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Doing Nothing

In February Australia passed a “right to disconnect” law that prohibits employers from contacting workers after hours, with penalties including possible jail time for bosses who do not cooperate. The law goes into effect later this year.

Certain jobs of course are exempt, but under the law, employees will be able to make complaints with their employer about after-hours phone calls or the expectation that they answer emails outside of their working hours.

I applaud this! Everyone deserves a right to disconnect; to switch off from the pressures and demands of work and life.

We’re entering what is for some a holiday period, an opportunity to escape to the sun or to whatever climate, culture or adventure floats your boat. You might know that the word ‘holiday’ derives from the old English word Haligdaeg which means ‘holy day’. One translation of ‘holy’ is ‘set apart’. So, these are days set apart to step off the treadmill of life and make time for relaxation and self-care.

Sometimes doing ‘nothing’ is the best thing we can do. The perfectionist and workaholic within us of course does its darndest to make us feel guilty when we stop. Doing ‘nothing’ however is always doing something. It’s a resting, a refreshing, it’s a re-fueling. In many religious traditions there’s an invitation to retreat. These are times set aside to retreat from our usual rhythms to invest in reconnecting with God.

Holy-days are essential, whether we spend them on beaches, in back gardens or with a religious community. So, take time this summer to switch off. Be kind to yourself. Have permission to do absolutely ‘nothing’, because we all have the ‘right to disconnect’.

Alan



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Registers

Wedding

11 May – **Philip Manning & Laura Addison**

Some Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2nd June – The charity **Future Hope** will be sharing with us a little of their news during the 9.15am service

Tuesday 4th June – **Confirmation Service** with Bishop Stephen Venner, 7.30pm at St Andrews

Wednesday 5th June - **Mindfulness & Meditation** 7.30pm in church (St Andrews) and on Zoom (the only one this month)

Saturday 13th July – **Village Fun Day**, 2-5pm at St Mary's. More information to follow

Please note : Going forward Mindfulness & Meditation will now run fortnightly with every other session being hybrid both in church and online.

Sunday Services at St Mary's

Sung Eucharist 9.15am every Sunday

Zoom Sunday Service at 10.30am (joining details from Robin Bishop)

All Age Service & Young Church 9.15am on 2nd Sunday of the month



A Personal Prayer with Rev Alan

On the third Sunday of the month Rev Alan will again be available in the Cowper Chapel at St Mary's for personal prayer. This will be during communion at the 9.15am service and is for anyone who would value prayers of thanksgiving, healing or concern



***The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary
Programme of Events 2024
Open to everyone***

Saturday 13 July

Village Fun Day St Mary's Church (14.00 – 17.00)

David Gorton 07544 702241

Friday 26 - Saturday 27 July

Art Exhibition at St Mary's – an exhibition of works by Rev Alan Stewart

Further information to follow – Helen Bishop 07446 694890

Saturday 28 September

Le Café Français at St Mary's Church (09.30 -12.00)

Helen Bishop 07746 694890

Saturday 16 November

Christmas Market at St Mary's Church (10.00 -13.00)

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Becoming a Friend

The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary was granted charitable status just before Christmas (Charity number 1206041).

The purpose of The Friends is to raise money for the restoration and preservation of the church building and churchyard. The funds are not for the day to day running of the church. That's the responsibility of the congregation. We should like to make sure that this beautiful church is here for future generations.

Membership forms, with the FoHSM account details, are available inside the church by the south door should you like to become a Friend or make a donation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more information. Thank you for your support.

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Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir Concert at St Mary's



In early May we had a great concert at St Mary's given by our good friends and supporters the Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir. Around 80 people attended to enjoy a lovely mix from both traditional and relatively modern male voice choir songs through to a classical Bach Violin Concerto. The guest performer, young Kasper Vermeesch on the violin was sensational and the Men United pop-up choir, set up by the WGC choir in aid of Prostate Cancer, were performing for the first time and added so much to the evening.

