

# All Saints Newsletter



## Rambling Rector

Dear Friends,

There is a lovely, shared sense of delight amongst us that Reverend Sam Perez is to be (has been) ordained priest on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and will celebrate Holy Communion for us for the first time on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Sam has been with us for just four months and yet is already in the heart of our church and community. He has taken delight in us, and we have found delight in him, and we still have so much more to discover of one another.

Sam's ordination to the sacramental priesthood is the completion of many years of preparation, study and formation. His ordination is also a beginning ... a beginning of a life of priestly ministry in which he will share the love of God, share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, lead worship, pray with people in sorrow and in joy, encourage repentance and lead people into the loving presence of God.

There is a sense in all of this of being 'chosen' – what does it mean to be

### AT A GLANCE



**Jubilee Celebrations**

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‘chosen’?

Henri Nouwen writes that Jesus is the chosen one. ‘From all eternity God has chosen his precious child to become the Saviour of the world. In our society being chosen implies that others are not chosen, but this is not so for God. God chooses his Son to reveal to us our chosenness. In the Kingdom of God there is no competition or rivalry, each person is precious and unique and has been given eyes to see the chosenness of others and to delight in it.’

I find that idea of chosenness helpful, along with something that I read many years ago, I believe written by Leslie Newbiggin who was such a wonderful gift to the church.

Newbiggin wrote of Sunday as a chosen day, a special, sacred day. It is a day that Christians are called upon to set apart for rest and devotion, for contemplation of the goodness of God, for praise and worship and it is the first day of the week. Sunday is chosen and set apart, not because it is ‘better’ than the other days, but so that all the days of the week may be special because the praise and devotion and meaningfulness of Sunday flows out into them.

Newbiggin said that it is just the same with ordained priests – they are not ‘better’ than other Christians – they are chosen so that God may work through them and reveal the chosenness of all His people. And indeed, we might say the same of being a Christian – we are not ‘better’ than other people – we are chosen so that God may work through us and reveal the chosenness of all people.

All of which brings me back to delight. It is a delight to have Sam amongst us and to know his delight in us.

With love and prayers,

Geoff

## GLANCING BACK



**Elaine Levitt -  
Silver Anniversary**  
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**Jubilee Weekend**  
Raised £400

**Huntingdon Male  
Voice Choir**



**Raised £514**

The concert is available to view on our website or click link below.

[https://youtu.be/  
IikiwwXubNA](https://youtu.be/IikiwwXubNA)



## July 2022 Money Matters

### Summary for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> May:

**Income: £20,946**

**Expenditure: £22,333**

**Deficit: £1,837**

**Our total Bank Funds: £49,662**

### Forecast Deficit for 2022: £1,182

The PCC receives a Treasurers Report at every PCC meeting and reviews the financial position. At the present time we are forecasting a small deficit for the year.

In all our financial considerations we cannot ignore the invasion of Ukraine by Russia as it has had some direct consequences on world energy prices and caused a significant increase in the cost of living which is almost certainly going to adversely affect our income.

At the same time with the turbulence on the world financial markets it will be unlikely that we will see any capital growth in our Investment Fund in 2022. At the beginning of January, the value of Investment Fund was £40,687 and at the end of May it had fallen to £37,585. This sum includes £260 of reinvested dividend. The fall in value in the Investment Fund is around 8%. However, we invest for the long term and markets do recover and grow.

The cost of the new Oak Cabinet for the PA and Music systems is included in the expenditure as is the new pulpit microphone. The PCC has also approved the purchase of one new lapel microphone to replace the old speaker microphones which will complete the upgrade of the Church's PA system.

We received several offers for the Grazing Land and have accepted the offer recommended by Brown & Co, our Land Agents. This was approved by the Ely Board of Finance who act as the custodian. Solicitors have now been instructed for the sale of the Grazing Land. When the sale of the grazing land is completed, it will strengthen our financial position. The PCC will be considering a proposal about how we use and invest these funds when we are in receipt of them.

***It should be noted that the Church receives no grants or financial support from the Diocese or anywhere else – all our income is raised locally by Direct Giving or from Other Income.***

Paul Fearon  
Churchwarden and Treasurer



## The Hartford Chronicles

Hartford Chronicles - keeping you in touch with Church Life and all the social events for the next three months.

*Hartford Chronicles July, 2022.*

So much has happened in the last three months it is difficult to know quite where to begin. My holiday at the beginning of May seems long ago and I feel I would love to be going away again to have time to capture all the happy memories of the events that have happened at our beautiful church.

