

### Concerts & Drama

**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-stalbans.co.uk](http://www.rscm-stalbans.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](http://www.ashwellmusicfestival.org) for details.

**St. Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, MK40 2PF.** O Duo! Oliver Cox and Owen Gunnell perform their exciting take on rhythm and percussion performance, a concert you won't want to miss! On **Saturday 2nd June** at 7.30pm. Tickets from [www.standrewsbedford.org/concerts](http://www.standrewsbedford.org/concerts) or 01234 216881

**St. Swithun's Church, Sandy.** Concert with the Award-Winning Hitchin Band on **Saturday 9th June** at 7.30pm. In aid of The Leprosy Mission. Tickets £5 available in advance from Sandy Town Council Information Office or Colin Osborne (01767 682032) or on the door. Refreshments available in the interval.

#### **St Albans Cathedral Concerts:**

'The Sea Symphony' by Vaughan Williams and other works by Finzi, Mendelssohn and Sumsion performed by Hertford Choral Society and Chameleon Arts Orchestra. **Saturday 9th June** at 7.30pm.

'Elijah' by Mendelssohn performed by St Albans Bach Choir and other

Cathedral Choirs with Sinfonia Verdi. **Saturday 14th July** at 7.30pm. Visit [www.stalbanscathedral.org/whatson/music/](http://www.stalbanscathedral.org/whatson/music/)

**St Peter's Church, Berkhamsted.** Celebration Concert by Bridgewater Sinfonia on **Saturday 16th June** at 7.30pm. Programme includes works by Bedrich Smetana, William Mathias, Aaron Copland and Jean Sibelius. Tickets £16/£15 in advance, under 18s free. 01442 873205 or reserve online [www.bridgewater-sinfonia.org.uk](http://www.bridgewater-sinfonia.org.uk).

**St Laurence Church, Wormley, Broxbourne** is holding a concert: A Summers Evening with the Three Valleys Male Voice Choir on **Saturday 23rd June** at 7.30. Tickets are £8 in advance and £10 on the door and include light refreshments. There will be a raffle also. For tickets contact Parish office on 01992 444117 email [bwparishoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:bwparishoffice@btinternet.com).

### Open Days & Festivals

**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.

**St Clement Turnford.** Flower Festival **Fri - Mon, 25th - 28th May** (Spring Bank Holiday weekend) open daily 10 - 4pm (Sun from 12 noon) Refreshments available throughout - Light Lunches. Grand Draw. **Monday 28th** at 2pm - The Padwicks Comedy Duo, Tickets £5. Festival closes on the Monday at 4pm. with Festival Thanksgiving. Festival entry free, car parking free. For tickets or information contact Gill 07721 086062.

**St. Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, MK40 2PF.** Exhibition entitled 'A Friendship in Stitch' displaying works created by designer Joan Freeman and embroiderer Clarissa Robinson. Includes beautiful altar frontals, chasubles and copes. **Friday 29th June - Sunday 1st July** 11am-4pm. Admission free.

### Talks & Courses

**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](http://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>.

#### **High Leigh Conference Centre**

USPG Conference 'All Things Are Possible' from **Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th July**, or just **Tuesday Day Conference**. Discover how Anglicans in other countries are engaging with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Free to students and ordinands. See leaflet in ebundle downloads, or visit [www.uspg.org.uk/conference](http://www.uspg.org.uk/conference).



**Saturday 23 June 2018**