

1914-1918



November  
2018

## **Memory – hot and cold.**

I heard somewhere that there are 2 kinds of memory: hot memory and cold memory. Cold memory deals with the recall of facts – the simple memory of what happened when and where. It doesn't move the soul or stir the heart. Hot memory is different. It's when you remember something and feel as if you were there again. It's when something from the past bursts into the present and feels just as real as the day it happened. It could be the memory of a birth, or a death, a wound or a joy, which ambushes us and turns the clock back ten or fifty years. Cold memory doesn't really affect us. Hot memory reminds us how we became who we are, and carries on shaping us for the future.

I wonder what temperature your memories of World War One have been, these last four years? I don't mean personal memories, of course. World War One is now a matter for corporate, historical memory. But I wonder how it has felt to witness, or participate, in the variety of centenary activities which have been occurring since 2014? There has been much on the TV and the radio: documentaries and dramas, and news coverage of many international memorial events, like the anniversaries of Paschendale and the Somme. Has it mainly felt a bit cold and distant? Or has it touched us with its heat and fire?

At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 2018 it will be exactly 100 years since the Armistice which ended World War 1 came into effect. It was meant to be the war to end all wars, but the history of the last century teaches us how false that hope would prove to be. While the Armistice brought a welcome end to the carnage that had consumed Europe since 1914, it concealed many tensions, suspicions and hatreds. These would break out in future conflicts, hot and cold, whose consequences still shape our world today.

So whether or not your memory has been exercised much with WWI commemoration these past four years, might we make Remembrance Sunday 2018 a moment of which we take serious note? Can we make it a day to remember the past, and really commit ourselves to peace in the future? Can we ask God to make it a time for memories which are hot, and life-shaping: not just the cold memory that goes through the motions, recalls dates from history then returns to business as usual?

For, as Christians, we embrace the hottest of all memories each time we celebrate communion. We don't just recollect that Jesus did certain things a long time ago, for the sake of interest and information. Rather, when we remember him through his body and blood, he becomes real to us once more. The Jesus who bore the pain and sin of all the world's battles and wars enters our lives with his grace and healing, giving hope that his peace must one day rule, in our hearts and our world.

This Remembrance Sunday may we remember hotly, both the furnace of war, and the fire of Christ's love.

Blessings from Derwyn.



## Remembrance Sunday

Television relays the programme  
As thousands attend the Albert Hall,  
Music plays and prayers are uttered  
Waiting for the poppy fall.

Young men and boys of tender age,  
We must remember what it cost  
As they fought to save our country,  
Some came home and some were lost.

Wars will always be amongst us  
Death and darkness, dread and fear,  
But one day this all will vanish  
When the Prince of Peace is here.

*by Megan Carter*

mothers  
union



Christian care for  
families worldwide

## St Michael's Mothers Union

At our October Branch meeting, we welcomed John Steward, who gave us a talk on his and Elizabeth's, Pilgrimage to Israel, which took place over 10 days in May 2017. John invited us on their journey through the most awe inspiring holy sites of Jerusalem, Bethany, Bethlehem, the River Jordan, where they had communion and the Sea of Galilee, to name but a few. Our members were much enthralled by these sites, giving an appreciative round of applause at the end.

My thanks to our MU members for their lovely Harvest flower arrangements in the Lady Chapel.

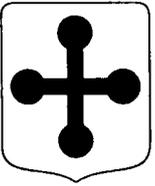
To celebrate St Luke's Tide on Oct 18th, our committee members took flowers and cards to our Prayer Circle friends, who for various reasons are unable to attend branch meetings.



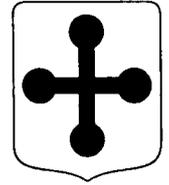
Our November branch meeting will be an 'informal' get-together, with members bringing their own craft activity, to enjoy with each other whilst chatting over a cuppa. We shall also be looking forward to our Christmas Lunch at the BS Golf Club, on Tuesday, November 27th.

As always, visitors are most welcome at our meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the WCC, at 1:45pm for 2pm.

Heather Johns. Branch Leader.



## News from St Michael's School



We had an excellent turnout of parents for our Harvest Assembly in the first week of October and were able to send a large number of boxes of donated food to the Foodbank and the local YMCA. In the Assembly, children acted out the story of Frank and the Peastalk, which explained the issues faced by farmers in Malawi and how the Bishop's Appeal (Give Peas a Chance) is helping them combat the effects of climate change with drought-resistant plants. Year 6 then did a great job of turning the school hall into a 'café' and serving Harvest lunches to some invited guests.



