talk about bereavement, and myself, to answer any questions as best we can.

Just drop in any time and we'll see how it goes.

*Anne (Rev'd)*

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For help with debt –  
**CAP (Christians Against Poverty)**  
**0800 328 0006 (free call)**

# Stanstead Abbotts Local History Society

This month sees one of the “biggies” in the SALHS annual programme. It's our **Annual General Meeting** which will be held on **Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30** in the Parish Hall. We're aware that some AGMs can be a bit stodgy - but not ours! We'll get the necessary formalities over with as soon as we can so that we can get on with the refreshments including cheese and wine.

This is followed by a presentation from two of our committee members, Gerald Coppen and “Dick” Dixon Their talk will be on “Seventy years of the changing face of Stanstead Abbotts High Street” Both Gerald and Dick grew up in our village, attended its school and worked locally so they are the experts! The High Street has altered so much that you'll be astonished at what they'll be sharing on this vital artery of our village's life.

Another item that will be on the agenda for the AGM is - YOU! We want SALHS to provide a permanent legacy of our antiquity which includes *recent* history as well as annals from the distant past. And we need YOU to help us do that. For instance, we need first-hand accounts of the large-scale paint and oil works that existed where Laurence Avenue now stands. Did you work there or have a relative who did? Do you recall the factory hooters that used to announce lunch time and home time? If so could you write about it for our website? Or we could come and visit you to make an audio recording if you preferred.

And how about Bell and Webster's in Netherfield Lane - a very big employer in its time - what can you tell us about that? Or the various abattoirs and butchers' businesses or bakeries - what do you know about them?

We are concerned that so much of our more recent past may be lost as villagers pass away so we would be very keen in helping you, *in any way*, to record your knowledge of our village's past. Just let us know at the AGM. Thank you.

Our June speaker, **Amy Lewis**, will be tackling just such a recent part of our history - the development of the Lea Valley Park. That's on **June 14<sup>th</sup>**

And, as always, let me urge you to visit our website at [www.salhs.org.uk](http://www.salhs.org.uk)

*Bob Hunt (Chair and PR)*

## The Meadow, Stanstead Abbotts

Our next volunteer session in the Meadow will be on **Saturday 8th June** between **10am and 12noon**.

We need to remove the soil and plants from the raised beds and fill them up with new plants. We would love any villagers to bring cuttings or plants.

Hope to see you there. For more information please contact [juliadavies890@btinternet.com](mailto:juliadavies890@btinternet.com) or [ginitrower@btinternet.com](mailto:ginitrower@btinternet.com)



please contact

## JUST FRIENDS

We meet each week of the month on a cycle at different venues: **Week 1**

**Thursday Afternoon Tea** - at the at 2.30pm at

Village Cafe, High Street, Stanstead Abbots, SG12 8AS; (2nd May)

**Week 2 Wednesday Coffee Morning** at the Parish Centre, Sacred Heart, Ware at 10.30am, (8th May).

**Week 3 Tuesday Lunch** at the Beefeater in Ware at 12.30pm (14th May) to book a place contact Mary Hallett 01920 870527.

**Week 4 Wednesday Coffee** in Van Hages at 11am, (22nd May). We sometimes have outings and visits to the cinema, theatre etc. For more information contact Judy Heilpern Brown 01920 871743.

Don't forget anyone of any age who is widowed or divorced or separated is welcome at any of our meetings.



## Dementia-Friendly Film Screenings

Hertford Theatre now hold special monthly Film Screenings designed for those living with dementia and memory loss and their friends, families and carers, but anyone is welcome to attend, especially those who may benefit from a more relaxed environment at the cinema.

There will be no adverts or trailers and the lighting will be slightly raised throughout the screening. Ticket price is £5 with one carer free, who will be responsible for the people they accompany to the film, it also includes a free pre-film cup of tea or coffee and biscuits.

The 1.30pm screenings coming up are:

**22<sup>nd</sup> May: The Dam Busters** and **19<sup>th</sup> June: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof**

Bookings in advance can be done online at [www.hertfordtheatre.com](http://www.hertfordtheatre.com) or by calling the box office on 01992 531500.

