



DIOCESE OF ST ALBANS

OPEN CHURCH SUNDAY

22nd JUNE 2014

HERTFORDSHIRE PARISH CHURCHES OPEN TO VISITORS



The St Albans Diocese will celebrate its centenary on Bank Holiday Monday, 25 August 2014 with a Festival Day of Fun and Praise.

It will be the largest ever gathering of parishioners from across the St Albans Diocese. The event and all activities are free and will take place in 60 acres of beautiful Bedfordshire countryside at the The College Equestrian Centre at Keysoe, north of Bedford.

The day includes speakers, musicians, an orchestra, choirs and Christian performers including 'Songs of Praise' presenter Pam Rhodes, singer Jonathan Veira and J. John, the internationally-known Christian story teller and speaker, . There will be choirs and musicians performing traditional and contemporary Christian music throughout the day.

There will be the Essex Dog Display Team, horse display, free fairground rides and the three Bishops will take part in a sheep herding event. Learn and have-a-go at church creativity and art at demonstrations and workshops in flower arranging, icon painting, embroidery, calligraphy and stained-glass making.

Admire classic and vintage cars spanning the 100 years of the St Albans Diocese, including the entire history of MG and much much more!!

The climax event will be an open air worship service which will include a Eucharist at which Bishop Alan will give an uplifting address.

For a full list of events and details on what is being planned please visit:

www.celebrate100.org.uk

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CODICOTE St Giles Bury Lane SG4 8XX
Open from: 1pm **to:** 6pm **Refreshments**
Features: Multi stream worship Church Coffee Shop & Fresh Expression (Worship4U) Prayer Room open.
Exhibition about life at St Giles today.

DATCHWORTH All Saints Bury Lane SG3 6RG
Open from: 9am **to:** 6pm **Refreshments**
Features: 2 recently installed stained glass windows. Peaceful countryside location Well maintained churchyard. **Decorated with flowers for the Village Open Garden Day.**

WELWYN St Mary the Virgin High Street AL6 9LX
Open from: 7.30am **to:** 8.30pm **Refreshments (10.45am-11.30am)**
Features: Burials from 600AD Saxon church restored by Victorians 1950's chancel and east window. **Services 8am, 9.30am, 6.30pm**

WHEATHAMPSTEAD

KIMPTON St Peter & St Paul Church Lane SG4 8RR
Open from: 7.30am **to:** 7pm **Refreshments**
Features: Book Swap Millenium Tapestry & Glass Screens New Wooden Plinth & Cross.

MARKYATE STREET St John the Baptist Church End AL3 8PY
Open from: 9.30am **to:** 8pm **Light Refreshments**
Features: Recently refurbished pipe organ Wall mounted mosaic of Christina of Markyate Coffin lid attributed to Christina.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD St Helen High Street AL4 8AA
Open from: 10am **to:** 4pm
Features: Monument to Apsley Cherry Garrard, polar explorer. Restored Victorian painted chancel ceiling. Well cared for medieval Church.

POTTERS BAR Kings Charles the Martyr 368 Mutton Lane EN6 3AS
Open from: 8.30am **to:** 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: Built in style of Jacobean barn One of 7 churches in UK dedicated to King Charles 1st. Artefacts & books relating to King Charles 1st.
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RIDGE St Margaret EN6 3LH
Open from: 2.30pm **to:** 4.30pm
Features: Windows, Monuments and Carvings of Animals .

BERKHAMPSTED

GREAT BERKHAMSTED St Peter Church Lane HP4 2AX
Open from: 7.45am **to:** 6.20pm **Refreshments**
Features: Early 13th C. cruciform church. Interesting collection of early 14th C brasses. Victorian stained glass.

LITTLE GADDESSEN St Peter & St Paul Church Road HP4 1NZ
Open from: 10am **to:** 4pm

WILSTONE St Cross Tring Road HP23 4PE
Open from: 9am **to:** 5pm
Features: Simple village church .