Year 6 were also out in Hatfield Forest on a lovely sunny Saturday this month, raising money for Nabikabala with a sponsored walk, and yet more money was raised for Nabikabala with a whole-school Lego exhibition (the inspiration for this came from one of our year 2 children).

Some of the older children in the school have been appointed to leadership roles, with year 6s taking on positions as house captains and learning champions and children from all classes joining the school council. The infant classes have also been taking a leading role in drawing up their own playtime rules, which are now on display in the classrooms as a reminder of how to have a happy playtime.

Year 4 has had a busy time, with a trip to Birchwood High School to take part in games events organised by the Bishop's Stortford Sports Partnership – including cheerleading and Danish Longball – and then another trip to the recreated Anglo-Saxon village at West Stow in Suffolk. The author Martin Impey has also visited the school to share his writing experiences with the children.

Meanwhile, the Reception class has visited St Michael's, to learn about the different areas of the church, how they are used and why they are special, while year 6 have had the honour of taking part in the Harvest Service at St Alban's Cathedral.



Maggie Jarman

Chair of Governors

**SO THIS IS CHRISTMAS!**  
ST MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**SANTA'S GROTTTO**

**FACE PAINTING**

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**GIFT STALLS**

**BEAUTY ROOM**

**CAFE**

**KIDS PRIZE STALLS**

**RAFFLE**

St Michael's CofE Primary School  
Bishops Stortford

*I'll be visiting, I hope you will too!*

**PTA**  
St Michael's

**Saturday 24th November 12 noon - 3pm**

## Nabikabala Primary School in Uganda

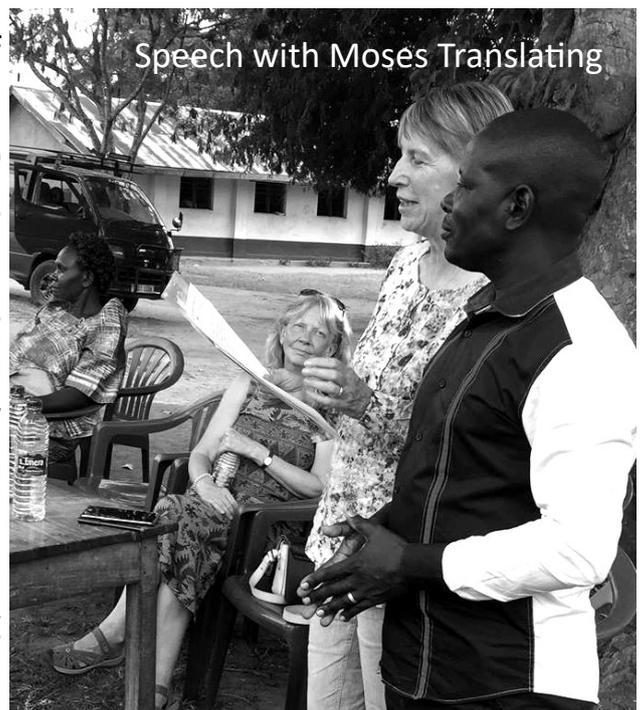
### Hall Project Update and visit September 2018

I am very pleased to report that the large school hall at this village primary school in Uganda is nearing completion. Fundraising efforts have continued and the Church Charities Support Group is supporting the project alongside the St Michael's School. The construction is organised and supervised by Moses who has visited both St Michael's school and church on 3 occasions and attended Nabikabala Primary as a child.

Having visited in 2011 when the foundations were being dug, I was excited to get another opportunity to visit the school in person again. The roof was finally completed back in May. Thanks to a generous donation by the Dearman family in July (when Alice Dearman visited together with other Herts and Essex students), the raised stage area, the doors and the veranda ceiling were completed. Subsequently, due to a pupil-organised water run at St Michael's School and the generosity of a number of members of the St Michael's congregation (who kindly donated towards more windows), 13 out of 16 windows were purchased and fitted. More windows, plastering the walls (inside and out) and finishing off the floor is the next priority and around £2000 is required for this phase.

Although not totally completed, the Nabikabala hall was used for a district Music, Dance and Drama event with a number of other schools in August. It is the largest hall in the area and will be especially useful for these kinds of events.

At the official opening at the end of September I was asked to talk about the project and how we had been able to gradually raise the funds required. It has been a focus for the school for several years and in addition to school events organised by adults, a number of children have been inspired to raise money individually or with a few friends. Church community support has enabled the project to get to this final stage and has been vital to achieving the funding required for the main elements of the hall.



