

Hertingfordbury & The Five Greens Parish News



A festive poster for a Christmas Market. At the top, it says 'SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER'. Below that is a red banner with 'CHRISTMAS MARKET' in white, decorated with holly leaves. The text 'St. Mary's Church Hertingfordbury 10.00-13.00' is followed by a list of items: 'local honey - cakes - Italian olive oil - British Cheeses - skin care products - jewellery - cards - raffle-crafts'. The main title is '& Local Crafts & REFRESHMENTS'. Below this, it says 'an opportunity to enjoy a coffee, tea & delicious cakes with friends & neighbours'. The bottom features an illustration of a Christmas tree, a woman holding gifts, and a pink envelope with a 'Save the Date!' card.

SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER

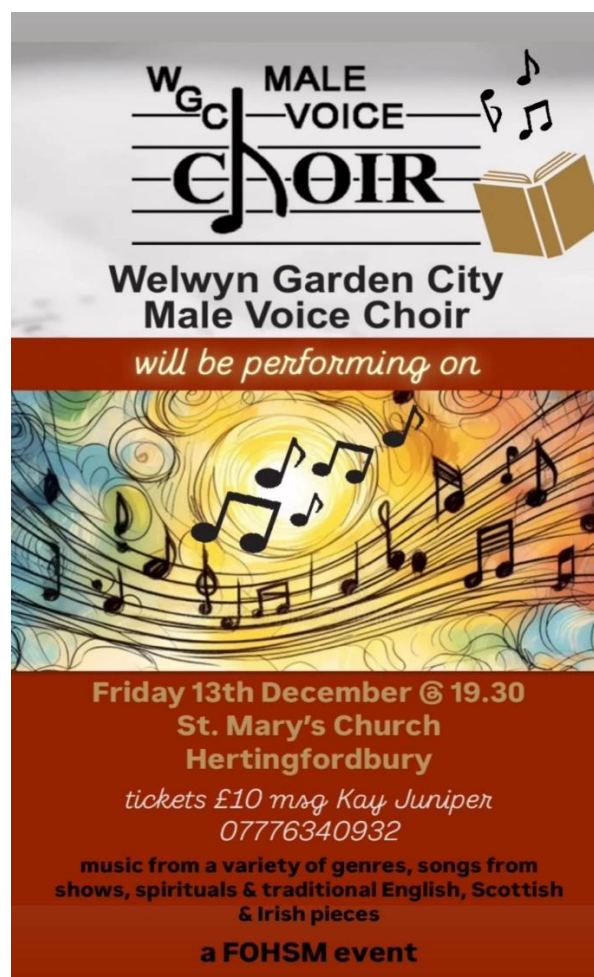
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A poster for the Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir. The top features the choir's logo: 'WGC MALE VOICE CHOIR' with musical notes and a book icon. Below the logo, it says 'Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir' and 'will be performing on'. The middle section has a colorful background of musical notes and a sun. The bottom section, on a dark red background, provides the performance details: 'Friday 13th December @ 19.30 St. Mary's Church Hertingfordbury', 'tickets £10 msg Kay Juniper 07776340932', 'music from a variety of genres, songs from shows, spirituals & traditional English, Scottish & Irish pieces', and 'a FOHSM event'.

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There's lots coming up before Christmas!

November 2024

Here with you - Here for you

Printed copies are available from St Mary's church & Four Rivers Coffee Café

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iVisionary

In 2011, the premature death of Steve Jobs, co-founder and chairman of Apple, prompted an overwhelming international outpouring of grief. Tributes to the creative genius behind the iconic iPhone and iPad, included former US President Barack Obama who said 'He changed the way each one of us sees the world'. One of the most poignant and moving tributes came from the singer Neil Diamond who Twittered just one word; 'iSad'.

For many, Steve Jobs will be remembered for an inspirational speech he gave to students graduating from Stanford University in 2005. In that speech he spoke candidly about living with cancer.

'When I was 17' he said I read a quote that went something like; 'if you live each day as if it was your last, some day you'll most certainly be right'. It made an impression on me and since then for the last 33 years, I have looked in the mirror every morning and asked myself; 'If today were the last day of my life, would I want to do what I am about to do today?'. And whenever the answer has been 'no' for too many days in a row, I know I need to change something'.

'Remembering that I will be dead soon' he continued 'is the most important tool I've ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life. Because almost everything - all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure - these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important. No-one wants to die; even people who want to go to heaven don't want to die to get there. And yet death is the destination we all share. No-one has ever escaped it. And that is as it should be, because death is very likely the single best invention of life. It is life's change agent'.

These extraordinary words are so counter-cultural. We avoid all talk of death. And yet death is part of life, and a healthy respect for death can invest life with meaning and significance. An embracing of death led Steve Jobs to inspire a generation and change a world.