Guests (and some of the choir!) enjoyed a glass of wine and it turned out to be an excellent fund raiser for both Prostrate Cancer and St Mary's. We are so grateful for the continued support we get from WGC Male Voice Choir and for the variety of guests they promote, encourage and involve which goes so much to a most enjoyable but different experience whenever they perform for us.

Thank you to them and for everyone who attended and made it such an enjoyable and successful evening

Village Breakfast at The Fobury



The Village Breakfast at The Fobury was a great get together as usual and blessed with perfect weather.

Food was excellent, the odd gate crasher but what do you expect! Many thanks to Robin, Helen and all the team who worked so hard for everyone



Saturday 13th July 2-5pm

**Cream Teas * Welly Toss * Build-a-Rocket* Safari Trail
and the famous Teddy Zip-Wire**



Eco Church: Caring for God's Earth

*Help us to respond faithfully to the climate and
nature crises*

What have we been doing?

Having conversations

The article on Eco Church in the newsletter has generated quite a bit of interest and a lot of informal conversations. It turns out that quite a number of us would like to be involved at some level. So it is planned to convene a more formal meeting soon. We are also tapping into the experience of those at St Andrew's who are further along in their journey towards the Bronze Award.

Thinking about energy saving

It seems that quite a number of us are interested in energy saving. We have been talking about the possibility of installing new generation infra red panels. Next steps include a conversation with St Andrew's church, who are thinking along similar lines and a visit to Hertford Castle at September's Eco Fest, where it will be possible to look at examples in situ, as well as Air Source Heat Pumps and other innovations. An energy audit of the church is also planned.

Awayday pledges

Some of us at St Mary's took part in the session on *Evaluating the Natural World* at the April Away Day in St Joseph's in the Park and made pledges to support our natural environment. Others celebrated the natural world in art, using natural found objects to create a piece of artwork.

Nature in the churchyard

We have been looking at the range of wild nature in the churchyard and created a page on the website to post pictures of what we have seen for everyone to appreciate. Next steps will be to look at ways in which we can foster and encourage even more species in this lovely space.

Webpage

An information page on Eco church has been added to the website and updates will be posted there as more developments happen.

Do get in touch, or have a chat if you would like to be involved! – Rachel Carter

Nature in the churchyard

As we said earlier, we have been looking at the range of wild nature in the churchyard and created a page on the website to post pictures of what we have seen for everyone to appreciate. Our churchyard at St Mary's is a very special space and is there for everyone to enjoy in their own personal way. Next steps will be to look at ways in which we can foster and encourage even more species in this lovely space. Here is what we are enjoying at the moment



English Yew (*taxus baccata*)

St Mary's has many yew trees, the quintessential tree of the English churchyard. Their link with sacred sites pre-dates Christianity. They are considered to symbolise everlasting life and rebirth because of their longevity and ability to regenerate.



Horse chestnut tree
(*aesculus hippocastanum*)

Look out for conkers in the Autumn!
This tree's pinky white flowers provide nectar and pollen for bees in the Spring and its leaves are food for the caterpillars of the Triangle Moth.



Purple deadnettle (*lamium purpureum*)

This pretty dead nettle does not sting and was traditionally used for medicine. As it flowers all year long, it is an important food source for wild bees which are active in Autumn, Winter and early Spring.



Bluebell (*hyacintha non-scripta*)

If you're lucky, you may spot a few bluebells in the churchyard! Bluebells are visited by a range of insects, but mainly pollinated by bumble bees.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM took place on Sunday 28th April in church after the 9.15 service. There was an excellent turnout and below are the main extracts from Rev Alan's team vicar report

“As beautiful, and cared for and historic as this building is, this building of course is not the Church. And as familiar and comforting and inspiring perhaps as the liturgy, tradition and music might be, this also is not the Church. Take them away, and we still have the Church. Why? Because *we* are the Church; you and I, members of a community of ordinary, beautiful and yes broken people with the purpose of living out our call to be Christ's presence where we are.

