

St Hugh



St John

Chells

An Anglican/Methodist local ecumenical partnership

## Notices Nov/Dec 2025

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

Give us the words, Companion Christ, to tell it like it is.

To tell others what discipleship is really like;

the highs and lows, the mundane days and the exciting ones;

to tell the stories of your involvement in the world,

to motivate people to act justly and peacefully when we know the needs of the world;

to communicate hope when despair creeps in, and to stand firm in our faith in you. Amen.

### **Thanks**

- We received grants from Diocese (£2000), District (£1000), Circuit (£1000), Councillors (£350) towards our hall floor
- to Steve West, David Belton, Charles Littleton who between them raised £1598 for Beds and Herts Historic Churches trust 2025 Bike and Hike - see below
- to Yvonne Batson for a donation towards service items
- Thanks to all those who gave so generously to our Gift Day; the total (with gift aid) is £9,470
- Bishop's Harvest Appeal monetary donations came to £154.70, the harvest 'goods' were gratefully received by St Andrew and St George's church
- Quiz Night raised £291

**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**

October's lucky winner Caroline Mahan

*It's time to renew. For a one off payment of £15.00 you get entered in our monthly prize draw; that's 12 chances to win £50 for a single payment. The draw runs from 1st January to 31st December. Please talk to Philip Mahan or Geoff Clark to buy your ticket.*

**Easy fundraising** - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

If you shop on line ever, could you raise money for our church if you're not doing it for anyone else? Download the app, sign up with your email and shop through the Easyfundraising site. No cost to you - dosh for us! Search for St Hugh And St John's Church

### **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.

### **Toy service, December 7th, 10am**

We're collecting:

- Keech Hospice Children's unit - new or good quality second hand toys/books
- Herts Young Homeless - cutlery and cooking utensils e.g. ladles, tongs, wooden spoons, serving spoons, mugs, baking trays, sieves, chopping boards, food containers, washing up liquid, Toiletries (full size), shampoo & conditioner, body wash & deodorant, shaving foam, hairbrushes/combs, supermarket vouchers

### **Saturday 13th December**

9.30am. Prayer morning. Prayers for yourself, this church and community and world

**COME DINE WITH ME**

**Friday 21st - Friday 28th**

Decide if you want to host or be hosted

If you're hosting decide what - breakfast, lunch, dinner or anything in between

Decide how many you want to invite, what the menu is, what the cost is

Tell Chandy by Monday 17th who will email/print the schedule out a couple of days later

## **Bike n Hike**

Half of what was raised is returned to us. Between them, the 'chaps' achieved 62 Church visits on the day SHSJ will again, receive recognition (and a silver certificate) from the Historic churches trust because we have raised more than £1000. And finally, thanks to everyone who was on the welcoming group at SHSJ, where we had 15 visitors who were welcomed at our Church, whilst they were taking part in the bike and hike.

## **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](mailto: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 will 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.

## **November**

8th MAD coffee morning, 10.30-12pm  
16th We welcome The Rev Zdzisiu Henzel at 10am. Ivy's baptism  
18th Choosing hymns, 5pm  
19th Community breakfast 7.30-8.30am  
23rd We welcome The Rev David Chapman, District Chair to preach - 8.45+10am  
31st Cafe church. Advent Sunday - hope. MAP pt 3

## **December**

1-5th Christmas Journey  
7th Toy service - see above  
9th+11th Lodge Farm KS2 assemblies in church  
13th Stevenage Ladies Choir concert  
14th Nativity, 10am  
17th Community carol singing, 3pm, outside church  
18th CTiS carol singing, 5.30pm, 9 Yards  
19th Nobel school assemblies in church  
20th Clean and decorate church for Christmas  
21st 10am. We welcome The Rev Jacob Donkoh. 6.30pm. Carol service  
For other Advent/Christmas services please see separate sheet

**January 11.** Joint Covenant service at All Saints, Pin Green, 10.30am

## **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 <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87979205257">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87979205257</a> Meeting ID: 879 7920 5257
Thursday	11.00am Quiet communion 12-1.00pm Safe space - tea, coffee, cheese sandwiches, cuppa soup

## **Prayers for:.**

- that the peace in Gaza holds and that much needed aid can get through  
The civil war in Sudan which threatens to overspill into South Sudan and the humanitarian crisis happening in South Sudan
- The Caribbean during hurricane season remembering especially the people of Jamaica and Cuba.
- the Royal Family
- our armed forces and all those who have served and are serving. For those who have been killed in wars.
- For the appointment process for a new Bishop of St Albans. For Sarah Mullally, the new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For all the children and young people who will come through our church for Christmas Journey and school assemblies. Thank God for Bridge Builders.
- for us as we continue 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, Sheila, Wendy Honor, and those whose years mind falls this month