## Memory Café at Willowthorpe

**A FREE Event held on the first Tuesday of each month**

**2.30pm - 4pm.**

**At Willowthorpe, High Street, SG12 8AS**



**This is aimed at people who live with Dementia, as well as their families and carers.**

**A chance to meet others in the same position in a relaxed environment.**

# 1st Stanstead Abbots & St Margaret's Scout Group



The spring term ended only after all our girls and boys and our team of adult volunteers had packed in a huge number of very varied activities over the previous few weeks. For example:



Jaguar Cub Pack visited Willowthorpe Care Home with a "mission to entertain": There was magic, karate, gymnastics, jokes, poems, rock guitar, shadow puppets and tap dancing! We hope the residents enjoyed watching all the Cub's perform.

Our Woodland Beavers, meanwhile, designed and built catapults for our Colony competition and on another night, some of their older girls and boys headed out litter picking on Marsh Lane and picked up a whole bin liner's worth of litter.



The power and heights that the Scouts' rockets reached, amazed everyone watching, as they completed their Astronautics Activity Badge at the final rocket launching sessions. (Videos on the website)



We hope you were able to join us to watch all our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts parade through Ware on Sunday 28th April 2019 to celebrate St George's Day, our patron saint, along with all the Scout Groups in the District. As always, it was a fantastic sight for the huge crowds lining Ware High Street with over 1,000 young people and adult volunteers parading to The Priory and then renewing their Scouting and Girl Guiding promises accordingly.

We're all looking forward to the lighter evenings and sunny weekends this term, so you can expect to see everyone out and about in our local area on trips, visits and taking part in lots of outdoor activities. To find out more about what our young people do, how to join or volunteer, please visit [StansteadAbbottsScouts.org.uk](http://StansteadAbbottsScouts.org.uk)

*Fiona McKenzie-Smith*



## **ANY ONE FOR TENNIS? (well any lady really!)**



We play at St Margaretsbury Recreation Ground on a Monday morning from 10am to 11.30am and we desperately need more players.



### **Would you like to join us?**

The 3 courts are a suntrap and playing tennis is an excellent way to start the week.

Just come along or ring 01920 871232 for a chat.

We look forward to seeing you.



## **Would you be willing to ‘volunteer’ at St James’ Summer Open afternoons?**

St James is open on Sundays from June to September, 2.30pm – 5.00pm. It is ideal to have someone there to welcome visitors. Those who take part in that rota say it provides a lovely quiet afternoon. Take a book if you like, and maybe something to drink (there is no water supply there)

If you would be willing to be on the rota please contact Suzy Richardson 01920 870651, 07783 968204



## **Food Bank Collection**

We collect for the local Food Bank in Hertford. They would like dry foods of all sorts, long-life liquids, and tinned foods – they help people who are sent by Social Services, CAB etc, when they cannot afford to feed their family until the next cheque comes in. At the moment they particularly need special Christmas food treats and toiletries. Please put your contributions in the box in the Co-op or in the churches, and we will then take the contents to Hertford.



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

# Stanstead Abbots Parish Council News

All are welcome to attend this year's Stanstead Abbots Parish Meeting at 7.15 in the Parish Hall on **May 9th**. We shall have a panel to discuss the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and issues that have been raised in our consultation. We shall also have an opportunity for parishioners at the meeting to question Richard Neville Greater Anglia's Community and Customer Engagement Manager. It would be helpful to have questions in advance - if you have one please contact the Chairman of the Parish Council, Julia Davies on [juliadavies890@btinternet.com](mailto:juliadavies890@btinternet.com). Come and find out about plans for our trains.

## STANSTEAD ABBOTTS CEILIDH SOCIETY

At the Parish Hall, Roydon Road, Stanstead Abbots

**On Sunday 19th May,**  
**Doors open 6.30pm for 7.00pm**  
**HUNTER MUSKETT in CONCERT**  
([www.huntermuskett.com](http://www.huntermuskett.com))

All tickets £7 in advance (£9 on the door)  
Phone 01920 877588 or 01920 870558, for  
Tickets and enquiries.  
Also available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)



Soft drinks and snacks available - bring your own alcohol

**BRINGING LIVE MUSIC TO STANSTEAD ABBOTTS**

### REUNION OF ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Another reunion will be held this year for Great Amwell pupils circa 1945-1955 on Wednesday June 5th 2019.

