

Parish News

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The Vicarage 17 Barclay Close



Lions, Lionesses, and One Roaring Good Summer

There's been no shortage of roaring this summer—and not just from the kids on school holidays!

First up, the British & Irish Lions took to the rugby pitch once more. Big tackles, even bigger beards, and a passion that united fans across four nations. Not far behind, England's Lionesses brought their trademark grit and grace to the football field, reminding us why they've become such national treasures. Whether it's rugby or football, we can't help but be swept up by the pride, power, and passion of these teams.

It's enough to make you want to dig out your old PE kit. Or maybe just cheer from the sofa with a cup of tea.

But while sporting lions have been grabbing the headlines, the Bible offers us a very different kind of lion—the Lion of Judah.

In Revelation 5:5, we read: "Look, the Lion of Judah, the heir to David's throne, has won the victory." This Lion isn't after trophies or tries, but hearts. Jesus, our Lion of Judah, leads not through brute strength, but through courage, love, and sacrifice. His victory wasn't on a scoreboard—it was on the cross, and it changed everything.

It's easy to get swept up in the thrill of a match (and rightly so—it's exciting!). But life isn't always played out in stadiums. Often it's in quiet acts of kindness, standing up for what's right, or simply being there when someone needs a friend. That's where we're called to roar—not loudly, but lovingly.

So as August rolls on—whether you're watching sport, playing in the garden, or just trying to survive a family trip to the seaside—take a moment to remember the Lion you follow. Let His roar of truth and grace shape your steps.

Cheer for the Lions. Celebrate the Lionesses. But let the Lion of Judah be the one who truly leads your heart.

After all, His team never loses—and there's always room for new players.

Love and prayers, Sally $x \times x \times x$



Missing the usual summer clubs? Your little one already restless? Have a toddler in need of socialising?

Stay and Play at the Mission Room, join us for toys, crafts and fun for little ones. Refreshments for grown ups too! Just drop in and play!

Activities are designed for reception age and below





TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOAT





We love weddings at Holy Trinity!

Are you looking for somewhere to get married? How about our beautiful little church on the village green? Did you know that it costs the same to get married here as it does at a registry office or venue, and we have some wonderful pubs in the village to hold your reception at.

We also love marriage blessings, renewal of vows, and baptisms (christenings). Recently we even combined a wedding and baptism of their baby, a wonderful celebration!

If you are interested in a wedding, marriage blessing, renewal of vows, or baptism (christening), for yourself or your child we'd love to help, please contact our Vicar, Sally, for a chat about the how, what, when, where and why of these events at Holy Trinity.

Hertford Heath Garden Club

Annual Garden Show on July 19





Celebration Cake: "The Sustainable Garden"



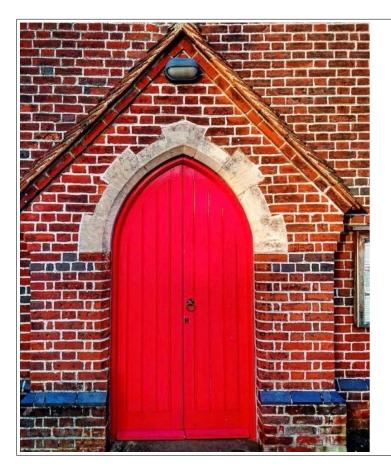
Honey Cupcakes (with bees!)



Children's Entries

photos;

Susanna Williams



THE MISSION ROOM

Available to hire for meetings, clubs and parties.

Minimum 2 hour hire - £25 Subsequent hours - £10 per hour

Seats up to 50 with a small kitchen and toilet.

To make a booking email: hhmissionroom@gmail.com

The Mission Room, Vicarage Causeway, Hertford Heath, SG13 7RT



Janet and Colin Bird Invite you to Afternoon Tea in their Garden

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST 2025

3.00pm to 5.00pm

Tickets £15.00 per adult (children under 16 Free)

In Aid of FUTURE HOPE

To reserve your ticket, please telephone: 01992 587544 or email: janet_l_bird@hotmail.com or Sign Up on the List at the Back of the Church (Address supplied at time of Booking)

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

Keeping our churchyard tidy and safe for all.

For most people churchyards are places of quiet contemplation and remembering. Our aim is to ensure that our churchyard should be both peaceful, kept tidy and mown for the benefit of everyone.

