

Parish News

The magazine of Little Amwell,
Hertford Heath, Pinehurst, Foxholes East,
Hartham Place and Holy Trinity Church.

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The Vicarage
17 Barclay Close



There is something quite wonderful about autumn. The trees put on a final, glorious display of colour, with golden yellows, fiery reds and deep russets transforming our familiar landscape. Even on a dull day, the beauty of creation can take our breath away. But what amazes me most is that this beauty comes at a time when the leaves are dying.

We often associate death with endings, loss and sadness. Yet, in the natural world, death is also part of a beautiful cycle of renewal. As the leaves fall to the ground, they begin to decompose, returning nutrients to the soil. These nutrients feed the trees and support countless other forms of life, helping to prepare the way for fresh growth in the spring. What appears to be an ending is also the beginning of something new.

How good is our God, who has woven such wisdom and wonder into creation! Even in the changing seasons, we are reminded that God is at work, bringing life from what seems to be dying, and hope from what feels like an ending.

In John 12:24, Jesus says:

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”

Jesus was speaking about his own death and the new life that would come through it. But these words also offer us a way of looking at our own lives. Sometimes we

have to let go of things that are familiar, accept that seasons change, and trust God with what comes next. The things we lose, the experiences we endure, and even the endings we grieve can become part of how God brings new growth in us and through us.

So, as we walk beneath the autumn trees, perhaps we can pause to give thanks. For the beauty of creation, for the promise of renewal, and for a God who never stops bringing hope and life into our world.

Even in the falling leaves, there is a sermon to be heard: God is so good, and there is always hope for new life.

Love and prayers, Sally x







Chocolate & Bottle donations for the Village Christmas Fun Day Saturday 28 November 1-5pm

Our village Christmas Fun Day is happening this year on the Village Green, Saturday 28 November, 1-5pm, hope you can all make it. As ever we are looking for donations for the Bottle and Chocolate tombola stalls, bottles of anything from washing up liquid to Champagne! And any chocolate. Please drop your donations off at either the church or The Goat Pub. Thank you all so much in advance.

TUESDAY
at Holy Trinity Church

TRINITY TOTS

Tuesday 10am - 11.30am
(during school term time)

A fun, friendly community for 0-4s and their grown ups plus Toddler Praise on the first Tuesday of every month. £2 per child which includes FREE refreshments.

TRINITY KIDS

Tuesday 3.15pm - 4.15pm
(during school term time)

After school fun for children and their parents/grandparents/carers. Drop in for messy crafts, play, chat and refreshments for everyone. It's all FREE.

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HOLY TRINITY

WORSHIP
at Holy Trinity Church

SUNDAY Worship

Sunday 10am
(1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of each month)

Join us for a Sunday Worship service followed by a cuppa and chat. Children and families very welcome.

HOLY Communion

Sunday 10am
(2nd and 4th Sunday of each month)

Join us for a Holy Communion service followed by a cuppa and chat. Children and families very welcome.

HOLY COMMUNION Thursday

Thursday 10am

Join us for a 30 minute Holy Communion service followed by a cuppa and chat.

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HOLY TRINITY

TRINITY Cafe

Wednesdays
10.30-12noon



Welcome to Trinity Café, a relaxed and friendly space especially for older adults and those enjoying retirement. Join us for tea, coffee, homemade treats, and even better conversation. Whether you come for a chat, a laugh, or just a quiet cuppa, you'll always find a warm welcome here.

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YOUR CHURCH ON THE HEATH

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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.

Contact vicarsally@gmail.com 07783 435390



THE MISSION ROOM

HOLY TRINITY

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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