We will be meeting at George IV Pub 11.30am-12noon, St John's church will be open for us too from noon until 1.00pm

The back room at the Pub has been booked for us to have lunch, and the inevitable catch up!

Please contact Jennifer on 01438 358404 for more details.

Do pass the word round, we always have such fun!

# **Broxbourne: We Will Remember Them**

## **CAN YOU HELP?!**

**Do you have any objects from, or stories about, the First World War? If so, Lowewood Museum would like to hear from you...**

We are trying to find out more about the individual soldiers whose names feature on the Broxbourne memorials of the First World War.

Do you know anyone who died fighting in the Great War? Perhaps you have stories or some memorabilia from a grandad or great uncle? Maybe you have a postcard sent from the front, or a medal received?

**We want to hear your stories!** Please come along to our community sharing day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May between 11am – 4pm at Lowewood Museum, High St, Hoddesdon, EN11 8BH.

Do bring any relevant artefacts with you. In return we can offer you free refreshment and an exhibition inspired by embroidered postcards from the First World War!

For further information please call Lowewood museum on 01992 445596, or email Helen at [hpalmer@eppingforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:hpalmer@eppingforestdc.gov.uk)

## **Stanstead Abbots Online**

[www.stanstead-abbots-online.co.uk](http://www.stanstead-abbots-online.co.uk)

**The best online resource for the village of Stanstead Abbots**, with news and wide-ranging information on the amenities, events, activities and businesses within the village.

Regularly updated. Take a look and add it to your favourites!

## **Graeme Bowie Designs**

### **Architectural and planning consultants**

We are a new company to the area and would like to introduce ourselves. The company specialises in residential architectural designs i.e. bespoke “one off” house designs, large and small extensions, barn, loft and garage conversions, refurbishments and internal alterations, new outbuildings i.e. garages, games rooms, home offices, pool rooms.

We have extensive knowledge of all the different types of planning applications and listed building & conservation area applications.

Plus a full understanding of the building regulations & what is required for a successful building regulations application.

Please feel free to ring for a chat, or to arrange a no obligation site visit

– 01920 872784 – 07970 377024 – [graeme@graemebowiedesigns.co.uk](mailto:graeme@graemebowiedesigns.co.uk)



**UPCOMING EVENTS: For more details on any events below please look at their website – [www.isabelhospice.org.uk](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk)**

## **MAY**

**Thursday 2nd – Ron Coleman Memorial Golf Day, Panshanger Golf Club, Old Hern Lane, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 2ED**

A great day of golf and hospitality in the recently refurbished 'The View'! A great day of golf in aid of Isabel Hospice on this lovely course. Teams of 4 cost £350 to include bacon rolls on arrival and two course lunch. For all booking enquiries contact Suzanne Coleman 01438 798869 or Barbara Doherty 01279 842140.

**Friday 3rd - Quiz Night at Isabel Community Hub, Hall Grove, Welwyn Garden City AL7 4PH: 7pm – 10pm**

Get your team together and use your brain power Friday 3rd May at our Living Well with Isabel Community Hub! We ask that you arrive at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. •Teams of 6 – 8 •Entry £15 per person (which includes delicious Fish & Chips!) •Bring your own drinks.

•Bring cash for a super raffle on the night. We can't wait to see you there! In support of Isabel Hospice – call 01707 382544 to join.

