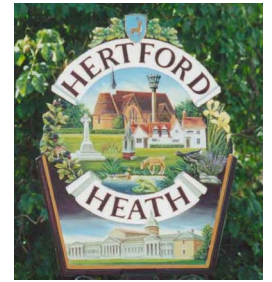




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THE VICAR'S BIT



“Live by faith and not by sight.” Those words can sound like a big ask. After all, we live in a world full of things we *can* see very clearly: rising costs, wars, illness, loneliness, climate worries, family stress, uncertain futures. There is no shortage of big, scary things that feel far beyond our control.

So, what does it mean to live by faith when life feels shaky?

It does not mean pretending problems are not real. It does not mean switching off our minds or ignoring facts. Faith is not denial. Faith is choosing to believe that fear does not have the final word.

For Christians, faith means trusting that God is bigger than whatever frightens us. Bigger than the headlines. Bigger than grief. Bigger than our mistakes. Bigger even than death itself. It means believing that God is with us, even when we cannot see the way ahead.

For those who would not call themselves Christian, faith may begin in smaller but still powerful ways: trusting that kindness matters, that hope is worth holding onto, that love can outlast darkness, that tomorrow may yet bring something good.

None of us controls very much, however hard we try. Life reminds us of that regularly. But we can choose how we respond. We can panic, or we can pause. We can despair, or we can look for courage. We can close in on ourselves, or we can reach out to others.

Faith often starts there: one small step taken in trust.

We do not need all the answers before we move forward. Sometimes we only need enough light for the next step. And thanks be to God, even a small light can shine brightly in dark places.

Love and prayers

Sally x



BIRTHDAY
Family Fun

Pentecost - the birthday of the Church
Saturday 23 May 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 26 May, 10am
at Holy Trinity Church, Hertford Heath
Movie, popcorn and drinks. **IT'S ALL FREE**
Everyone welcome

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Hertford Heath Garden & Allotment Club

Plant & Produce Sale

Cakes & Preserves

The Village Green
10.00am – 11.30am

Saturday 16th May

Come and Join us

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Save the date

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY JAN–JUL 2026

17 February Family Movie Morning 10am	5 April Easter Sunday Service 10am
19 February Ashing Service 10am	5 April Village Easter Egg Hunt 1pm onwards
21 February Families Pancake Party 3.30–4.30pm	23 May Families Church Birthday Fun 3.30–4.30pm
15 March Mother's Day Service 10am	24 May Pentecost Service 10am
31 March Family Movie Morning 10am	26 May Family Movie Morning 10am
3 April Good Friday Service 2–3pm	21 June Father's Day Service 10am
4 April Easter Saturday Family Fun 3.30–4.30pm	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:
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**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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