Not only did we decorate the church for Easter with flower arrangements and Easter Lilies, and we also had a very lovely Easter Garden. This was the creative work of Revd. Sam Perez with the help of Mary Adlam and some very enthusiastic children. It was placed next to the wooden cross and just looked so meaningful. The Easter Day Service was enjoyed by many. Following on from Easter the Coffee Morning took place at the beginning of May to raise funds for the flowers for the Jubilee celebrations and the Harvest and Flower Festival in September. People were most generous and we have covered the cost of all the flowers.

I had the wonderful task of arranging the decoration of our church for the Jubilee Celebrations. So many people helped not only with the decoration of the church but with all the arrangements in the kitchen. We all shared in a very happy time, I hope those who came to visit the church also enjoyed the flowers, memorabilia that wonderful tea party and of course the delicious cakes. On the Saturday we welcomed the Mayor of Huntingdon who was shown round the church and enjoyed a cup of coffee and talking to people who were there enjoying the displays. Geoff and Sam joined the

Mayor for a chat. It was a wonderful surprise to find out that the Mayor had spent some of his childhood, living in Spain and actually in a village very near to where Sam lived. They shared a few words together in Spanish and then Sam explained to Geoff and myself the co-incidence.

Huntingdon Male Voice Choir performed on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. A fantastic evening with a wide variety of music. We also had the delight of poetry being read by Geoff and Sam. The star of the evening had to be Clifford, his performance of The Two 'Osses was amazing, so much laughter, we have never seen Clifford in quite that light before. Well done Clifford.

If you are walking through the church yard, please stop and look at the beautiful plaque which has been placed by the Rowan Tree. I am sure you remember that the tree was planted to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The roses along the path, leading to the church door are beautiful, I understand this is a good year for roses but thanks to Derek for his care of this area and also the Garden of Remembrance.

Please take a look at the events that have been arranged and are still to happen. It is really encouraging to have these events well attended and to be able to welcome people and enjoy each other's company.

I hope you enjoy the summer and the beauty of all the flowers.

Best Wishes,

Pam Fearon

PCC Secretary.

## FEATURE PAGE

### Celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

- *The Church was open every day throughout The Jubilee – Thursday through to Sunday*
- *The Church was decorated with many floral arrangements, memorabilia, craft displays and photographs of the Queen*
- *Refreshments were served*
  
- *A Jubilee Book was available for visitors to sign and share their memories about the Queens reign and tributes to The Queen*
- *A Service of Celebration was held with many people there on Sunday*



“Geoff signing The Jubilee Book”



“The Mayor of Huntingdon with Revd Sam Perez and Pam Fearon”



“A Selection of photos from the Queen’s Reign”



“The Union Jack and Flowers”



“Memorabilia”



“The Prayer Corner”



“Flowers and Commemorative Mugs”



“Pedestal by the Pulpit”

“ The Tea Party in the Children’s  
Corner”



## “Letter from Buckingham Palace”



## ‘Some thoughts and reactions’.

*‘Even as a non-British person, the community of All Saints’ made me feel very much part of them in celebrating Her Majesty. I will never forget it’ - Revd Sam Perez*

*‘It was super to visit you all at All Saints – you’ve done a fab job decorating the church for the jubilee, but more importantly you have a really lovely group of people. Thanks for being so welcoming.’ - David Cole, The Mayor of Huntingdon*

*‘Community, conversation and celebration inspired by our Queen. Thank you!’ - Revd Geoff Boucher*

*‘My abiding memory of the weekend will be welcoming so many new people to the church, the sharing of memories and the making of new friends’ - Mary Adlam*

*‘Her Majesty's most iconic moments in photos, and the flower arrangements were all presented so beautifully and tastefully’ - Haleema Hawkins*

*‘A once in a lifetime celebration – it was beautiful’ - Pam Fearon*

# All Saints Diary

**JULY 2022**

**Mondays July 4th 11th 18th 25th**  
**Crafty Saints 10.00 am - 12.00 pm**

**Mondays July 4th 18th**  
**Chatty Saints 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm**

**Wednesday 20th July 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm**  
**Service of Healing and Wholeness**

**Saturday 23rd July 2pm - 4pm Cream Teas**

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## AUGUST 2022

**Mondays August 1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th**  
Crafty Saints 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

**Mondays August 1st 15th**  
Chatty Saints 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

**Wednesday 17th August 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm**  
Service of Healing and Wholeness

**Wednesday 24th August 2pm - 4pm** Cream Teas

# All Saints Diary

SEPTEMBER 2022

**Mondays September 5th 12th 19th 26th**

Crafty Saints 10.00 am - 12.00 pm

**Mondays September 5th 19th**

Chatty Saints 2.00 pm- 4.00 pm

**Wednesday 21st September 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm**

Service of Healing and Wholeness

**Saturday 24th September 10am - 4pm**

Harvest Flower Festival

**Sunday 25th September**

Harvest Lunch (*ticket only after 11am service*)