**Saturday 18th - Jumble Sale in aid of Isabel Hospice, Thundridge Village Hall, Ermine Street, SG12 0SU: 2pm**

Adult Cost: 50p Child Cost: 50p

**Sunday 26th - James's Family Fun Run/Walk, Haileybury College, Hertford Heath, SG13 7NU: 10.30am**

Come along to this fun run held in-memory of James Hamm. Emma and Mario Hamm said "This is the 5th fun run we will hold in-memory of our son James, we will be remembering James' 12th birthday and we will be raising money for Isabel Hospice, who have given us so much support and counselling especially our son Daniel. The race 1 km, 2.5km or 5km, is open to all ages and abilities and can be walked, jogged or run as preferred. No entry fee required. There will be a refreshment stall raising money for the hospice and donations are welcomed". To register please email Mario or Emma Hamm on [mario.hamm@btinternet.com](mailto:mario.hamm@btinternet.com) or [emma.hamm@btinternet.com](mailto:emma.hamm@btinternet.com)

Marshals also needed! Can you volunteer for a couple of hours? We are looking for willing helpers to help marshal this very special fun run. Marshals are needed from 9.15am, to help point the runners in the right direction and cheer them on, of course! Feel free to bring along a garden chair. The Hamm family would love to see you there, so if you can offer your help, please contact Isabel Hospice Fundraising on 01707 382536.

# AMWELL SOCIETY

On March 29th our meeting was devoted to a social occasion – eating and chatting. Christine Brown had devised a competition for people to bring and taste and also judge puddings. The theme “Let them eat cake” being a reference to matters European beyond our control but happening on this day. Christine and William provided some excellent cheesy nibbles and wine prior to the dessert tasting. We were able to try a variety of meringues, - pavlovas with fruit and lemon meringue pie, trifle, chocolate brownies and a rhubarb and ginger confection. Discussion throughout the evening was lively and very pleasant but a topic whose name begins with B and has six letters was strictly banned for the evening. After the stresses and strains of all that tasting, it was decided not to single out one pudding for an accolade as they were all pronounced delicious.

Our next meeting will be Friday June 28th. Details to be announced.

*Diana Matthews*



**Join us at Hertford County Yacht Club  
and try sailing for free on  
Saturday 18th May 2019, 10:30am to 15:30pm**



Sail around our lovely lake, experiencing the joy of wind and water with some of our experienced sailors. Try lots of different boats and maybe have a go yourself, in one of our single-handed dinghies.

Watch the action from our lakeside garden and enjoy hot and cold drinks and home-made cakes, at very reasonable prices.

We will provide buoyancy aids and all you need are trainers and for the adventurous, spare clothes, just in case!

If you really like it, we will talk to you about RYA accredited training courses, joining our friendly club and becoming a regular sailor.

Please note under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

**Hertford County Yacht Club, Marsh Lane, Stanstead Abbots SG12 8H**

**For more information, please see our website: [www.hcyc.co.uk](http://www.hcyc.co.uk)**

## **Card making classes**

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



## Open Gardens in support of British Red Cross

We have an array of lovely gardens opening in Hertfordshire between May and September. Pick up a brochure from libraries, tourist info centres or contact Cathy Curtis directly who will be delighted to post one to you. You can also view the open gardens on [www.redcross.org.uk/opengardens](http://www.redcross.org.uk/opengardens) Maybe you have lovely garden that you might like to open for the Red Cross next year. Garden owners find it very rewarding seeing others appreciate their efforts. Do call Cathy for a chat. 01992 585969 [ccurtis@redcross.org.uk](mailto:ccurtis@redcross.org.uk).



## Have You Heard About Our Charity?



special days for seriously ill young adults

Each day is a life-affirming experience that can lift spirits, reunify families and be a source of strength when it's needed most. To date, Willow has provided more than 16,000 Special Days for young adults diagnosed with a life-threatening condition such as cancer, motor neurone disease, cystic fibrosis and Huntington's disease.

For more information on fundraising for Willow, visit <https://www.willowfoundation.org.uk/support-willow/fundraising>.



## Take Time for Friends. Take Time for Family. Take Time for Special Days this June with Willow.

Take Time for Tea is the perfect way to take some time and create memories over a slice of something nice. By enjoying a tasty treat you will be helping to create more smiles in 2019 for seriously ill young adults experiencing the darkest of times.

Whether it's at home with friends and family, at one of your community group meetings or at work with colleagues, your fundraising will enable Willow to continue to support 16 to 40 year olds across the UK.

