

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Harvest Festival –**

#### **Sunday 11 and Supper Monday 12 October**

Gifts of produce, perishable and otherwise, will be greatly appreciated for display in Church and then for auction at the Supper. Donations of prizes for the Supper Draw are also welcomed via The Rectory. Tickets for the cooked Supper and Auction at the Village Hall (6.30 for 7p.m) are available from the Post Office, Bakery and Rectory : £6 adults; £3 under 12's.

**TREEMENDOUS!** A new musical by St Michael's Reader Jenny Dann: World Première Weekend. Join Rusty Redwood and the rest of the Forest gang as they get ready to meet the Lord of the Forest. Entry is FREE but space is limited, so please contact Jenny on 01462 817337 to obtain a ticket – Saturday October 3 and Sunday 4, 4p.m. at St Michael's Shefford

United Service of prayer for Healing and Wholeness – **Shefford Methodist Church - Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7.30p.m.**

**'Special Memories'** – 9.45 a.m. Sunday Nov 1 at St Michael's Shefford. A service to give thanks for those who whose lives have touched ours, and are now in God's nearer presence. If you would like names of loved ones remembered in prayer please add to list in church, or ring the Rectory. This is a united service for both parishes, to which all are warmly invited.

**Shefford Deanery All Saints Choral Evensong** - Sunday November 1, 6p.m. at All Saints Church, Campton, with the combined choirs of the Deanery. Preacher: Canon John Kiddle, Diocesan officer for Mission and Development. All welcome

### **Looking further ahead:**

Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup> – St Mary's Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall – please look our for details

### **St Albans Cathedral Evening Pilgrimage.**

We have the opportunity to visit our Cathedral Church on a Wednesday evening next year as a special Parish visit. This would include a light buffet, a prayer tour of the Cathedral, the evening service of Compline and a procession to St Albans Shrine. Cost about £5. Dates yet to be agreed but if interested please let me know – Rector John

### **JC**

On the face of it, one could think that teaching Old Testament stories would be a challenging task as they date back so much longer, but today's JC session showed this, once more, not to be the case.

When dealing with the parting of the Red Sea we had great fun looking at the Bible, speed drawing the chapter on how the Israelites got ready for the Exodus and thinking about how frightening the situation must have been at the time: the Red Sea in front and the Egyptians in hot pursuit in the back. We all reflected on how we would have felt at the time and that trusting in God sometimes seems easier said than done. We agreed though, that it's the only way forward that will leave us happier and better off. On finishing we thought about our challenges in life and how trusting and believing in God will overcome them, a question we will think about this week.

Alex Sinfield

# ST. MARY'S VILLAGE CHOIR

Initially the choir will be singing at St. Mary's Harvest Festival [Sun.11<sup>th</sup> Oct 11.15] and 2 of our Christmas Services.

In the New Year the choir will then have the opportunity to sing at Festivals throughout 2010, including special services & events, weddings and occasional regular services e.g. Holy Communion.

**PRACTICES:** Tuesday evenings 8pm – 9 / 9.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Meppershall.

**NEXT PRACTICE:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 8pm

**Following practices:** Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 8pm – 9.30pm  
Nov. 8pm – 9.30pm

Tues. 17<sup>th</sup>

Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 8pm – 9.30pm  
Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 8pm – 9.30pm  
Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm – 9.30pm  
Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm – 9.30pm  
Tues. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 8pm – 9.30pm

- You do need to be able to sing in tune, but other than that no 'qualification' needed. Try it out and see if it's right for you.
- Questions?

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