

Concerts & Drama

All Saints Hertford. There will be a performance by Adrian Plass including poetry, readings and dramatisations on **Thursday 19th April**, 7.15pm. Tickets will be available from 01992 587544 or from www.searchlighttheatre.org (small booking fee) Cost is £8 in advance or £10 on the door. See poster in bundle notices.

Holy Trinity Leverstock Green

RSCM Regional Choral Evensong on **Sunday 22nd April** - rehearsal at 2.30pm, service at 5.30pm. Repertoire from book 'King of Glory, King of Peace' and fee £6 includes a copy to take away. Visit www.rscm-stalbands.co.uk for booking forms or call Rosemary Knight on 01727 766871.

All Saints Church, Turvey, MK43 8EP

'Sing the Sweet Spring' - 'Cantamus' chamber choir, **Saturday 28th April**, 7.30pm. Songs and anthems for Springtime by various composers including 'A Norfolk Requiem' (1999) by Turvey born composer Paul Edwards. Conductor Gary Mudd. Admission £8.00 (incl refreshments). Further details 07762 589743 or 07989 837819

Holy Child & St Joseph Church, Midland Road, Bedford.

RSCM Instrumental Workshop on **Wednesday 2nd May** 7.30pm-9.30pm run by Miles Quick. He will be looking at styles and techniques to help unite congregations and musicians in worship. instrumentalists and singers equally welcome. Fee £6 booking forms at www.rscm-stalbands.co.uk or from Revd James Reveley vicar@standrewsbedford.org 01234 354234.

St Mary's Ashwell Music Festival

Highlights include: **Friday 11th May** 6pm - Widdershins Puppet Theatre – a FREE event; **Saturday 12th May** 8pm - Motown Tribute Act – Mission Blue; **Thursday 17th May** 7pm - Young Musicians' Concert; **Friday 18th May** 8pm - Darius Brubeck Quartet; **Saturday 19th May** 8pm - An Evening with Ben Goldscheider, Horn & Piano recital; **Sunday 20th May**

6pm - Festal Evensong. Visit www.ashwellmusicfestival.org for details.

St Paul's Church, Bedford, MK40 1SQ

Spring Fair, **Saturday 28th April** Open 10-4. Stalls and activities for all ages. Further details and to book a stall in this magnificent church building contact 01234 340163. Email: Robin Bartlett robin.bartlett@stpaulschurchbedford.org.uk or Madeleine Gamble admin@stpaulschurchbedford.org.uk.

St. Peter's Church, Lilley

are holding a Festival of Flowers on **Saturday 5th May and Monday 7th May**, 10.30am to 4.30pm and on **Sunday 6th May**, 11am to 4.30pm. The theme this year is "When I Grow Up". Admission £2.50 (children free). Refreshments available in the Village Hall.

Talks & Courses

Bedford School Library, de Parys Ave, Burnaby Road gate, MK40 2TU.

"The Secret Diaries of William Wilberforce, MP and anti-slavery campaigner". Illustrated talk by Prof John Coffey of the University of Leicester on **Tuesday 24 April**, 7.30pm. Free to HA members. Others welcome with a donation. Details 07989 837819/01234 266839

a two-day conference entitled 'Faith Empowered' on **Friday 27th and Saturday 28th April** 9.30am-4pm. She will also speak at a special healing service **Friday April 27th** evening at 7.45pm. Cost: Free but there will be a place to donate towards the costs of Jo's travel from America and to bless her ministry. For more information and to book your place, visit www.stpauls-stalbands.org/jo-moody/

St Nicholas Church, Rectory Lane Stevenage SG1 4DA

'Building Better Homegroups' with speaker Tim Thornborough on **Saturday 28th April** 10am-1pm (coffee from 9.30am). Top tips, biblical insight and innovative ideas to make your homegroup go with a zing. Tickets £5 inc. refreshments, booking advised but pay on door. Email rector@saintnicholaschurch.org.uk or call 01438 213587.

St Hugh's Church, Leagrave High Street, Luton LU4 0ND.

'Unbound Conference' on **Friday 11th May** (7pm-9pm) to **Saturday 12th May** (9am-4pm). Cost £11/concessions £6. See poster in bundle notices for full programme. to book visit www.houseofmercy.org.uk, For enquiries call 07712 308842.

Focolare Centre for Unity, Welwyn Garden City.

Talk by The Revd Luke Geoghegan entitled:

'Whose Knowledge? University, government policy and the church'

on **Wednesday 6th June**, 6pm – 9pm. Cost: £15 (supper included).

Almost 50% of all young people now secure a place at university. But graduates are currently leaving university with debts of over £50,000. What are the benefits of a university education, who benefits most and what are the benefits to society? The speaker will look at the facts in the context of current government policy and why, and how, the Church should be involved.

Book your place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/whose-knowledge-university-government-policy-and-the-church-mdt-tickets-35173940202>.

Shaping the World Today

A 4 week BELIEF course

- 25/4 **'Sexualisation of Society'**
- 2/5 **'Media'**
- 9/5 **'Religion & the Modern World'**
- 16/5 **'Extremism'**

Sessions run from 8pm-9.30pm at St Andrews Church Centre

Kimbolton Road Bedford MK40 2PF

Cost is £5 per session payable on the day.

For information please call 01234 330314 or email belief@standrewsbedford.org



St Paul's Church St Albans

Jo Moody will be returning to St Paul's, along with some of her team, to lead