For more information or to sign up visit [willowfoundation.org.uk/tea](http://willowfoundation.org.uk/tea) or call 01707 259 777.

**From the Vicar**  
**Revd Anne Donaldson**



Chatting with a group of folk the other day I was told that they think highly of the church and what we do (I am amazed at the number of activities and groups our members are involved with!) and know we are there when they need us, but they are not interested at the moment.

Part of me thought how nice that they didn't feel a need for help at the moment, but the other part of me was thinking 'but God is there for you whether you feel you need Him or not'.

And I find He is a great help to celebrate things, and to enjoy day to day life, as well as a great help in difficulties.

We are still in Eastertide when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the new life He gives to those who accept Him. Can I suggest that you take the opportunity of the season and give Him a go, whether you are going through a good time or a difficult one? The Psalmist wrote a song that says 'O taste and see that the Lord is good'. Give Him a chance and see what happens – I can guarantee you that nothing bad or nasty will happen, He loves you too much to do that! And I hope you will indeed find that He is good, and helps you through good and bad.

I was leading a good and happy life in my 20s when I gave Him a go, and it made such a difference. It was like going from black and white TV/film to colour – the content of my life was much the same, but had a whole new dimension. Knowing Jesus has continued to make such a difference throughout the years. It really was new life. (And all for free, no cost to me, because He has paid the cost for me on the cross)

You have probably heard all this before, but I just long that you might find the love, peace and joy that only Jesus can give. It makes such a difference to my life and hope it will to yours - if you haven't already found it. If you have already found it then Eastertide is a good time to ask for a top-up – we could always do with more, and He has so much more to give.

Just in case you haven't found it, then how might you set about finding Jesus? You don't have to do much or go far because He is already with you. Just chat to Him. If you like, tell Him that you aren't sure whether He is real or not – He won't be offended, He knows you so well that He knows how you feel already! Tell Him all your feelings and what you are looking for at the moment. Just chat like you would to a friend – one who will hopefully become your best friend ever.

*Anne*

# Church News

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

## From Local Church Registers

### We Welcomed

Alfie O'Brien

17th March (St Margarets')

### We Baptised

George Stebbing

31st March (St Margarets')

### We offer our condolences to the families and friends of

Mavis Silipigni

formerly of Roydon Road

24th March (St James)

Stuart Hughes

King Edwards Road, Ware

10th April (St Margarets')

John Smith

Gypsy Lane

12th April (St John the Baptist)

## St Andrew's church is praying for:-

Orchard Close, Riverside

- week beginning 5th May

Millers Lane

- week beginning 12th May

Glenmire Terrace

- week beginning 19th May

Marsh Lane

- week beginning 26th May



## St Margaret's Parish Church

is open throughout the year

every Saturday morning for coffee / tea and cakes,  
10.30am – 12.noon Please pop in.

## The Folly Community

As part of these villages, the community on The Folly are trying some new initiatives including prayers each week for different roads in the community on the dates below:

8th May

Gilpins Gallop

1st May

Scott Avenue

22nd May

Emmas Crecent

15th May

Folly View

29th May

Hillside Crescent

## Daytime Study Group

There is a Study group which meets on alternate Friday mornings 9.30am to 10.30am in the Vicarage, 25 Hoddesdon Rd (children still welcome to come and play). (please check the diary pages for the actual dates). **Currently about to start a new book of the Bible**

## Calling blokes of Stanstead Abbots

(sorry ladies, your time will come)



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Fancy a Full English Breakfast served with ketchup and a large helping of attitude? Then you are very welcome to join us on the **2nd Saturday of each month at St Andrew's Church, Wilshere Hall 8:30am - 10:00am.** Cereal, tea, coffee, juice, eggs, bacon, beans (etc.) and your chance to put the world to rights. No previous experience necessary - just a big appetite and a sprinkling of opinion if you want.

If you would like to have a serious munch, challenging debate on Christian issues, and the chance to meet other locals, book your place (so we can make sure you really do get stuffed) by phoning the Vicarage on 01920 870115 by midday on the Wednesday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.