BISHOP'S STORTFORD

BISHOP'S STORTFORD Holy Trinity South Street CM23 3AA
Open from: 2pm **to:** 4pm
Features: 1901 Stained Glass Window, by Heaton, Butler & Bayne. The Christus Rex, hanging from the chancel arch. .
Stall with limited material available

BRAUGHING St Mary the Virgin Church End SG11 2QA
Open from: 9am *to:* 6pm **Refreshments**
Features: Fine Nave Roof Della Robbia type roundel at east end of south aisle. Chancel roof is collared rafter with scissor bracing.

MUCH HADHAM St Andrew Church Lane SG10 6DH
Open from: 9am *to:* 5pm
Features: Henry Moore window & sculptures Church shared with Catholic congregation Large kneeler collection.

BUNTINGFORD

ANSTEY St George St Georges End SG9 0TJ
Open from: 10am *to:* 4pm
Features: Feature window to commemorate American Air Servicemen, killed in a crash nearby. Medieval graffiti Font with mermen; stalls with misericords.
Booklets on history of the Church available.

ARDELEY St Lawrence The Green SG2 7AQ
Open from: 9am *to:* 6.45pm
Features: Rood loft Angels in roof High Altar Reredos.
History leaflet available

BALDOCK St Mary Hitchin Street SG7 5AD
Open from: 10am *to:* 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: Impressive 14th cent. tower Knight Templar grave 15th cent. screens.

BARKWAY St Mary Magdalene Church Lane SG8 8EJ
Open from: 10am *to:* 4pm

BARLEY St Margaret of Antioch Church End SG8 8JR
Open from: 9am *to:* 6pm
Features: Norman Tower topped with Butterfield Spike Characteristic Butterfield interior & furnishings Fine early 17C pulpit: fragments of notable mediaeval stained glass.

BUSHEY HEATH St Peter 19 High Road WD23 1EA
Open from: 11am *to:* 5pm **Refreshments**
Features: Window by Henry Holiday. Local Artwork. Great War Memorial Chapel.

LEAVESDEN All Saints Horseshoe Lane WD25 0LU
Open from: 11.30am *to:* 4.30pm **Refreshments**
Features: Fine Victorian church (1853 – Gilbert Scott); Rood beam; War Memorials (2); 100 year old Lewis organ; A brand new roof. **Exhibition**

WATFORD St Luke's Langley Way WD17 3EG
Open from: 11.30am *to:* 6pm **Refreshments**
Features: Modern (2006) facilities for the community & church users; Stained glass windows; Beautiful chapel in old chancel of 1930's church building.
2014 St Lukes Mission trips, bookstall, children's fun worksheet.

WATFORD St Mary Church Street WD18 0EG
Open from: 10am *to:* 7.30pm **Refreshments**
Features: 13th-15th cent., Grade 1 listed Morning & evening services for all. Morison monuments.
To be decided, Tours of the Bell Tower, Face2Face Music group

WATFORD St Andrew Church Road WD17 4PY
Open from: 8am *to:* 4pm **Morning coffee, lunch & afternoon tea**
Features: Thwaites & Reed Turret Close, presented to St Andrew's in 1883; Window with 9 Flemish medallions (c. 1640); Fine 3-manual Brindley & Foster Organ in near original condition. **Organ recitals (10am, 2pm) Fairtrade Stall**

ASTON St Mary Broadwater Lane SG2 7EN
Open from: 10am *to:* 5pm **Refreshments**
Features: Bells and Bell ringers. Stained Glass Windows Churchyard.
Local history exhibition

KNEBWORTH St Mary Old Knebworth Lane SG3 6PY
Open from: 10am *to:* 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: In Knebworth Park, near the House (separate free access to church). Origins of Church 900 years ago. Fine collection of monuments with some of the County's finest sculptures. *Brass rubbing, Tower tours, Handbells demo, Parachuting teddies from tower, Organ recital.*

SHEPHALL St Mary Shephall Green SG2 9XR
Open from: 9.30am *to:* late
Features: Several monuments, our most baroque is George Nodes (d.1697) with a death's head and grotesques. Treble bell which is one of the few 12th Century bells in the country, still rung. Tom Hampson, an Olympic gold-medallist 1932, grave is in the churchyard. *9.30am Morning Communion Service, 4pm Evensong, 6.30pm WW1 concert - see www.stmaryshephall.org.uk for details.*

STEVENAGE Holy Trinity Old Town SG1 3HT
Open from: 8am *to:* 5pm **Refreshments at 11am**
Features: Grade 2 listed Childrens Trail Beautiful interior.

