

## St Ippolyts Church, St Ippolyts, Nr Hitchin



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## Reflections

## Past Reflections

'Ask and it shall be given unto you seek and ye shall find'

The three days leading up to Ascension Day (Thursday 13th May) are known as Rogation days in the church's calendar. The word Rogation comes from the Latin verb - Rogare - meaning 'to ask', for on these days traditionally the Litany of the saints was said or sung and the church asked for God's blessing on the crops, as the people walked around the fields of the parish.

Being a bit of a one for traditions myself, this year I am very pleased to say that we will be having our very own Rogation Day walk and service on Sunday 9th May and we will be joined by Bishop Alan Smith, our Bishop of St Albans. This is our chance to show him our parishes, for him to call on God to bless the crops growing in the fields around us, and for us all to walk off the results of all those chocolate Easter Eggs!

The Bishop will preside at a 'Eucharist on the move', so we will start at St Ippolyts Church at 9.30am where we will have the beginning of our communion service, we will then walk to Little Wymondley where in that church we will continue the service with our Bible readings and Bishop Alan will preach, (we should be at Little Wymondley anytime from 10.15am), then after the sermon we will walk to Great Wymondley, joined by the Letchworth Morris Dancers, and finally arrive at Great Wymondley church (anytime around 11.30am) for the Bishop to preside at the Eucharistic Prayer and communion. At the end of the service we will enjoy a picnic lunch together.

Due to the nature of the service, and the state of the fields and the unpredictability of the weather, these times are approximate so the only way you can really be sure of being there on time and not missing any of the fun is by joining us all the way, so come and join us at St Ippolyts Church ready and prepared to walk at 9.30am. (If you are not able to walk all the way then drive to the various churches and join in there).

Of course we always have to be careful when we ask God for anything, he may answer our requests in the most unlikely way.

Over the last three years since I have been here I have been asking God for an increase in numbers in our congregations, I am sure he is listening, but guess he may be busy on other more worldly concerns. I may have said it before but there is a saying, you probably knowit, 'You don't have to go to church to be a Christian', I'd like you all to know 'You don't have to be a Christian to go to church', there is a sense of belonging that we all feel in the villages and churches and it is this belonging, and feeling at home, that then gradually or suddenly, can change into a sense of believing.

This May, you may like to try it, come and seek us out, we have three lovely churches and congregations and services to suit most tastes and times and remember if there is anything you want to ask your Priest in Charge then I'd like to think I would be able to help you, as you seek to find what the Lord May have in store for you.

May the Lord be with you, this May.

Reverend Ann