

Events for the week

Monday

- 10.00 am Crafty Saints
2.00 pm Afternoon Tea & Chat
7.00 pm PCC meeting in church room

Wednesday

- 9.00 am Silver Swans

Thursday

- 10.00 am Silver Swans
4.00 pm Silver Swans

Friday

- 9.00 am Silver Swans

Saturday

- 10.00 am Hunts Art Group

Sunday

- 8.30 am Holy Communion Service (BCP)
11.00 am **Ecumenical Service
at the Methodist Church**



Those For Whom Your Prayers Are Asked

Pat G, Paul B, Katherine, Peter, Jean, Elizabeth B, Susan, Rachel, Mary A, Jimmy, Samuel, Olive, Rosemary, Martin, Andrew, Marcus, Dr. M, Mary C, Karyl, Elizabeth C, Olly H.

This week we are remembering all who live and work in **Suffolk House & Newham Close**



FUSION

During January we will be remembering Fusion in our prayers. Fusion Family and Youth Projects work with young people in Huntingdon aged 8-17, and up to 25 with additional needs. The young people they work with are some of the most vulnerable in society. Many of them come from disadvantaged backgrounds and have experienced difficulty in their lives.

Fusion aims to encourage young people to make positive choices, educate young people to form safe relationships, and reduce anti-social behaviour. They provide them with a safe space to express themselves, feel supported, and develop their skills.

Fusion runs weekly youth groups, bespoke school groups, one to ones, a homework club, family day trips, and holiday activity projects. They believe that with help, encouragement, and support every young person has the potential to lead a fulfilling productive life, whatever their circumstances.

We have supported Fusion financially for several years and make a donation to them every month.

You can contact the Rector,
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All Saints Hartford with Houghton-with-Wyton

The Second Sunday of Epiphany 19th January 2025



Adoration of the Mystic Lamb by Van Eyck 1432

Today

11.00 am All Age Communion Service

Leader: Rev Geoff Boucher

Preacher: Rev Steph Pedlar

Readers: Susan Tooby / Frank Tingle

Intercessor: Kathy Radley

Readings: **1 Samuel 3:1-20**
John 1:29-42

Hymns

636 The Church's one foundation

314 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

625 Take my life, and let it be

411 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

574 Purify my heart (Admin)

Collect:

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your
glory, hidden through past ages and made
known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Next Sunday 26th January

There will be a joint service to mark **Christian Unity Week** at **Huntingdon Methodist Church**, 17 High Street at 11am (and no service at Hartford at that time). Please join us there.

There will be a service of Holy Communion at 8.30am at Hartford.

Please Take The Weekly Sheet Home

You can watch the latest Service video on our website: <https://www.allsaintshartford.org.uk/>

First Reading:

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity

³Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' ¹⁷Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.'¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.



Ladies Breakfast

The next Ladies Breakfast is on February 1st when the speaker is **Kate Hadley** talking about the **Knitted Bible Exhibition** which is being held in March at St Mary's Godmanchester.

Gospel:

John 1:29-42

The Lamb of God

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The First Disciples of Jesus

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Lime Wash

The contractors started the Lime Wash on Monday 13th January and are due to finish by the 14th March. However, it is possible that the work may take a couple of weeks longer to complete than scheduled. The lead contractor is Brown & Ralph who have done several projects in the church during the last six years. The contract is being managed and overseen by Jerry Lander, our Quinquennial Architect.

The work will be done in two phases. The first phase started on the 13th January in the Chancel and the Tower and this will take about four weeks to complete. Following this the second phase will start in the Nave and the Aisles with scaffolding and boarding across the nave at a height of two meters.

Sunday services are continuing to be held in church. Understandably, we will need to make some adjustments due to the scaffolding which will be erected. During the limewash the organ will be sealed and protected from dust. Our Organist and Choir master, Tony will be using his keyboard until the limewash is completed.