The American theologian John Howard Yoder unpacks something of that call: ‘The church seeks to help form people who can risk being peaceful in a violent world, risk being kind in a competitive world, risk being faithful in an age of cynicism, risk being gentle among those who admire the tough, risk love when it may not be returned, because we have the confidence that in Christ, we have been reborn into a new reality.’

Peaceful, kind, faithful, gentle, loving. This is our purpose and our calling. And we all know that however hard we try; at times we fall short. As the saying goes; ‘If you find a perfect church, don't join it’. Because if you do, it will no longer be a perfect church.

So here we are, perfectly imperfect. And we gather today to reflect on this past year together, to give thanks for all that Christ has achieved in us and through us, and to explore a little where He may be calling us next.

Fresh in the memory of many of us will be our recent joint Parish Away Day with our sister church St Andrew's. Our theme this year was ‘Wholehearted’ living, defined by Brene Brown as ‘Engaging with our lives from a place of worthiness... cultivating the courage, compassion and connection to wake up in the morning and think, ‘No matter what gets done and how much is left undone, I am enough.’

“So here we are perfectly imperfect”

It was so special to have so many of us, of so many different ages gather to worship, explore and connect. Our thanks in particular go to St Joseph's in the Park school who offered such wonderful hospitality not to mention delicious food. If you haven't tried an Away Day, you really are missing something very special.

Our work within the three schools including St Joseph's, Hertingfordbury Cowper and Hertford St Andrew's, continues with whole-school weekly collective worship (or assemblies) on Tuesdays and Early Years on Wednesday morning (one of the absolute highlights of my week). I'm indebted yet again to Tracy Plumpton who continues to work alongside me.



APCM

It's always a joy to welcome our schools into the church building for their special services. It was also great to represent our church at the school's Christmas Tree festival.

Our congratulations go to Hertingfordbury Cowper who this year were awarded the highest accolade by the Church school's inspectors, SIAMS.

Last year we trialed Forest Church in the Forest School area at St Jo's. We weren't entirely sure it was right format and location, so we took the decision to suspend that for the time being as we pray about other expressions of outdoor church, the first of which was A Soulful Walk on Palm Sunday in Panshanger. So, watch this space.

Last year we held a joint parish Bible Course here in the Brace Room which was hugely appreciated by those who came. We hope to hold that again beginning Thursday 6th June and to offer a follow-up course on Romans in October. There are two Exploring Confirmation sessions in May here in the Brace Room and we look forward to hosting a Confirmation service at St Andrew's on Tuesday 4th June with the former Bishop of the Falkland Islands no less!

"Our congratulations go to Hertingfordbury Cowper School"

You'll have noticed no doubt the new housing development Blakemore Manor on Sele is nearing completion. This year Kath Oates and Stephane McCarthy have been welcoming the new residents with a card and a gift of some biscuits, and have been having some wonderful conversations. Many of those who live there look towards St Mary's even though officially they live in St Andrew's parish. One of the things that came up a lot was how fortunate we are to have Panshanger Park on our doorstep, so we're beginning to explore how we might create opportunities for people there to connect with one another and with something greater in that particular Great Outdoors. It was wonderful to have our first New Year's Walk there ending with a welcome beverage at the Golden Griffin.

Our fortnightly Mindfulness sessions at the Hub on Sele seem to be going from strength to strength with a really lovely and supportive community growing there. Our weekly Wednesday evening Mindfulness and Meditation continues to be popular. I love leading these sessions but it's a big time commitment, so starting in June, it will run fortnightly with every other session being hybrid both in church and online. That said, I'm afraid I'm on holiday in June so there will just be one session on Wednesday 5th.

We're hugely grateful to the Friends of St Mary's who have hosted lots of wonderful opportunities to connect and fundraise for the church. Among these have been several concerts, the ever-popular Race Night, the Christmas Market, the Summer Fun Day and the Parish Breakfast to name but a few. We're looking forward to Café Francais (mais oui) on the 28th September.