**We next get together on 11th May 2019**

### Regular evening Home Group

Elizabeth Goldsmith (01920 422065) hosts the **Home Group** on alternate Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Wilshere Hall. Anyone is welcome to join the group at anytime. (Please check the diary pages for the actual dates).



Bible  
STUDY  
Join us!

## News from the



The House of Lords may begin a lengthy and detailed enquiry into the social and economic consequences of the gambling industry if the recommendations of its Liaison Committee are approved by the House.

Bishop Alan said: "This means we can start to meet the needs of problem gamblers and honour the hopes of the families of those who have lost their lives as a result of problem gambling.

"An overdue enquiry, it will have the range, depth and authority to mount a truly evidence-based investigation. Currently, we have seen levels of suicide and other gambling-related harms becoming part of the national consciousness while 55,000 young people are now classified as problem gamblers.

There is a great groundswell of concern about the rise in gambling addiction and the Church of England's General Synod has recently put its weight behind supporting those with gambling addictions and calling for research, education and treatment. Problem gamblers are more likely to kill themselves compared with other addicts, and often suffer in silence – whether that's because they are mothers fearful of losing their children or teenagers in over their heads in a world of online betting. It's time we broke the silence for them. This enquiry is a vital part of that."

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## St James church website

Please take a look at the website of our local historic church at  
[www.stjamesoldchurch.org.uk](http://www.stjamesoldchurch.org.uk)

Not only does it give information on its history, its care by The Churches Conservation Trust, but also details of upcoming events, including those of the five services held there each year.

Both the church itself and its website are well worth a visit!



## The Choir Celebrates St John the Baptist Day at St John the Baptist, Great Amwell Sunday 23rd June at 6.30pm

The choir will help us all to mark this special day  
in our church calendar.

Refreshments after the service to include  
smoked salmon and Pimms.

Join us for a wonderful summer evening



## ‘Your Front Line’

The role of God in an increasingly secular world is the most important consideration for the Christian Church. We are taught to “be in the world, but not of it”. So where is your frontline? Is it a foodbank, or youth work (Future Hope, etc.), or serving the Elderly, or Christmas Alone? The Hertford & Ware **Street Pastors** (H&W SPs) front line is typically when the rest of the community are fast asleep, providing Christian witness in the early hours of the weekend. Street pastors are trained interdenominational volunteers from local churches who care about their local community. All street pastors wear a blue uniform, with the term 'Street Pastor' visible in white. They patrol in mixed-gender teams, usually from 10pm. to 4am on a Friday and Saturday night. Street Pastors play an active part in strengthening community life and working for safer streets. Street pastors offer reassurance, safety and support through listening, caring and helping. They work together with other partners, e.g. police, local government, to make local communities safer. Practical help provided by street pastors include handing out flip-flops to clubbers unable to walk home in their high-heeled footwear; giving out water, chocolate for energy; and ensuring the safety of vulnerable persons, particularly young woman, staying with them until

a responsible adult, parent or friend arrives to take them home. Street pastors remove bottles and other potential weapons from the streets, in order to discourage violence and vandalism. The aim of Street Pastors is not to proactively preach or evangelise (but we will pray for members of the public if requested to do so), but to provide a neutral and reassuring presence in local communities.

However, H&W SPs are struggling to fulfil their vocation because of lack of volunteers. We currently, only have enough trained volunteers to cover two out of every four weekends each month. Obviously, the need is there and we would like to do more, but we cannot without additional volunteers from local churches. Each street pastor is only asked to be on the streets once a month on a Friday or Saturday night. We meet for prayer and to be briefed on local intelligence at Leaside church in Ware at 10pm on weekends before touring the pubs and clubs till midnight. Then we travel to Hertford for similar activities up till 3-4am depending on when the clubs close. Also of equal importance are **Prayer Pastors**. These individuals pray for the safety and wellbeing of the street pastors that are going out onto the streets. Here the time commitments are less onerous, it is 30 minutes once a month on a Friday or Saturday between 10-10:30pm.

If you are interested in knowing more or volunteering, please contact David Elder, chairman of H&W SPs on 01992 302541 or [davidelder2110@gmail.com](mailto:davidelder2110@gmail.com). So where is your front line....?