The churchyard around Holy Trinity Church, Hertford Heath is closed for burials (open for burial of ashes). The grounds are maintained by gardeners employed by Hertford Heath Parish Council (HHPC). Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council (HTPCC) works with HHPC in maintaining the safety and appearance of the churchyard.

Neither Hertford Heath Parish Council (HHPC) nor Holy Trinity Parochial Church Council (HTPCC) is responsible for maintaining memorials in the churchyard, the memorial stone/grave/tablet upkeep is the responsibility of the deceased's family. Checks are carried out from time to time to ensure that memorials have not become hazardous. If it appears that a memorial is in a dangerous condition, HTPCC may decide that it should be laid on the ground to avoid accidents.

Our churchyard is different from a civil (local authority) cemetery. In our churchyard the burial plots are not 'owned' by the family. In a Church of England churchyard, families own a memorial stone or tablet, but not the ground in which it is set. The plots remain part of the churchyard and as such are all subject to the Diocese of St Albans Churchyard Regulations.

Memorial stones and tablets can only be installed by a qualified funeral director or stone mason under the regulations laid out in the Diocese of St Albans Churchyard Regulations and via the faculty process. Our Churchwardens can help you with this, as can your Funeral Director.

Memorial Garden

In the Memorial Garden the regulations allow for a 12 inch/30cm square memorial tablet which should be laid flush with the ground, and which may incorporate a vase for flowers.

The only permitted items **on or around** a memorial tablet, in the Memorial Garden at Holy Trinity Churchyard are:

- 1. a stone/granite memorial vase. This should be placed **on** the memorial tablet. Please note plastic versions of these vases are **NOT permitted**.
- 2. **OR** one ceramic bowl of plants. The bowl should be no larger than 8 inches/20cm in diameter, and when containing plants should stand no higher than 12 inches/30cm see photo. This should be placed on the memorial tablet.

3. **OR one** plastic vase, see photo. This should be placed above the memorial tablet

Please note that you can only choose one of these options, not all three. These items are placed at your own risk. HTPCC, HHPC or the gardeners will not accept responsibility for any damage or breakages due to strimming the grass and keeping the area well maintained.



Loose flower vases and containers made of glass or plastic are not permitted because they are vulnerable to accidental damage which causes understandable distress to the family, and they can cause difficulties for mowing or strimming. Sometimes pieces of broken container can cause injury. We encourage people to have flowers in containers at home as a reminder of a loved one.

Graves, and memorial tablets in the Memorial Garden, need to be kept clear of obstructions so that the grass can be cut. Seasonal wreathes may be laid on any grave or memorial tablet but must be removed as soon as they appear to be dead. It should also be noted that free-standing features such as toys, pictures, mementos, statues, plastic/silk flowers, solar lights etc. are **NOT** allowed. Chippings, gravel, paving stones, or kerbs may **NOT** be placed on or around any grave or any area set aside for cremated remains in the churchyard. No trees, plants or shrubs may be planted anywhere in the churchyard. Wooden marker crosses are designed to mark a burial plot until a permanent memorial is added. They should then be removed and may be taken home by the family or disposed of by the funeral director or monumental mason.

HTPCC tidy the Churchyard on the last weekend of each month, and at their discretion, will remove any non-permitted items placed in the churchyard. They will be carefully placed by the side of the church for collection; retained for a three-month period, after that time they will be disposed of.

It is for our local community, that we preserve the atmosphere of tranquillity and natural, living landscape of our churchyard which itself offers the beauty of creation as a comfort to all who enter. Please help us to preserve this character, which has endured for many centuries. and which we have a duty to pass on to the next generation.

HTPCC are dedicated to maintaining the churchyard for the benefit of families and other visitors. These Regulations are intended to create and maintain a place of peace, dignity, and respect for the departed.

For a copy of the St Albans Diocese Churchyard Regulations please click this link https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/Churchyard-Regulations-2020.pdf

These Regulations are also displayed on the Holy Trinity Church website, in the Memorial Garden, on the Lych-gate at the entrance to the churchyard and in the porch of the Church.

If you have any questions about Holy Trinity Church churchyard or are hoping to have a burial of ashes in the churchyard, please contact our Vicar Sally on vicarsally@gmail.com, or Susanna Williams, our churchwarden, on susanna.williams@btinternet.com

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