**Advanced Notice:-**

**Christmas Fayre** will be on Saturday 19th November

11am - 3pm

## All Saints Church Hartford PCC and Appointed Positions 2022-2023

### Ex- Officio Members

**Rector:** The Revd Geoff Boucher

**Curate:** The Revd Sam Perez

**Associate Ministers:** The Revd Clifford Owen and The Revd Catherine Wright

**Licensed Lay Minister:** Mrs Elaine Levitt

**Churchwardens:** Mrs Sue Craven and Mr Paul Fearon

**Deanery Synod Representatives:** Mrs Helen Dowzall and Mrs Elaine Levitt

Elected Members	Appointed Positions
Mrs Mary Adlam Mrs Pam Clark Mr Derek Colbert Mrs Pam Fearon Mr Tony Humes Mr Colin Jones Mr Peter King Mrs Carol King Mrs Amanda Smith	<p><b>Organist and Choirmaster:</b> Mr Tony Humes</p> <p><b>Honorary Treasurer:</b> Mr Paul Fearon</p> <p><b>Honorary Secretary:</b> Mrs Pam Fearon</p> <p><b>Gift Aid Co-Ordinator &amp; Electoral Roll Officer:</b> Mrs Helen Dowzall</p> <p><b>Health and safety Officer:</b> Mr Vaughan Clark (<i>not on PCC</i>)</p> <p><b>Safeguarding Officer:</b> Rev Geoff Boucher</p> <p><b>DBS Administrator:</b> Mr Paul Fearon</p> <p><b>Data Protection Officer:</b> Mr Pat Hawkins (<i>not on PCC</i>)</p> <p><b>Churches Together Representative:</b> The Revd Clifford Owen</p>

**Website:** Mrs Haleema Hawkins (not on PCC)

**Independent Examiner:** Mr David Ebdale (not on PCC)

**Flower Arranging Coordinator:** Mrs Pam Clark

**Fabric Officer:** Mr Victor Phillips (not n PCC)



## Elaine Levitt – Silver Anniversary

On the 12<sup>th</sup> April Elaine celebrated 25 years as a Licensed Lay Minister.

A Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) or lay reader is a person authorized by the Bishop to lead certain services of worship (or parts of the service), to preach, and to carry out pastoral and teaching functions. It is a lay role, and LLM's are not part of the ordained clergy.

They fulfil a vital role in supporting the clergy in their ministry. Elaine has been doing this at All Saints Church Hartford for the last 25 years and during this time has worked with four vicars and rectors – Revd

Malcolm Guite, Revd Mark Savage, Canon Brian Atling and Revd Geoff Boucher.

This special anniversary gave us the opportunity to say a big 'thank you' to Elaine for her many years of service and the invaluable contribution that she has made to our church.

Elaine is also Lay Chair of the Huntingdon Deanery and has been in this role for nearly ten years. There are 34 parishes in the Huntingdon Deanery which is led by the Rural Dean and the Lay Chair.

*In Elaine's own words:*

*Married to Peter, I enjoy knitting in my spare time, reading, and spending time with my grandchildren.*

*Licensed as a Lay Minister since 1997, I feel privileged to worship in a beautiful church with wonderful friends.*

*Elaine says: "These words were written several years ago but they still hold true. It is amazing how God will make use of each one of us when we trust in him"*



## Revd Sam Perez

Revd Sam Perez is being ordained at Ely Cathedral on Saturday July 2nd.

Sam will then celebrate Holy Communion for the first time at All Saints at 11am on Sunday 3rd July. This will be a very special occasion - please join us for the service followed by refreshments and a celebration in the church room.

Amongst Sam's special guests will be his family including his Mum and Dad from Spain and his sister and brother-in-law who live in London. The Mayor of Huntingdon has also accepted an invitation to attend the service.

It's been a long journey and in Sam's own words:

*Back in 2007 I started a conversation with God that would take me a very long way and in many different directions. During my second pilgrimage on the Way of St James, I was asking God if he was calling me to ordained ministry. My discernment led me to find no apparent answer from God, only silence. While the silence continued, my passion and desire to serve God wholeheartedly was increasing. This question brought me and my wife to be missionaries in southern Spain with Cru for about 9 years, to engage in numerous ecclesiastical events both in my local church as well as in wider circles. After many years of waiting for the Lord to open doors to this ardent passion, I was granted the opportunity to pursue a vocation in ordained ministry as a member of the Church of England.*



We have been very busy in the last few weeks getting ready for the children to take part in their first ever fete performance. Typical of

our British weather, heatwave the day before and on the day it just poured with rain. There was enough respite from the rain for everyone to gather and despite a change of performance area, which was very cramped, they all did brilliantly. Well done to the parents who managed to get the children looking so immaculate and to the children for being amazing! Vey proud of you all!



Best wishes from Amanda