WATFORD

ABBOT'S LANGLEY St Lawrence High Street WD5 0AS
Open from: 11am *to:* 6.30pm **Refreshments**
Features: Fine Norman arches (ca. 1154) The font dates from 1400 Pope, Adrian IV associations.
Displays of registers & records, and information on those who died in the Parish during WW1.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY Church of the Ascension, Bedmond Church Hill WD5 0RN
Open from: 11am *to:* 5pm **Refreshments**
Features: One of few corrugated tin churches in Herts. Impressive wooden interior Stained glass window behind the altar.
Displays of registers & records, and information on those who died in the Parish during WW1.

BRENT PELHAM St Mary the Virgin Brent Pelham SG9 0HE
Open from: 10am *to:* 4pm
Features: Own legend about a Dragon & a Slayer 13th cent tomb slab Impressive 14th cent door. *Booklets on history of the Church available.*

BUNTINGFORD St Andrews Rectory Close, Buckland SG9 0PT
Open from: 9am *to:* 6pm
Features: Built in 14th and 15th Cent. Brasses in the chancel floor Maintained by Churches Conservation Trust.

HORMEAD St Nicholas Horseshoe Lane SG9 0NH
Open from: 10am *to:* 4pm
Features: Late 13th cent. and onwards (heavily restored) Beautiful and well preserved Plain Norman Font. *Booklets on history of the Church available.*

MEESDEN St Mary Meesden SG9 0AZ
Open from: 10am *to:* 4pm
Features: Beautiful church in remote setting; 14th cent. tiled floor; Tudor brick porch.
Booklets on history of the Church available.

REED St Mary Church Lane SG8 8AP
Open from: 10am *to:* 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: Late Saxon North door. Visible Saxon work. Tranquil setting.

ROYSTON St John the Baptist Melbourn Street SG8 9LB
Open from: 10am *to:* 4pm

WYDDIAL St Giles Wyddial SG9 0EL
Open from: 10am *to:* 4pm
Features: Excellent Tudor north aisle & chancel chapel; 17th cent. screens; Brasses.
Booklets on history of the Church available.

BROXBOURNE St Augustine Churchfields EN10 7AU
Open from: 12noon **to:** 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: Building is over 550 years old. Many monuments & plaques. Windows of special interest.
Tree trail & craft activites for children

CHESHUNT St Mary Churchgate EN8 9DY
Open from: 12noon **to:** 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: Interesting architecture. *Friends stall*

CUFFLEY St Andrew Plough Hill EN6 4DR
Open from: 12noon **to:** 4pm
Features: 1965 A-frame building. Fused stained glass windows. Sculpture by Angela Connor.

NORTHAW St Thomas a Becket Vineyards Road EN6 4NW
Open from: 12noon **to:** 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: Grade II* listed building (1882); Unusual 'Arts and Crafts' style murals; Historic 'Father' Willis organ.

TURNFORD St Clements Cheshunt Wash EN8 0LU
Open from: 10.30am **to:** 4pm **Tea & Coffee**
Features: Welcoming and prayerful atmosphere; Link to Rochford Nurseries; Proximity to Lea Valley Park.
Information on Tunford War Memorials & Church and Community Activities.

HEMEL HEMPSTED

APSLEY END St Mary's London Road HP3 9ST
Open from: 12noon **to:** 6pm
Features: .