We continue to hold Evening Prayer here monthly and a weekly compline online. Many of us and our four legged friends enjoyed a chaotic but wonderful pet service in September and look forward to this years canine chorus on 22nd September. This year, across both churches, we've introduced a few new seasonal services; A Mindful Christmas proved very popular as did Beer and Carols in the churchyard which was for many people the highlight of their Christmas.

We continue to be very grateful to the Zoom team who enable folk from far and wide to connect with others and with God.

My huge thanks go to all the individuals and teams that sustain the ministry and mission of this church including the Choir, our choirmaster and organist Paul, our fantastic wardens and PCC, our grass cutters, flower arrangers, coffee teams, caterers, bellringers, pastoral visitors and locker-uppers who enable the church to stay open. And we know that many people appreciate this space to pray and reflect outside of services.

This year it's been wonderful to add several new people to the Ministry Team, Adrian Walter and Nick Hoyle as Lay Leaders of Worship and Maria Henrikson-Bell taking on the added hat of Pioneer Leader. Our particular thanks as always goes to Rev Bill Church who continues to exercise his wonderful ministry among us.

"How grateful I am to be your priest and how thankful for your support and care"

You will perhaps be aware that the Church of England has authorised new prayers of blessing for those in same-sex couples entitled Prayers of Love and Faith. In the pastoral guidance The C of E writes; The Prayers of Love and Faith make provision for stable, faithful relationships between same-sex couples and for giving thanks for their faithfulness and their fruitfulness in service to God and neighbour. In that sense, they recognize the couple's commitments to one another. They ask for God's grace in the holy ordering of companionship and godly love as they follow Christ and seek to grow in holiness. They ask for God's blessing for them and their families as they offer self-giving love to one another, and in their witness and service to their neighbours'.

These are currently only authorised within existing services but there may come a time when it will be possible to have a separate service of blessing. The pastoral guidelines state that it's up to the individual priest as to whether they are happy in conscience to offer these prayers. It will perhaps come as no surprise to you that I am fully supportive. It will be important however to consult with the PCC and with the wider congregation. If you have anything you'd like to contribute to that conversation, do please talk to me.

I'd like to end by saying how grateful I am to be your priest, and how thankful I am for your support and your care. Thank you to each one of you for all that are and all that you bring to the life and worship of this perfectly imperfect church we call St Mary's." – Alan



Church Flower Rota - June

2nd - Wedding 9th - Wedding
16th - Wedding 23rd - Alison Robinson
30th - Sharron Maxwell & Penny Duce



We are extremely grateful for the time, generosity and skill that the flower team give each week to make the church look so beautiful.
Above from L-R : Sue Payne, Jean Skinner, Sue Parsell, Sharron Maxwell, Alison Robinson & Penny Duce

Susan Aldridge's Big 8irthd0y



It was recently a big **8**irthd0y for Susan but of course we can't divulge which one! Unfortunately Susan can't get to church these days so we went to visit her to celebrate with a delicious cake and brownies. It was lovely to be with her and our picture shows her with Rev Rosemary Caruana and Rev Bill Church. May you have many more birthdays Susan!



Top marks for the Parish Awayday

Forbes Mutch reflects on a wholehearted day at St Joseph's in the Park School, Hertingfordbury. As if by divine design, the damp clouds of the wettest spring on record cleared as the guests gathered cheerfully in the school car park. They registered their attendance (for fire safety reasons) and made their way into the school dining room for coffee and biscuits. After careful planning by St Andrew's and St Mary's, the 2024 joint parish 'awayday' or get-together got underway and our enthusiasm was wholehearted, which was just as well, because that was the theme of the day.

Alan Stewart explained that the day was about wholehearted living, as defined by the American Christian philosopher Dr Brene Brown who once said that 'wholehearted living is about engaging with our lives from a place of worthiness. It means cultivating the courage, compassion and connection to wake up in the morning and think: *No matter what gets done and how much is left undone, I am enough.*'

After an all-age introduction with worship, the children and young people left for their own activities, led by John Wachter. The rest of us considered in a relaxed atmosphere what wholeheartedness meant in our daily lives. Some interesting thoughts and opinions emerged, confirming that we are a diverse and eclectic bunch, and also how the annual awayday always creates a safe place for personal expression.

