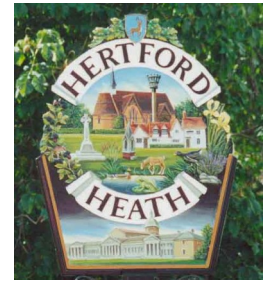




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The Vicarage
17 Barclay Close



Have you noticed that every conversation seems to begin with, "It's hot, isn't it?" This summer is certainly given us plenty to talk about. Our gardens have turned from lush green to rather crispy brown, the hosepipe ban has arrived, and almost every news bulletin seems to bring another story of devastating wildfires somewhere in the world. It's easy to wonder what, if anything, we can do.

So, what does Jesus think about climate change?

Jesus never spoke about carbon emissions or rising global temperatures, but he spoke often about God's creation. He invited people to notice the birds of the air and the flowers of the field, seeing in them the Father's care and delight. The Bible reminds us that this world belongs to God, not to us. As Psalm 24 says, "*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.*" We are guests here, entrusted with caring for a gift that ultimately belongs to someone else.

Jesus also taught us to love our neighbours. Climate change isn't only about weather patterns; it's about people. Around the world, families are losing homes to floods, crops to drought, and forests to fire. Caring for creation is one way of caring for one another.

None of us can fix everything, but each of us can do something. We can waste a

little less, recycle a little more, choose to walk instead of drive when possible, plant flowers for bees and butterflies, or simply think twice before buying something we don't really need.

And we can pray. Pray for wisdom for world leaders, for scientists and emergency services, for communities affected by extreme weather, and for ourselves—that God would help us to be faithful stewards of his creation. Small acts, offered with love, can make a real difference. Looking after God's world isn't about fear or guilt. It's simply one more way of loving God, loving our neighbour, and saying, "Thank you" for the wonderful world he has placed in our care.

Love and prayers

Sally x

Geoff Bawcutt

We are sad to announce the death of Geoff Bawcutt, much loved member of the Holy Trinity family. There will be a Memorial Service for him at Holy Trinity on 26th August, 2pm. All welcome.



The late Dudley Kaye

Dudley Kaye died peacefully at his home at Milford on Sea surrounded by his daughters on 29th June 2026, aged 95 years.

He will be missed by all his family and friends who knew him. A funeral service was held at his local church, followed by a cremation on the same day.

Dudley, his late wife Jean and family lived at Mount Pleasant in Hertford Heath for many happy years.

Hertford Heath Garden & Allotment Club

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Some Children's Exhibits



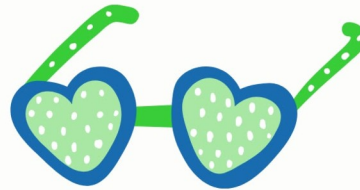
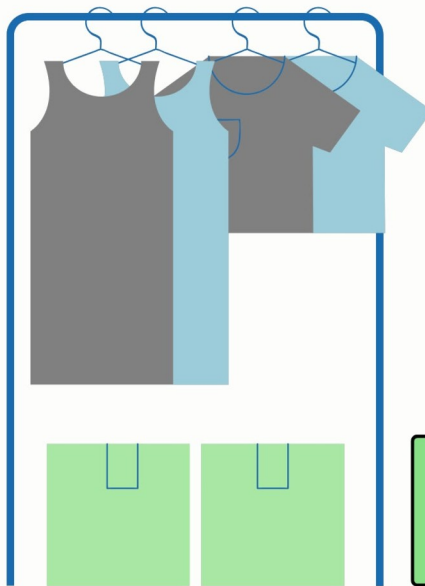
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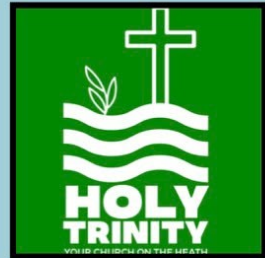


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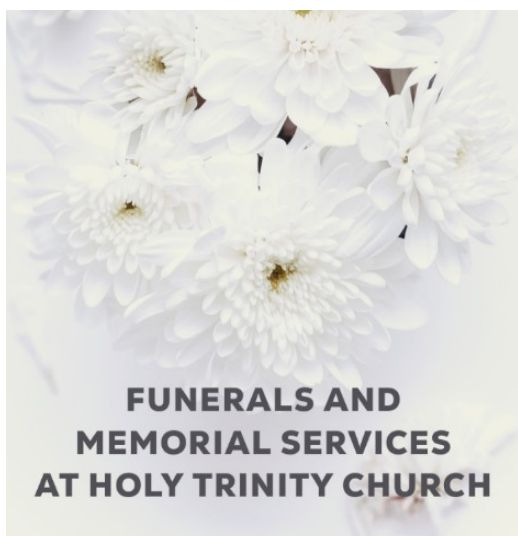


We love weddings at Holy Trinity!

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.



When someone you love dies, you don't have to face it alone. We offer compassionate, personalised services led by our vicar Sally — in church, at a graveside, or at a crematorium. Whether you have a strong faith, a gentle spirituality, or none at all, we can help you. We'll help you honour your loved one, celebrate their life, and say goodbye in a way that feels right for you — with care, dignity, and kindness every step of the way.

We also offer memorial and thanksgiving services at Holy Trinity. These are often held

after a direct cremation, giving families time to plan a separate, meaningful celebration of life. We will work with you to create a service that truly reflects your loved one and the memories you hold dear.

If you'd like to talk, we're here. You can contact us to ask questions, explore options, or simply begin a conversation.

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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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