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD St Mary High Street, Old Town HP1 3AE
Open from: 12noon **to:** 6pm **Refreshments**
Features: Norman Church built 1150 - 1180. 14th cent. Leaded timber spire; Victorian painting of 'The Annunciation'.
Craft Stalls

SAINT ALBANS St Paul Blandford Road AL1 4JP
Open from: 12noon **to:** 6pm **Refreshments**
Features: 1910 Church, extensively refurbished, winner Civic Society Award. Lantern shaped glass entrance Large concourse with good facilities.
Cap Debt Centre

SAINT ALBANS St Michael St Michaels Street AL3 4SL
Open from: 12noon **to:** 6pm **Afternoon Tea**
Features: On the site of the Roman Basilica of Verulamium (?venue for the trial of St Alban); Monument to Francis Bacon (philosopher & Lord Chancellor); Wooden 'Doom' painting (possibly 13th cent.).
Talks at 2.30pm & 3.30pm from Chris Saunders, Archaeologist on the subject of St Michaels, Verulamium and Kingsbury.

SAINT ALBANS St Saviours 23 Sandpit Lane AL1 4DF
Open from: 2pm **to:** 5pm **Refreshments**
Features: Unspoilt late Victorian/Edwardian interior Work to Martin Travers Unique Stations at the Cross.
Tours

SAINT ALBANS St Peter St Peters Street AL1 3HG
Open from: 2pm **to:** 5.30pm **Refreshments**
Features: Imposing central tower the highest point in St Albans; Bright stained glass windows by Belgian artist, Capronnier; Ancient churchyard with orchard, wildflower meadow & Garden of Hope. **Tower tours & displays in the Church**

STOTFOLD St Mary Church Road SG5 4NE
Open from: 10am **to:** 5pm **Refreshments**
Features: Recent re-ordering providing disabled toilet and kitchenette for refreshments. New North Door and surrounds. Sculptured heads on stone pillars.
Scarecrow Festival & stalls in the hall.

WILBURY St Thomas Bedford Road SG6 4DU
Open from: 9.30am **to:** 4pm **Refreshments inc. Picnic in church grounds (3pm)**
Features: First purpose built church in the area. Original stained glass window Variety of original vestments & altar frontals.

RICKMANSWORTH

CROXLEY GREEN St Oswald Malvern Way, Rickmansworth WD3 3QL
Open from: 6pm **to:** 8pm **Refreshments**
Features: 1930's Church building Historic recovered font. Modern stained glass window.
6.30pm Annual Service w. The Chanticleers, with songs from Mary Poppins.

SARRATT Holy Cross Church End, Church Lane WD3 6HE
Open from: 11am **to:** 5pm **Refreshments available at The Cock Inn.**
Features: The building, dating from c. 1190, rests on large lumps of puddingstone; Saddleback tower roof; Wall paintings (c. 1370).
Display of maps and other information for walkers in the Chess Valley & surrounding.

SAINT ALBANS

FROGMORE Holy Trinity 37 Frogmore, Park Street AL2 2JU
Open from: 10am **to:** 6pm **Refreshments**
Features: Very early church by Sir George Gilbert Scott with interesting apse. Children's work displays. Priority of God's word in all that we do.
Services 10.30am, 4.30pm. Exhibits from various groups belonging to the church.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD St Barnabas, Adeyfield The Queen Square HP2 4EW
Open from: 10.30am **to:** 4pm **Free Refreshments**
Features: .
Information help point to access Christians Against Poverty, Dacorum Foodbank, Age Concern Dacorum.

HERTFORD & WARE

BAYFORD St Mary Church Lane SG13 8PP
Open from: 10am **to:** 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: .
Garden Open Day in Bayford

BRAMFIELD St Andrew Main Road SG14 2QJ
Open from: 1pm **to:** 4pm
Features: 11th, 14th, 19th centuries cent First Living of Thomas a Becket Fine country setting.

