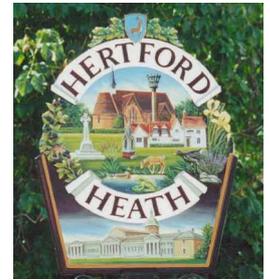




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The Vicarage
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THE VICAR'S BIT

Lent comes around every year and, like clockwork, we start asking, “What am I giving up?” Chocolate? Biscuits? That second cup of coffee? Giving something up can be a good thing. It reminds us that we don’t have to say yes to every craving, and that God is more important than our small comforts. (Even if the small comforts are very nice.)

But Lent isn’t only about giving things up. It’s also about taking things up. Maybe it’s five quiet minutes of prayer before the day properly begins. Maybe it’s reading a bit of Scripture. Maybe it’s picking up the phone to check in on someone instead of meaning to and never quite getting round to it.

The bigger question is this: what is actually getting in the way of our relationship with God? For some of us, it’s busyness. We rush from one thing to the next and wonder why God feels distant. For others, it might be a grudge we’re holding onto, or a habit that quietly takes up more space in our lives than it should.

Lent is really about making space. Less clutter, more room for God. Less noise, more listening. As we walk towards Easter, perhaps the best thing we can do is gently let go of what pulls us away from God and take up whatever draws us closer.

Love and prayers

Sally x

EASTER

at Holy Trinity Church



3 April 2-3pm
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Reflecting on the final hour of
Jesus' time on the cross.
A time to pause and meditate
on Jesus' sacrifice.

4 April 3.30-4.30pm
EASTER FAMILY FUN
Craft, stories, songs
and games for all ages
plus Hot Cross Buns for everyone

5 April 10am
EASTER SUNDAY
FAMILY CELEBRATION
Join us from 9am for breakfast
around the Easter fire
in the churchyard followed
by a fun Family Easter Sunday
Celebration at 10am



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EASTER

Family Fun



Saturday 4 April 3.30-4.30pm
Tea, coffee, drinks, biscuits and cake.
IT'S ALL FREE

Lots of craft, lots of mess, lots of fun for all ages
plus Cakes with the King interactive story time.



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FAMILY

Movie Morning



Tuesday 31 March, 10am
at Holy Trinity Church, Hertford Heath
Movie, popcorn and drinks. IT'S ALL FREE
Everyone welcome



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Mothers Day

SERVICE

Sunday 15 March, 10am
Come along to celebrate
your special Mum and Mums

Posies and Fizz

Posies for all Mums,
plus Bucks Fizz for all afterwards.
Everyone welcome.



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Giving up and Taking on - A Sermon Series for Lent

Let's give up more than chocolate this year.

Many of us give up certain things for the forty days of Lent, and doing so can be very beneficial for us. We will be working through a seven week series that takes that idea one step further and talking each week about things that God wants us to give up, not just for forty days, but forever.

22 Feb - Giving up our lives...Taking on Jesus

1 Mar - Giving up expectations...Taking on adventure

8 Mar - Giving up superiority...Taking on humility

15 Mar - Giving up control...Taking on obedience

22 Mar - Giving up hatred...Taking on love

29 March - Palm Sunday - Giving up popularity...Taking on integrity

5 April - Easter Sunday - Giving up death...Taking on life

Save the date

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY JAN-JUL 2026

17 February
Family Movie Morning 10am

19 February
Ashing Service 10am

21 February
Families Pancake Party
3.30-4.30pm

15 March
Mother's Day Service 10am

31 March
Family Movie Morning 10am

3 April
Good Friday Service 2-3pm

4 April
Easter Saturday Family Fun
3.30-4.30pm

5 April
Easter Sunday Service 10am

5 April
Village Easter Egg Hunt
1pm onwards

23 May
Families Church Birthday Fun
3.30-4.30pm

24 May
Pentecost Service 10am

26 May
Family Movie Morning 10am

21 June
Father's Day Service 10am

12 July
Church Family Summer Picnic
after 10am service

EVERYONE WELCOME



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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.



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, or Susanna Williams, our churchwarden, on susanna.williams@btinternet.com

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