My speech was longer than the five minutes I'd planned as translation into the local language took a while. Moses, who had the vision for the hall and supervised the construction, was thanked many times and fully deserved all the love and appreciation from the Nabikabala community. Finally we went across to the hall and two of the Nabikabala pupils together with the most senior District official cut the ribbon. It was amazing to finally see inside the hall and appreciate the benefits to the school and community.



The teachers at Nabikabala have a tough job and are not well paid. There are over 600 pupils with class sizes often around 60 children or more. In addition to the building work we are able to give them all a small gift once a year. Looking ahead, there is the potential to collect water from the hall roof and store it in tanks. Another possibility is to have a solar panel and a battery to provide light. Please continue to pray for this community and all similar schools who work with large classes of children in basic buildings and with few resources.

Val Ashwood (Teaching Assistant at St Michael's School and Clerk to Governors)

## **CRY GOD FOR HARRY, ENGLAND AND ST GEORGE!**

I have been recently disturbed by the disappearance of the hanging pub sign from the George, Bishop's Stortford's most prominent inn, now a Prezzo on the ground floor but persisting as a hotel upstairs. The sign over the front door to North Street showed King George 111 on both sides with short wig curled by the ears whereas the sign fixed to the wall on the Windhill frontage shows King George 11 with a long curly wig. I always point this out to visitors and children, together with the revealing nightie on the statue of Persephone on the pediment of the Corn Exchange opposite. I am assured that the snow made the safety authority fear that the hanging sign may descend but that the intention is that it is replaced.

I decided that perhaps the present occupants need a reminder of the antiquity and the associations of the pub so I presented them with a picture by van Dyck of Charles 1 who dined there in 1629 which they may choose to display.

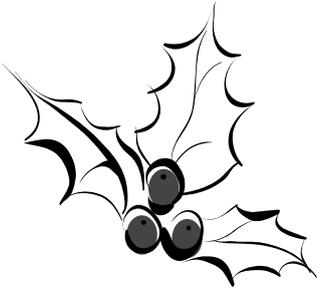
The name of the pub goes far further back than any kings of that name and is recorded in the Churchwardens' Accounts of St Michael's Church well into the 1400's. The attachment to St George goes back at least to the establishment of the Order of the Garter by Edward 111 and the requirement for all members to wear a 'George' badge hanging from their chain or blue ribbon. This can be seen on portraits of Charles 1, Robert Cecil etc. and is kept up by present members including the Royals at least at the annual Garter celebration on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, St George's Day. Parish plays of St George and the Dragon required props of armour and dragons which were lent to other parishes such as Sawbridgeworth and Braughing.

It has been remarked that although the Pope has recently removed the saint from Catholic veneration and at the reformation in the reign of Edward V1 the patron saint of England was retained while other saints were prohibited this was probably because of the association with the Garter. George crosses are also on the plaster work of the side walls.

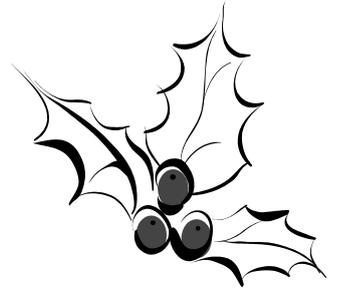
The present proliferation of flags with St George's cross and the interest in the Garter and the wedding in St George's chapel Windsor struck a chord. But for Edward V1 we would have a different football kit and even the 3 lions on the shirts dating back to Richard 1 may not have survived..

Hooray, Hooray, 15.9.18 George 111 is back on the North St side to join his grandpa round the corner on the High St side.

Helen Gibson



**Don't Forget !!**



**to come to**

# **St Michael's Holly Fair**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

**10.30am – 1.30pm**

**Charnley Hall**

**Windhill Churches Centre**



**..... and much, much more!**

*To all our friends at St Michael's,*

*Over the last several months I have felt wonderfully supported by your thoughts and prayers. Thank you all so much. It means a great deal to me and to Toby. I have now completed my chemotherapy sessions, and am moving on to a new treatment for the next few months. Things are going well.*

*My love to you all.*

*Madi Marchand.*

The Friends of St Michael's Church  
Bishop's Stortford

# THE CAIN QUIZ RETURNS!

Saturday, 10 November 2018

**Licensed Bar** 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

at The Windhill Churches Centre

£10.00 per person to include Supper

Tables of 8 only -

**Raffle**

## St Michael's Men's Group

Another men's group get together on Tuesday 20th November at 7.30pm in the Half Moon. As before this is an informal gathering where all are welcome to socialise with fellow members of the church family and enjoy a few refreshments.

Could those coming along please confirm their attendance to [john\\_c\\_dunn@hotmail.com](mailto:john_c_dunn@hotmail.com)

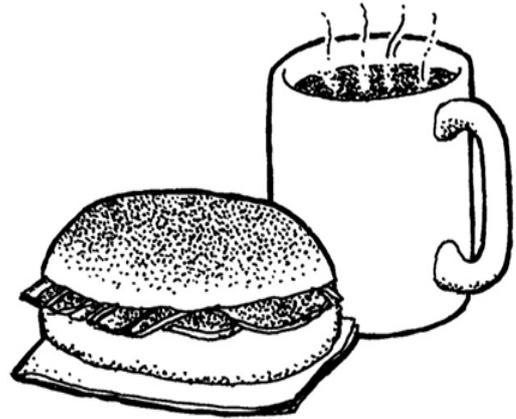
Also if anyone wishes to be added to the WhatsApp group for these events please send me their mobile numbers.

## **The next Parish Breakfast, Sunday 11th November**

From 8:50am in the Windhill Churches Centre serving coffee and tea, bacon sandwiches and pastries.

There will be a sign up sheet nearer the time – but don't worry if you forget as everyone is welcome.

More details  
(and offers of help please!)  
caroline\_a\_dunn@hotmail.com.



## **Holly Fair 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

The final planning meeting for this year's Holly Fair is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November to which all are welcome as we would love to see even more new people involved. Over the next few Sundays there will be the opportunity to offer gifts for all the stalls. Labelled boxes will be in the Church Welcome area for you to place as many items as you can manage.

Any queries please speak to Carole Greenwood or myself. Many thanks.  
Rosemary Thomson

## **Families Missioner Stakeholder Forum**

St Michael's PCC is considering employing a lay worker in 2019, to help minister to children, young people and their families, within our congregation and in outreach to the parish.

Would you like to join the conversation about what sort of person this might be, and what kind of role would best contribute to our church and community?

All are welcome to join our STAKEHOLDER FORUM – 7:30 for 8pm in the Windhill Churches Centre on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Feel free just to turn up on the night, or contact the parish office in advance, to help us estimate numbers.



## Embrace the Middle East

**“Our help today will bring hope for their tomorrow”**

This charity aims to TRANSFORM the lives of vulnerable and marginalised people across the Middle East, enabling them to live life in all its fullness; To STRENGTHEN AND ENCOURAGE Middle East Christians as they bring about positive change in their communities; And to CHALLENGE injustice and poverty in the Middle East through advocacy and campaigning.

Pat Matthews and I were privileged to attend the Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for this charity at St Michael’s Church, Chester Square at the end of September where Tim Livesey, the Chief Executive, recapped on recent strategies and their 5 year expansion with 2 recent projects, namely to recommence work in Syria and to include work in Iraq.

The charity’s income has grown from £3 million to 6 million for a small charity and he explained why they do what they do because they are Christians and are generous to those in need, alongside supporting Christian partners and to understand the motivation which it entails. He explained, “We are not guests and live, as a minority, alongside our Muslim neighbours. Embrace stands with our Christian brothers and sisters where there are 50 partners and 70 transformative projects”. He gave an example of women learning to read and write to be able to teach their children to read the Bible; and to provide sanitation in the small and very humble homes which is especially helpful for disabled people.

Two young members of staff then spoke about volunteering and how small can make big whilst showing two videos of work in Gaza and Lebanon. The main speaker in the morning was Michel Constantin from the Pontifical Mission mainly working in Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Egypt. He spoke of having lived all his life in Beirut and has worked for the last 30 years for the Catholic Mission where many people go as the only hope for help. They work in partnership with Embrace and combine ideals even more than some Catholic organisations. He spoke of the current ecumenical project working in a Palestinian Christian refugee camp, improving life for particularly young people’s rights, education and social needs and to do it slowly building up their awareness of the future. Many of these camps were built in 1948 and are still here 70 years on and so help is given to improve facilities such as a small kitchen and toilet in each house rather than one shared by many.



He also spoke of working in Syria where Christians are the 10% minority and even middle class citizens have to go elsewhere for work leaving young and old left to fend alone. Family solidarity is no longer there and so the standard of life is very low and facilities are closed or no longer available: a vicious circle and so a lot of suffering. "Open hospitals" in Syria are being supported by Embrace. There is now a challenge for the Iraqi Christian community which is broken and defeated and less than 1% of the population. There is lost confidence in the country with people being subject to displacement many times and loss of protection almost everywhere. Embrace are embarking on a project to elevate spiritual and community life for the future. They also respond to the Relationship with Habitat for Humanity. It was noted that everything points to a devastating vision of the future, giving an appearance of normality but always with a degree of uncertainty where Christians are not welcome. The aim is to provide organisations for younger people and improve homes from nothing to something. Finally, we were asked to pray for their protection, and political advocacy.

Following a splendid lunch with a Middle Eastern flavour we joined in the service with lots of lovely well known hymns and a most humbling address by Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ who, with a very wide background in teaching, study and missionary work, is now a Senior Lecturer in Pastoral Theology at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge.

I do hope that we, at St Michael's, may consider giving them our support in the future.

Rosemary Thomson

## Country File – November 2018

Welcome dear friend

As you drove here today, you will have noticed that all the harvest has been safely gathered into the old red brick barn down the lane and the fields ploughed and re-sown - no burning off the chaff as in the old days.

When on holiday recently, whilst spending a fascinating hour in a second-hand bookshop, I came across a farmer's diary, written in 1945 in which he said farming needs a long-term policy. 'A year, from autumn seed-time to summer harvest, is like an evening gone in the history of a farm' and he concludes by saying that 'the best we farmers can do is to leave the land a little better than we found it'.

Such a profound statement. Many of the old farmers would turn in their graves if they saw the demise

of agricultural farm land in this part of the county. At the end of one of the chapters he says 'Shall we, after the war, build up an efficient industry and, with modern machinery, three-bay Dutch barns, convenient houses and buildings, power, proper roads and water supplies, produce more food with half the toil and tears and sweat?' .....yes I suppose we did, but at a huge cost to the old rural way and pace of life.

My cottage, built around 1650 was originally a pair of cottages built for the farm workers of this Albury Hall Estate, and was converted into a single dwelling around 45 years ago. Standing as it does in the middle of many acres of rolling arable land, it would have quietly watched the changing patterns of farming life over the centuries. I suspect if I was to return to this property in fifty years' time, I may well find it surrounded by an enormous housing estate; I say surrounded, as The White Cottage is a grade 2 listed property, so it would just have to close its eyes, and like many dwellings of more mature years, remember the good old days! Sorry I am feeling very nostalgic today!





The squirrels have almost finished their harvesting of walnuts, acorns and conkers, yes I do mean conkers. Some people say that squirrels do not eat conkers as they are poisonous, but it is believed they store them away for the lean cold winter days when their store cupboard is running low.

The other morning whilst looking out of my bedroom window I saw a squirrel tossing and playing with what looked like a hedgehog; in fear of the little hog's life, I ran out to rescue it, only to find that the squirrel's toy was a large piece of bark! It would appear that many species of animals enjoy playing games. Foxes also like to play, and children's toys have been found in their dens, and certainly my dog Minty loves her toys and will toss and squeak them when in a playful mood.

Well my dear, coat on, it's time for our walk.

God bless.

*June*

# BISHOP'S STORTFORD WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

Where did YOU sleep last night?

Visit our Facebook page to find out more...

'bishop's Stortford winter night shelter'

Register your interest via email:

ht.nightshelter@outlook.com

Attend our compulsory information day:

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018

AM and PM sessions available

@ Holy Trinity,  
South Street,  
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## Our Mission

It is the mission of Holy Trinity Winter Night Shelter to provide emergency shelter and supportive services to people who are homeless, or at risk and to advocate for collaborative, locally driven solutions to end homelessness.

## This Winter time could you:

- \* Help to give food and water to those going without?
- \* Help to make those often treated as strangers, feel welcome at Holy Trinity Church Hall and beyond?
- \* Help to provide a safe and warm place to spend the long and cold nights?
- \* Help in the day time to; open the hall, feed and support those wandering the streets?

**If you answered "yes" to any of the above, please see the details to the left.**





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# Prayer & Praise

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## Street Pastors Initiative

Bishop's Stortford & Sawbridgeworth



### Venue:

St. James The Great Church  
Church Lane  
Thorley  
CM23 4BE

### Date:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>. November

### Time:

5:45pm for 6pm  
(including refreshments)

### Contact:

Daphne Bagley  
Prayer Pastor Coordinator  
E: [daphne.bagley@gmail.com](mailto:daphne.bagley@gmail.com)  
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## COMPANY AT CHRISTMAS 2018

Under the banner of “*Churches Together in Bishop’s Stortford*”, we give a party at the Methodist Church, South Street, for anyone in our Town who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. This is a happy and popular event and is enjoyed by guests and helpers alike.



If you would like an invitation to attend as a guest, please contact Margaret Fox (658638) or Jenny Klincke (833523), and you will be visited.

Volunteers are needed How can you be involved? In order to ensure the safety of our frailest guests, we need a minimum of 24 Helpers from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm on Christmas Day. You welcome guests, sit down with them and help to serve and share in a full Christmas Dinner. Also, about 60 “meals on wheels” need to be assembled, and taken out by drivers to those who are house bound.

On Christmas Eve (3.00 to 6.00 pm) we prepare vegetables (please bring your own knives and peelers) or you could help decorate the Hall and lay the tables.

On Christmas Day we need Drivers to take out “meals on wheels” at 11.45 am, then to collect guests and bring them to the Hall, and again at 5.00 pm to take guests back home.

There will be a meeting for all Christmas Day Helpers on Wednesday 5th December, at 8.00p.m.at the Methodist Church. It is important for all helpers to attend this meeting, particularly if you have not volunteered before, as it is the only chance we all have to meet with each other before The Day. If want to help but are unable to attend please let Jenny Klincke (833523) or Margaret Fox (658638) know.

If you would be willing to help at, or contribute to, the Company at Christmas funding-raising Coffee Morning on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at the Methodist Church, please let Margaret Fox know. It is always a busy occasion with lots of goodies to be purchased, edible and otherwise, so please come along anyway.

Your help in any of the ways listed above would be very much appreciated. Please sign the list in church before 2nd December if you can help us to run another successful day in 2018.

***Thank you all very much***



**BSCS**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 7.30pm**

All Saints' Church, Bishop's Stortford CM23 2DY

**ETHEL SMYTH**  
**Mass in D**

**Tess Pearson** soprano  
**Felicity Buckland** mezzo soprano  
**Richard Robbins** tenor  
**Edward Kay** bass  
**Bishop's Stortford Sinfonia**

**RICHARD BRAIN** conductor  
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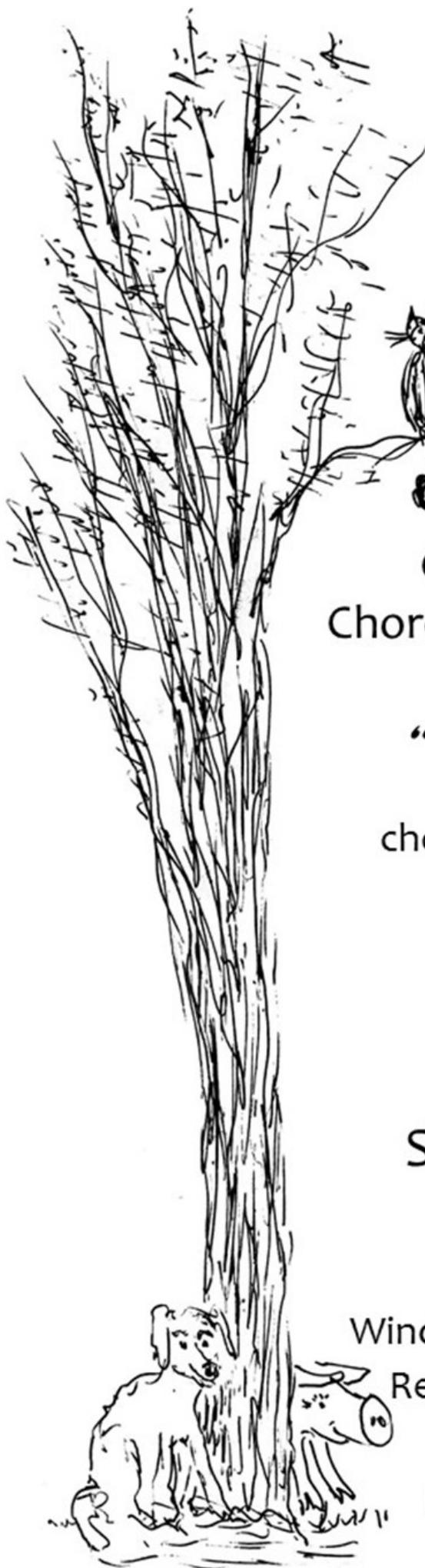
## *“Four Rose Songs”*

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
7.00pm

St Michael’s Church

Windhill, Bishop’s Stortford, CM23 2ND

Refreshments - Retiring collection



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# QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday  
9 November 2018**

**7pm for 7.30pm start**

**At the Charis Centre, Water Lane,  
Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2JZ**

**£12.50**

**to include a cheese platter**

*Tickets must be ordered and paid for in advance.*

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# Santa Dash & Reindeer Run

**Saturday  
1st December 2018**

Grange Paddocks, Rye Street,  
Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2HH.

- ❄️ 1K & 5K routes
- ❄️ 10.45am warm up, 11am start for both routes

Entrants can run, jog, skip or walk either of the routes.

*Refreshments available*

Santa Entry (13 years and over) **£12** including Santa Suit

Reindeer Entry (12 years and under) **£6** including Reindeer antlers and medal

To register please visit our website  
[www.mencapgrovecottage.org](http://www.mencapgrovecottage.org)

For any queries please email  
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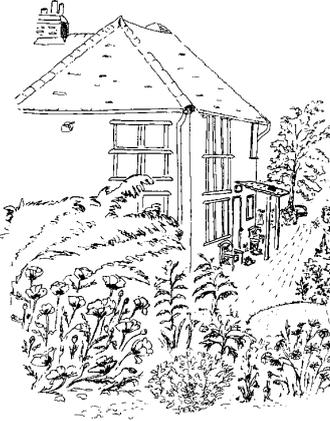
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## *Paint with God and Quiet Days at Albury*

Next are: -

### **Paint with God Day**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November

### **Quiet Day**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November

*Both Days are from 10.30am until 3.30pm*

*Please bring a packed lunch – morning coffee and biscuits*

*and afternoon tea and cakes provided*

For more information and to book your place

please ring June on 771756

**NB there are no Paint with God or Quiet Days in December or January**

## **PARISH REGISTERS**

### **Baptism**

We welcome into the Lord's Family:

Alicia Freeborn

23<sup>rd</sup> September

### **Funerals**

We extend our love and prayers to the family and friends of:

Violet Ellison

26<sup>th</sup> September

Chloe Brown

4<sup>th</sup> October

Bryan Bennett

22<sup>nd</sup> October

**Isabel** Hospice  
Together we care

**Isabel Hospice Lights of Love**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 4pm**

**Market Place, Bishop's Stortford**

Join us and remember a loved one this Christmas and make a dedication in their name. Call 01707 382500 to make a dedication or go to [www.isabelhospice.org.uk/bookoflove](http://www.isabelhospice.org.uk/bookoflove)

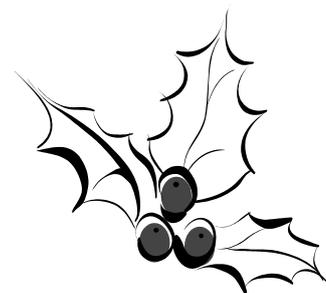
## Calendar November 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 9.45am Church Home Group WCC CH
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 9.00am Bulgarian Education Session WCC 1/2  
7.00pm Concert – De Merc Chamber Choir with Harlow Ballet  
(see p21)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion (said) for All Saints  
10.00am Parish Praise for All Saints  
11.15am Sung Eucharist for All Saints  
1.00pm Company on Sunday Lunch WCC CH  
4.00pm Service for All Souls
- 5<sup>th</sup> Monday 10.00am Craft Group WCC CH  
7.30pm Alpha Plus WCC 1/2
- 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2.00pm Pastoral Team Meeting WCC CH  
7.30pm Introduction to Christian Faith Session WCC CH  
8.00pm Alpha 4 Home Group – 54 Mazoe Road
- 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion  
10.45am Tiny Tots  
7.45pm CTBS Forum WCC CH  
7.45pm Fabric Committee Meeting WCC 1/2
- 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday 10.30am Paint with God – Albury
- 9<sup>th</sup> Friday 9.00am Prayer and Fellowship Group WCC CH
- 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9.00am Bulgarian Education Session WCC 1/2  
10.00am Flower Meeting with Demonstration WCC CH  
7.00pm Friends Quiz WCC CH (see p10)  
7.30pm Gospel Street – Charis Centre
- 11<sup>th</sup> **Remembrance Sunday**  
8.00am Holy Communion (said)  
8.50am Parish Breakfast  
10.00am Parish Communion  
6.00pm Evensong
- 12<sup>th</sup> Monday 9.30am Mossing of Holly Rings WCC CH  
2.00pm MU Committee Meeting WCC 1
- 13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 9.30am Mossing of Holly Rings WCC CH  
7.30pm Families Missioner Stakeholder Forum WCC CH (see p11)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 9.30am Mossing of Holly Rings WCC CH (am only)  
10.00am Holy Communion  
10.45am Tiny Tots  
11.30am Burial of Ashes (Petal Bury)  
1.45pm MU Meeting WCC CH
- 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday 9.45am Church Home Group WCC CH