After a coffee break, we split into groups and joined our selected workshops, which provided something for everyone. As one parishioner said at the start: 'I couldn't decide; I felt spoilt for choice'. I know what she meant, as the range of sessions included standing, lying and sitting in Judy Bunny's Pilates class; wholeheartedly discovering joy through singing with Sam Chaplin; enjoying the good weather outside with Nick Hoyle, producing artwork using natural materials – stones, twigs, foliage, blossom – or enjoying an interactive discussion led by Jenny Mutch about how communities around the world are engaging wholeheartedly with nature and how individuals and local churches can make a difference in the fight to protect God's creation.

Parish Awayday



Fun, reflection and action for all ages at the Parish Awayday



Lunch, prepared by Sharon and her team from the school, was a cut above the school lunches that we enjoyed when we were young. One guest described it as 'comfort food' and another as 'a bit too tempting'. Breaktime after lunch is a relaxed opportunity to chat and explore the extensive woodland around the school before an all-age eucharist service back in the school hall ends the day.

The joint parish awayday has become an annual fixture in the calendars of St Andrew's and St Mary's and was eagerly anticipated by over 80 people this year. Previous locations have included High Leigh Christian Conference Centre in Hoddesdon (now only taking bookings for whole weekends) and Belsey Bridge Conference Centre in Bungay, Suffolk (now closed). While these venues might have offered more in the way of bespoke facilities, St Joseph's in the Park in April 2024, came top of the class for being accommodating, local and affordable. Well done to the organisers, workshop leaders, school staff and all who attended, for making it a memorable day at the start of summer.



Hertingfordbury Cowper C of E (VA) Primary School

'ROOTED IN JESUS, GROWING IN WISDOM,
OVERFLOWING WITH THANKFULNESS'
(COLOSSIANS 2:7)

Wow what a half term we have had here at Hertingfordbury, lots of opportunities to enrich both our curriculum and the opportunities we give to our children.

TCS London Mini Marathon

On Saturday 20th April, a team of children ran the TCS London Mini Marathon. It was such a special day, and we are extremely proud of all the children for completing the one-mile course. The children ran from Horse Guards Parade, past Buckingham Palace and down The Mall to the official marathon finishing line where there were lots of happy smiles as the children received their medals.



Hertingfordbury Cowper C of E (VA) Primary School

Year 4 Residential Trip to London

Year 4 had a lot of fun exploring the sights of London on their residential trip. They visited The Globe Theatre for a tour and drama workshop linked to their English learning about 'A Midsummer's Night Dream'. This was followed by a trip on the London Eye and a River Thames boat cruise. We slept aboard the HMS Belfast which is docked on the River Thames. The next day, we climbed the 206 steps up to the walkway of Tower Bridge above the River Thames, including being brave to step on the glass floor.



Nursery, Reception and Year 3 Dinosaur and Fossil Workshop

Children in Nursery, Reception and Year 3 had workshops based around dinosaurs and fossils to delve deeper into different aspects of their learning. They had fun digging for and identifying fossils, as well as learning lots of amazing facts.



Sports News

Our school football team played in the final of the Plate Tournament. They played extremely well as a team and won the match 2-1.



Hertingfordbury Cowper C of E (VA) Primary School

In June the Hertingfordbury Cowper School are going to run a six-week group art project after school. Targeting 8-10 year olds the project will be to create comic book art lead by a young local freelance artist.

This project is being funded entirely by **The Arts Society East Herts** as part of their aim to encourage and support art for young people in the area.

Lorraine Gauld, the Headteacher at the Hertingfordbury School said “We are excited to be able to offer an after-school Art Club to some of our Year 4 and Year 5 children during the next half term. We are grateful to The Arts Society East Herts who have kindly funded this opportunity. The children will be working with a local artist to design comic book art.”

Hopefully we will have some results to publish in the next Parish News!