November is a season of remembering. We will wear poppies to remember the Fallen. At services on All Souls and All Saints we will light candles in memory of those who have recently died and read the names of the departed whose lives are part of our church's story. Perhaps during this season of remembering we should each dare to stare death in the mirror and ask ourselves 'if today was my last day.... what would I do differently?'

How we respond to that simple question could change our lives, and just possibly could change the world. Rev Alan

Registers

There were no weddings, funerals or baptisms in October so we're sharing some of the special celebrations enjoyed at St Mary's over the past few months



Joe & Georgia were married in September (top left), while Aurora & Seren can be seen with Mum & Dad at their baptism also in September (top centre). In August we had three lovely boys christened. Sebastian, Theodore and Barnaby are with Mum & Dad outside the church (top right).

Our very own Caroline and Gary also got married in September seen here in a lovely black and white photograph (bottom left) while Jayne & Rob had their blessing in late August (bottom right)



Some Dates for your Diary

Sunday 3rd November – **All Age Service** 9.15 at St Mary's

Mondays 4th & 18th November – **Mindfulness on Sele** (10.30am at Sele Hub, Fleming Crescent)

Wednesday 6th November – **Mindfulness & Meditation** 7.30pm in St Andrews church & online. Wednesday 20th November online only at 7.30pm

Sunday 10th November – **Remembrance Sunday** 9.15am at St Mary's followed by the Act of Remembrance at the Birch Green memorial at 10.55am

Saturday 16th November – **Christmas Market at St Mary's** 10.00-13.00. (See following poster)

Sunday 17th November – **Annual Service for the Bereaved** 2pm at St Andrews

Sunday 1st December – **Advent Candlelit Service** with hymns, readings and reflection. St Andrews 6.30pm

November All-Age Service will be on Sunday 3rd as Remembrance Sunday is on 10th



Remembrance Sunday 10th November

9.15am service at St Mary's followed by an Act of Remembrance and laying of wreaths 10.55am at Birch Green Memorial

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 perfect way to begin preparing for Christmas

A candle-lit service for Advent



Carols, readings and time to pause and reflect

Sunday 1st December 6.30pm St Andrew's Church



Postage Stamps



Alma would like to thank everyone who has contributed used postage stamps to our charitable cause. They have all been passed on to Keech to raise money for their Hospice Care programme. Please continue to leave your stamps at the back of the church especially as we have the busy stamp time at Christmas coming up



The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary

Saturday 16 November

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

Helen Bishop 07746 694890 – See poster

Friday 13 December

Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir St Mary's Church (19.30)

Kay Juniper 07776 340932 – see poster & description



Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir founded in 1935

Saturday 22 February 2025

Race Night at St Joseph's in the Park - Bar open at 19.00 First Race 19.30

David Gorton 07544 702241- more information to follow

Becoming a Friend

The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary was granted charitable status just before Christmas 2023 (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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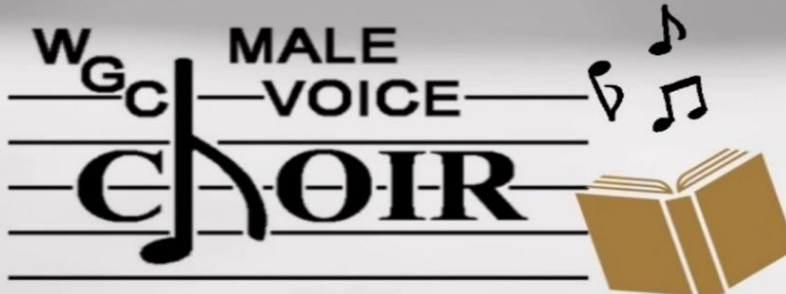
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Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir in Concert

We had a wonderful concert back in June when The Welwyn Garden City Male Voice Choir came to sing for us and again helped to raise significant funds for St Mary's church. At that concert they introduced many new faces of local men who were going to sing as a separate choir in aid of Prostate Cancer UK, and were clearly excited at the prospect. As a result we were also able to make a donation towards this very worthwhile charity and this new choir sang in two further concerts along with four other similar choirs and raised a staggering £100,000 for the charity.

Many of these men enjoyed their experience so much that they joined the WGC Male Voice Choir resulting in a doubling of the singing membership! We are delighted therefore that they are returning to St Mary's on Friday 13th December to provide a pre-Christmas treat for us all. They will be singing some of their newly learned repertoire plus a selection of Christmas songs and carols, some with audience participation! They are also hoping to involve local primary school pupils with some of the Christmas numbers.

Do come along, join in the fun and get in the Christmas spirit! Tickets for this concert will be on sale from the beginning of November priced at £10 (£5 under 16 and under 10's free)



Helen Harris – