

St Hugh



St John

Chells

An Anglican/Methodist local ecumenical partnership

Notices Sep/Oct 2025

Safeguarding is important here - your children under 18 remain your responsibility at all times



In all of my years of service to my Lord, I have discovered a truth that has never failed and has never been compromised. That truth is that it is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to outgive God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.

Charles Spurgeon

Thanks

- Geoff Clark and Steve Smith who laid our new hall floor. Thanks to N Herts Methodist Circuit for a grant of £1000. We have applications in with District and Diocese.
- to Steve Smith for a donation towards the fitting of new, safer plug points in hall and chapel, to Susan Mwapara for a gift towards items for communion
- to Yvonne Richards and Angie Erdogdu who have both stopped as our cleaners. Thanks for all their hard work. Jane Johnson now cleans full time
- Greta Gardiner and Paul Spicer who are now on the Property sub-group of the JCC

Say a prayer for me. Have you seen our prayer box, on the left as you come into church. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to use it to ask for prayer. It is very confidential

75 club

July's lucky winner is Lyn Hanmer
August's lucky winner is Guy Clark
September's lucky winner is Matt Heron

Gift day 28th September

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen

Generosity is at the heart of our faith, we believe in a generous God and our own generosity is a testament and hallmark of our faith in action. The ministry and mission of The Church of England and the Methodist Church is largely funded through the incredible generosity of those who give to it.

An opportunity for you to make a one off specific gift towards the work of this church. Those on email have been sent a letter and those without there is a letter waiting for you. If you aren't around on the 28th, you can still take part by giving either before or after. If you are a tax payer, please fill out a Gift Aid form and return it with your donation.

MISSION ACTION PLANNING (MAP)

Thinking about our future - what we'll look like in 3 years time and what we'll be doing. In July we looked back on our own journeys and started to look forward to what we'd like to see happen in the context of pilgrimage. Please read the sheets that are up and add to them if you wish. We'll start trying to be a bit more concrete on 30th November, first Sunday of Advent: Hope.

Saturday 13th

- 9.30am. Prayer morning. Prayers for yourself, this church and community and world
- 12.30pm. Lunch! Sausage sarnies and bacon butties. Invite your friends. Suggested donation: £5
- All day. Bike 'n' hike. Steve West and Charles Littleton are cycling for Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust

Harvest Sunday 5th October

We are collecting for St Andrew and St George's porch pantry in particular hot chocolate sachets, coffee sachets, rice pudding, custard, tinned fruit, tinned soup, cup a soup, toothpaste, shower gel. Retiring collection for Bishop of St Albans Harvest appeal supporting access to education in Uganda and Zambia

Quiz night. Saturday 25th October, 7.30pm In aid of St Hugh and St John.

All Souls. 2nd October, 6.30pm

SAFEGUARDING

If you have a safeguarding concern you can phone or email Catherine Smith our Safeguarding officer directly (t. 07597 765 261 or safeguardingsthughstjohn@gmail.com), or fill out a safeguarding referral form. Forms are in the First Aid cupboard in the kitchen and once filled out should be put in a sealed envelope and given to a member of the safeguarding team or Chandy Perera, Clare Farthing, Ruth Jermy or David Belton - this information is confidential and should not be shared with anyone.

More about money

Thanks to all who give so generously to church. In the current economic climate we have to maximise our giving. If you buy 'stuff' for church and want it to be a gift, please claim for it as an expense and then give it back to us as a donation. We can then claim the gift aid which means your 'gift' has a third added to it at no extra cost to you. If you don't pay tax, put your donation in the loose change collection and we can claim the gift aid that way. It also means church has a better picture of how much church really costs.

September

2nd	Property/Finance/Stewards and wardens
9th	JCC
13th	9.30am. Prayer morning 12.30pm MAD Soup lunch All day - Bike and Hike
20th	Gardening day
21st	We welcome Helen Dearn
28th	Gift day

October

5th	Harvest - see above
19th	We welcome The Rev John Whittle
25th	Quiz night
26th	We welcome The Rt Rev Christine Hardman to preach and preside

November

2nd	6.30pm. All Souls
8th	10.30am. MAD coffee morning

Every week:

Sunday	8.45am Morning worship. 10.00am Morning worship
Monday	11.00am. Bible study - meets at church 8.00pm Bible friendship group.- meets at church and on zoom
Tuesday	9.15am Chells Little Stars. 12-1.00pm Safe space - tea, coffee, cheese sandwiches, cuppa soup
Wednesday	8.00pm Night prayer on zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87979205257 Meeting ID: 879 7920 5257
Thursday	11.00am Quiet communion 12-1.00pm Safe space - tea, coffee, cheese sandwiches, cuppa soup

Prayers for:.

- President Benjamin Netanyahu and the Israeli Government. President Donald Trump, President Vladimir Putin. The civil war in Sudan which threatens to overspill into South Sudan and the humanitarian crisis happening in South Sudan
- the way decisions how Government spends its' money are made - that the needs of the poorest, most marginalised, and vulnerable people will be taken into account
- refugees, the circumstances that made them leave, the gangs that manipulate vulnerable people, and our attitude to them. The manipulation of this country's identity and flag to vilify people
- For the appointment process for a new Bishop of St Albans, the appointment of a new Archbishop of Canterbury. .
- For Lonsdale, Marriots and Nobel, Lodge Farm and Camps Hill schools, staff and governors as a new school year begins. For Headteacher Rav Phagura starting at Nobel. .
- for us as we start to think about our Mission Action Plan
- those who have asked for healing and wholeness:
- the family and friends of those who have died recently, Pam Frosdick and those whose years mind falls this month