We bring people together through a shared curiosity for the arts. We meet on the last Thursday of the month to hear arts related lectures in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere at the The Spotlight in Hoddesdon. We meet for coffee at 10am, followed by the lecture at 10.30. **Visitors are very welcome at the lectures for a small fee.**

Upcoming lectures

27 June – **An Actor’s Life for Me** by Tyler Butterworth
(followed by the Summer Lunch)

26 September – **Breughel, the Seasons and the World** by Gavin Plumley

24 October- **Les Trois Grandes Dames of Impressionism** by Sarah Burles

For more information please go to our website
www.theartssocietyeastherts.org.uk

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Thank you for being a part of this amazing journey.

With heartfelt appreciation,

– Your friends at Mercy Ships UK.



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Hertingfordbury St Mary with St John

Dear Robin Bishop,

Thank you so much for your PCC's generous donation to our RDA Group. Lynn has confirmed that the transfer has been received.

Your donation makes a very welcome increase to our group's income. We are all volunteers, so our outgoing costs are the upkeep of the ponies, group insurance and our RDA membership fee, all of which seem to increase every year.

We are therefore extremely grateful to your church for choosing our charity.

If you or anyone from your PCC wishes to visit you would be most welcome. Our sessions are on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons during term time. Just contact Carole or myself beforehand to arrange details.

Please pass on our gratitude to all your members and fellow PCC members.

With many thanks,

Jenn Jacob.
Group secretary.

As we detailed in the April issue, our charitable giving is now 5% of our annual donations received through church services, giving schemes, DD etc but does not include one off donations and legacies etc.

Following our 2023/24 published accounts we donated to the local Warrenwood Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) in Essendon and Mercy Ships global Christian charity whose UK branch is based in Stevenage. Above are two letters of thanks acknowledging receipt from the charities.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to all our congregation, friends and parishioners who donate so generously to St Mary's that we are able to make a meaningful donation to these charities

Hertingfordbury Cricket Club



After the wettest winter and spring on record, the cricket season has finally arrived at the Bury Oval, St Mary's Lane. The Groundspersons' Facebook group (yes there really is one!) was full of pictures of water lapping across the fields of our unfortunate colleagues around the country. We are at least blessed not to be in a flood area and on a slight slope. However, a few weeks of cancellations were still necessary.

Last Saturday we hosted Ickleford. Although a low scoring game, it ended with a dash of excitement. Ickleford needed one run to win with their last pair of batters at the crease. With plenty of balls to spare they could have played a safe shot and taken an easy single. Even at our level though, nerves took over and the batsman attempted to plant the ball somewhere in St Mary's churchyard. It fell somewhat short and into the grateful hands of our fielder, resulting in a rare tie. 140 apiece!

If you're passing the ground this summer, you'll see a few different teams on the field. On a Saturday morning it might be Richard Hale's U13s or U14s in action. In the afternoon, it'll either be our First XI or Hoddesdon's 4th XI, to whom we hire the ground when we're away.

On a weekday it could be more Richard Hale or St Joseph's children playing. We also host midweek games for County senior cricket, the Herts over 60s 2nd & 3rd XIs.

So a busy time for our grounds team, but ensuring our lovely ground is enjoyed by as many people as possible over the summer.

If you're ever interested in playing, please email us at hertingfordburycc@live.com.

You can also keep up with our fortunes and fixtures at hertingfordbury.play-cricket.com/home



HERTINGFORDBURY & THE GREENS

SUMMER FETE

15th June
1.30pm

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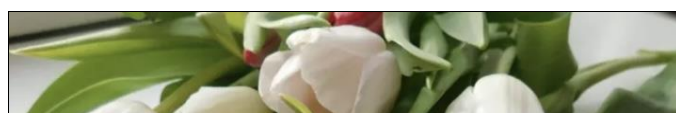
Come and try a "taster session" Hoedown. No need to prebook

HARVEST HOEDOWN on Monday 7th October 7.30 – 10pm £5

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Recreation Ground Library

A library, containing books, both fiction and non-fiction, including a good children's section, DVD's and games has been set up in the tennis pavilion on the Hertingfordbury recreation ground.