GREAT AMWELL St John the Baptist St Johns Lane SG12 9SR
Open from: 2pm **to:** 5pm **Cream teas**
Features: Hagioscopes Stocks in the Churchyard The grave of Olympian athlete Harold Abrahams.
Montage of the history of New River, 400th anniversary last year.

HERTFORD St Andrew St Andrews Street SG14 1HZ
Open from: 8am **to:** 8pm
Features: Church Hall newly built. 15th cent. north doorway. Lovely High Victorian altar & reredos.
History literature available

HERTFORD All Saints Queens Road SG13 8AY
Open from: 11.30am **to:** 6.30pm **Refreshments**
Features: Impressive lofty Paley and Austin designed church In Runcorn stone. 140 Tower and 10 Bells Fine example of Kempe, east window 'I am the True Vine'.
Welcomers to talk about the Church and music.

HERTINGFORDBURY St Mary St Marys Lane SG14 2LE
Open from: 9am *to:* 6.30pm
Features: Idyllic village setting. Tombs of Cowper family (one by Roubiliac) and Calvert family (founder of Maryland USA). *History literature available*

HUNSDON St Dunstan Church Lane SG12 8PP
Open from: 1pm *to:* 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: Carey Chapel Fresco (indistinct) Pews.

LITTLE AMWELL Holy Trinity Church Hill SG13 7RS
Open from: 7.30am *to:* 5pm **Refreshments (11-12)**
Features: Florence Barclay, novelist Mid-Victorian, unusual semi-circular apse New hospitality facilities.

LITTLE BERKHAMSTED St Andrew Church Road SG13 8LN
Open from: 12noon *to:* 5pm **Refreshments**
Features: Millenium Block Gold Altar frontal Stained Glass window.

STAPLEFORD St Mary The Virgin Church Lane SG14 3NB
Open from: 12noon *to:* 3pm **Refreshments**
Features: Dating back to the Normans Large churchyard, inc Owl Box Beautiful riverside walk.

WATERFORD St Michael & All Angels Hoigh Road SG14 2PT
Open from: 10am *to:* 5pm
Features: Windows by William Morris, Burne-Jones, Rossetti, et al. Mosaic East Wall Wellingtonia tree in Churchyard.
Current registers will be on display, info on pre-Raphaelite interior.

WATTON-AT-STONE St Andrew & St Mary Church Lane SG14 3RD
Open from: 2pm *to:* 5pm **Refreshments**
Features: .

WIDFORD St John the Baptist Ware Road SG12 8RL
Open from: 9.30am *to:* 5pm **Refreshments**
Features: Spectacular location overlooking the valley 3 wall paintings .

GREAT OFFLEY St Mary Magdelane Kings Walden Road SG5 1AX
Open from: 12noon *to:* 5pm **Refreshments**
Features: 18th cent. chancel with interesting monuments; 14th cent. font; Lady Chapel Offa Tiles.

HITCHIN St Mark St Marks Close, Lancaster Avenue SG5 1UR
Open from: 7.30am *to:* 5pm **Refreshments**
Features: Unusual 1930's church building Very welcoming Small & intimate.
Services 8am, 10am

HITCHIN St Mary's Churchyard SG5 1HP
Open from: 2pm *to:* 4pm
Features: Said to be the "largest and jolliest Churches in Hertfordshire". 15th Century carved Angel Screen. 12-sided apostle font.

LETCHWORTH St Mary the Virgin Letchworth Lane SG6 3NP
Open from: 10am *to:* 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: Oldest building in Letchworth (c.1150 nave); Smallest nave in Hertfordshire Original stained glass from the Montfitchet era. *Church History Guide at 11am & 2pm*

LETCHWORTH St Michael the Archangel Broadway SG6 3PQ
Open from: 12noon *to:* 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: Church in The Round (1967). Stained glass by John Hayward Sculpture & painting by John Hayward.

LITTLE WYMONDLEY St Mary the Virgin Church Path SG4 7JE
Open from: 2pm *to:* 4pm **Refreshments**
Features: 12th-15th cent building; Chancel and nave of equal length; Rood staircase.