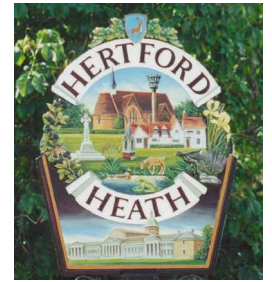




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THE VICAR'S BIT

One of the things Jesus cared about most was people being together. He didn't spend His time locked away or living in isolation. Instead, He gathered friends, ate meals, visited homes, and welcomed everyone, even those others ignored. For Him, community wasn't just a nice idea, it was how God's love is meant to be lived.

Jesus summed it up simply: love God and love your neighbour (Mark 12:30-31). The two always go hand in hand. When we look out for each other, share food, laugh together, and lend a helping hand, we are living in the way of Jesus.

The first Christians understood this. The book of Acts tells us they met regularly, shared what they had, and ate together with glad and grateful hearts (Acts 2:46). Faith was never something private or hidden away, it was naturally part of everyday life, in friendship and generosity.

That's why the things our village does to bring people together matter so much. Summer Fayre, Fayrely Big Picnic, Movie Mornings, Toddler Groups, Band nights, Orchard Days or just chatting on the street. All of these are small acts that push back against loneliness and remind us that no one has to face life alone. In their own way, they reflect the Kingdom of God, where everyone has a place at the table.

Community doesn't have to be complicated. It might be as simple as knocking on a neighbour's door, sharing a cuppa, or inviting someone along to an event. Those little moments of kindness can be life changing.

So, let's keep doing what Jesus showed us: building community, making room for others, and celebrating the joy of being together. After all, He said: *"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another"* (John 13:34).

Love and prayers

Sally x

Thank you for all the boxes and cardboard donated for the Fayrely Big Picnic, they were used creatively by all who came along.



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.





HARVEST

Family Fun

Saturday 27 September
3.30-4.30pm
 Lots of craft, lots of mess,
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 plus Cakes with the King
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IT'S ALL FREE

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Sunday 28 September, 10am

Join us to worship and thank God for the harvest,
 bring along your donations for the Herford & District Foodbank.

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2PM-5PM

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*How the Irish teach us
to live, love and die*



A talk by Rev. Alan Stewart

An exploration of Irish customs around death and dying, and a reflection on a good death.

St Andrew's Church, St Andrew St Hertford
Wednesday 24th Sept 7.30pm

Street Pastors Commissioning Service

Sunday 28th September,

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10:15am



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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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