This is a free resource for all Hertingfordbury residents. Access can be gained at any time by the use of keys that are kept in a key-safe at the pavilion. Should anyone have any books, DVD's, or games to donate to the library new stock is always welcome.

If you are interested in using this facility please contact Penny or Mick Barratt on 07715 378212 and they can provide you with the key safe access code.

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District Councillor – Bob Deering

If you wish to contact the Parish Council please contact the Clerk

Clerk: Katie Eyre at clerk@hertingfordbury.org.uk

Next Meeting

Meetings are at Hertingfordbury Cowper School between 7pm – 9pm. Members of the public are welcome. Please see website for latest dates

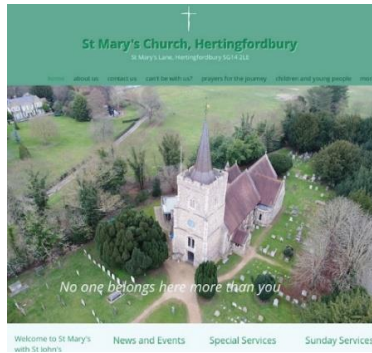
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Defibrillators

Please note that Defibrillators are housed on the outside walls of the.....

- Parish Room (The Brace Room) at St Mary's Church, Hertingfordbury
- Cowper School, Birch Green – outside the school gate



www.hertingfordburystmary.org

The St Mary's website features all the church news including the latest digital Parish News in full colour

This website is a vital communication tool to be able to follow updates on the church.

If you wish to contribute in any way please contact Rachel via e mail

raich.carter@yahoo.co.uk



WhatsApp Groups

If you would like to be part of the **St Mary's Church WhatsApp Group** please contact David Gorton on 07544 702241

Hertingfordbury Village WhatsApp Group is a sociable community group. For more information please contact Mick Barratt

Brace Room

The Brace Room at St Mary's Church is available for hire for anybody in our community. This could be for meetings, exercise sessions or any other purpose.

Includes excellent toilet and kitchen facilities. For more information contact

David Gorton 01992 551430 or dgorton1@btinternet.com



Zoom Services

While we welcome you to services at St Mary's, Zoom services available for your worship

Please contact the church office if you'd like to be added to our mailing list and receive the service or meeting invitation details: standrew.hertford@btinternet.com or contact Robin Bishop to be added to the St Mary's distribution list

Twice monthly on Wednesday

Mindfulness & Meditation 7.30pm

Every Sunday

Service of the Word 10.30am

(Every 3rd Sunday will offer Communion)

Compline 7.00pm

Please note that a recording of the Reading, Sermon and Prayers from the Sunday morning service is now available on the St Mary's website

www.hertingfordburystmary.org

WALTER WALLINGER CHARITY

Walter Wallinger died in 1709 leaving "Four hundred pounds for the placing of poor children of this Parish as Apprentices."

Times have moved on and the trustees of the charity now take the view that the income from the endowment should be used to give grants for educational purposes to people under 25 who have for at least two years lived, or been educated, within 'the ancient parish of Hertingfordbury' which today roughly means Hertingfordbury village and the five Greens and outlying houses.

Something of the order of £1500 is available annually. Typically grants are one-off payments not exceeding £450 for something that will help with the applicant's education in a broad sense, such as a musical instrument, specialist equipment, a field or other course. Grants are available to anyone in school, FE or Higher Education.

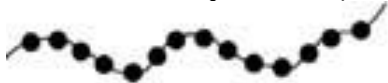
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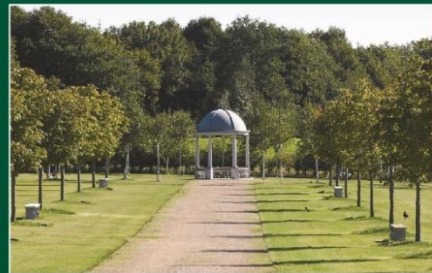
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