17 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	9.00am Bulgarian Education Session WCC ½ 10.00am Organists Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 10.00am Parish Communion 3.00pm Welcome Party WCC CH 6.00pm Choral Evensong
19 <sup>th</sup> Monday	10.00am Chapter Meeting WCC CH 10.00am Craft Group WCC St Joseph's Upper Room 7.45pm PCC Meeting WCC CH
20 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	7.30pm Introduction to Christian Faith Session WCC CH 7.30pm Men's Group - Half Moon (see p10) 8.00pm Alpha 4 Home Group - 21 Marlborough Close
21 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	10.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Tiny Tots 7.30pm Stortford North Meeting WCC 1/2 8.00pm Holly Fair Meeting WCC CH (see p11)
23 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	9.00am Prayer and Fellowship Group WCC CH
24 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	9.00am Bulgarian Education Session WCC 1/2
25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 10.00am Parish Communion 12.30pm Holy Baptism 6.00pm Evensong
26 <sup>th</sup> Monday	10.00am Holly Ring Preparation WCC CH
27 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	10.00am Holly Ring Preparation WCC CH
28 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10.00am Holly Ring Preparation WCC CH 10.00am Holy Communion 10.45am Tiny Tots
29 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	10.00am Holly Ring Preparation WCC CH 10.30am Quiet Day Albury



**Don't Forget !!**  
**to come to**  
**St Michael's Holly Fair**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
**10.30am – 1.30pm**  
**Charnley Hall**  
**Windhill Churches Centre**



The next magazine will be the double month issue for

## **December 2018 and January 2019**

The deadline for items for inclusion will be

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

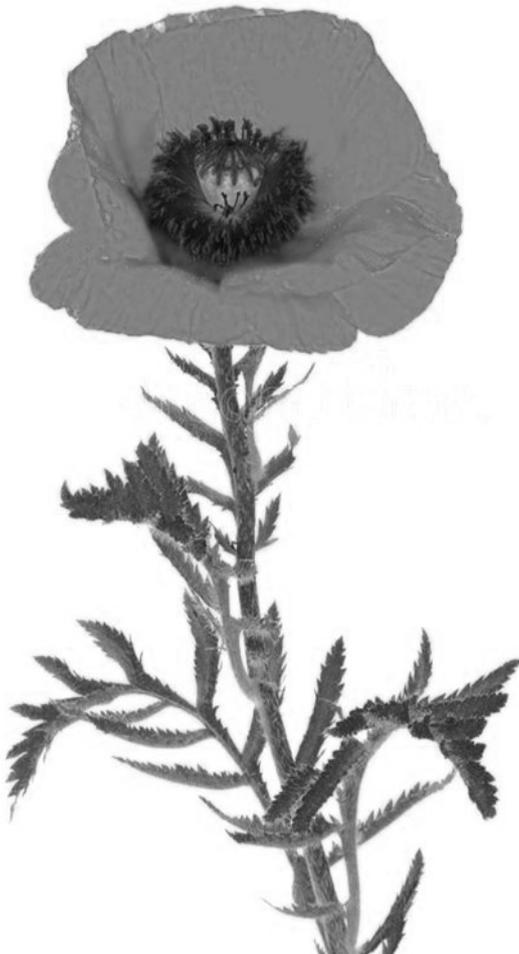
Please send all contributions to Robert Oliver

email: **r.oliver2803@gmail.com** (Tel: 07918 121372)

Items can also be left either in my tray or the parish office.

Please include photographs when appropriate. - Thank you

# *Final Thought*



## **Headstones**

The rows of headstones silent stand  
Their message clear, though mute;  
That we, in Britain's peaceful land  
Must silently salute.

Our peace was bought at dreadful price  
Through rain and fear and mud –  
World conflict fought not once but twice  
So twice the cost in blood.

Each headstone bears a single name  
A single husband, son,  
Who, when the call to duty came  
They did what must be done.

So, think upon those rows of stones  
Be silent, still as they  
Remind us of those silent homes  
From when they went away.

Yes, spare a while to think of them  
It's just two minutes' time;  
And say aloud, just once again  
That well-remembered rhyme:

*They grow not old as we grow old,  
Nor do the years condemn;  
But as the days and nights unfold,  
We will remember them.*

*by Nigel Beeton*