

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH in the parish of Warners End & Gadebridge

Hemel Hempstead Team

NOTICE SHEET FOR 15th–21th NOVEMBER 2026

REV'S RAMBLINGS

Matthew 25:14–30

Did Jesus have safeguarding in mind when he told the Parable of the Talents. Perhaps not, but there's a connection!

At St Alban's, we take safeguarding seriously, fully supporting the training and checks required of all volunteers working with all ages who are vulnerable. We are alert to spotting concerning signs, know the rules of never being alone with someone vulnerable and not promising confidentiality if there is a disclosure of harm. Concerns should never become gossip or amateur investigation but passed to our Safeguarding Officer or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

As, God willing, our work with children develops, we will guide and support anyone who feels called to volunteer, ensuring they receive the appropriate training and preparation.

Here's the Parable link: we mustn't let safeguarding become so dominated by fear that we stop doing anything. Keeping something safe doesn't mean keeping it buried! In Jesus' parable, the master entrusts his servants with coins and expects them to make something of what they've been given. Could our children be like those coins? They are precious gifts entrusted to our care. Our job isn't to tuck them away somewhere safe. It's to invest in them: give them time, listen to their voices, encourage their gifts and help them see they are the Church of today, not simply tomorrow.

Perhaps God will one day ask: "Those children I entrusted to your care, how did you help them grow?"

Safeguarding is about keeping children safe, but also giving them room to flourish, belong and shine.

SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER
2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Service:	9.30am Holy Communion	
Minister:	Revd. Austin Janes	
1st reading	Zephaniah 1.7,12-end	Jan/Dave
2nd reading	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11	Steph/Hollie
Gospel	Matthew 25.14-30	Janice

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Welcome:	The Smiths
Preaching:	Revd. Austin
Intercessions:	-
Barista duty:	Hils

COLLECT PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
AMEN

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER

Locally pray for South Hill Church – Town Centre.

WORLD PRAYER

Pray for all who will be struggling to heat their homes.

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This Sunday is also promoted by the Church of England as Safeguarding Sunday. Safeguarding can sometimes be seen as a chore or limitation to things being able to be done, but it is best seen as a safe foundation on which to build our best offerings for God. Anything less is like the neglected and buried gift in the Gospel. God wants our best.

THIS WEEK AT ST ALBANS CHURCH

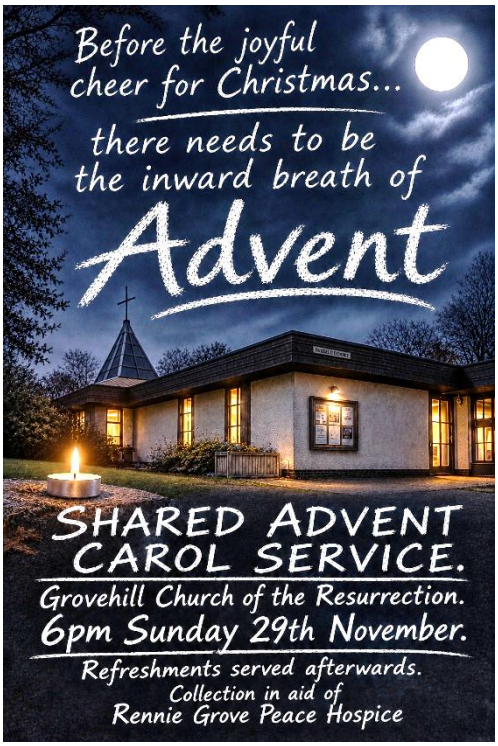
FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2pm – 4pm
CRAFT AND CHAT
with Coffee, cake, conversation and lots more in the St Peter's Room! Come and join us.

AND ELSEWHERE THIS WEEK…

SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER 3.30pm
LIGHT SWITCH ON AT ROSSGATE SHOPS
With The Dacorum community Choir.

COMING UP FOR ADVENT…

Shared Advent Carol Service at Grovehill Church of the Resurrection. 6pm Sunday 29th November. Refreshments served afterwards.



St Alban's Church Carols by Candlelight service will be 6pm on Sunday 13th December followed by mulled wine and hot mince pies. Poster to be included in Notice Sheet soon.

If you would like Home Communion, coffee with, or a visit from Revd. Austin, please call him on 01442 270585 or email revaustin@sky.com

REGULAR GROUPS AND EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 9.30am.
Fun, games and craft based on the Bible readings. Contact Ann or Barbara (st.albanshemel@gmail.com)





First & Third Fridays of the month from 2–4pm.
Come and join in with the fun of making.
With tea, cake and a variety of crafts.
All are Welcome.



Come along to our monthly Saturday coffee morning.
Join us for a natter and refreshments.
Bring your friends and neighbours

BRAIN FIT AT ST ALBAN'S CHURCH

Every 2nd Thursday
2pm – 4pm

Join us to exercise your brain and sharpen your concentration and memory in our monthly game and puzzle group.

Don't worry if games are not your forte, come along for company, conversation, tea, coffee and biscuits.

contact: brainfitholder@gmail.com