

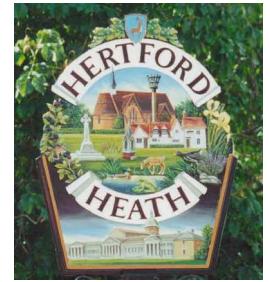


# Parish News

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## October 2025

The Vicarage  
17 Barclay Close



### THE VICAR'S BIT

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

As we reflect on the season, we are reminded of Jesus' words in John 8:12, pointing us from darkness into light.

If you've ever wondered why some Christians don't really go in for Halloween, the answer is a bit of history mixed with a bit of faith — and not at all about being grumpy or trying to spoil the fun.

Halloween began as "All Hallows' Eve," the night before All Saints' Day, which is a joyful Christian festival celebrating all God's people, known and unknown. Over time, though, the evening picked up a whole collection of customs — from Celtic harvest festivals to spooky stories about ghosts and goblins. By the time it reached modern Britain and America, the costumes, pumpkins, and trick-or-treating had taken centre stage, while the original Christian meaning had slipped into the background.

So why do some Christians step back from it today? The main reason is that the modern version of Halloween often focuses on fear, death, and darkness — things Christians prefer to view through the hope of Christ's light. Dressing up as skeletons, witches, or monsters might be all in good fun, but for many Christians it can feel like celebrating the very things Jesus came to overcome.

That said, not all Christians avoid Halloween completely. Some take the opportunity to host "Light Parties," or simply open their homes with warmth and hospitality. The idea is to shift the focus from fear to joy, from darkness to light, and from "tricks" to kindness.

For non-Christians, Halloween can just be a bit of seasonal fun, and there's nothing wrong with enjoying pumpkins, sweets, and a sense of community. For Christians, the heart of it is remembering that the story doesn't end in shadows — our faith points to hope, life, and the brightness of God's love. And that's something worth celebrating, on 31 October and every day after!

So, this Halloween, whether you're carving pumpkins or handing out sweets, remember the brightest light of all, Jesus, guiding us safely through the shadows of life.

Love and prayers

Sally x

# FAMILY

## Movie Morning



Tuesday 28 October, 10am  
at Holy Trinity Church, Hertford Heath  
Movie, popcorn and drinks. IT'S ALL FREE  
Everyone welcome

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## STAY & PLAY



HALLOWEEN CRAFTS,  
TOYS, TEA, COFFEE  
& COMPANY

FREE



29<sup>th</sup> October



3PM - 4.30PM



The Village Hall  
121 London Road  
Hertford Heath

MESSAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION



# Lest we forget

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Sunday 9 November 10am  
at Holy Trinity Church  
10.50am at the War Memorial,  
London Road

Holy Trinity Church, Church Hill, Hertford Heath, SG13 7RS  
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# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

A Service of Remembrance giving God thanks  
for those we have loved and lost

Sunday 2 November 10am

Everyone welcome

Holy Trinity Church, Church Hill, Hertford Heath, SG13 7RS  
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## HERTFORD HEATH GARDENING CLUB

We have organised an **Autumn Social event** for **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October** in the **Mission Room**. This will start at **6.45pm**, with our fish (or chicken) and chips supper ordered for delivery around 7pm. This will be followed by a talk by Andrew Wood from the charity Butterfly Conservation on butterflies and moths we can see in our gardens and allotments.

The tickets will cost £17 but there is a discount if you have paid your subscription this year, in which case, tickets will cost £14. If you haven't already done so, you can pay your subscription (£2 per person or £3 for a couple) when ordering tickets and get the discounted rate.

If you wish to purchase tickets, please **contact Sue Hattersley by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** and also state whether you would like fish or chicken.

Sue Hattersley (General Secretary), 25 Mount Pleasant

Telephone : 01992 583002



## 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

# 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](mailto:vicarsally@gmail.com), or Susanna Williams, our churchwarden, on [susanna.williams@btinternet.com](mailto:susanna.williams@btinternet.com)

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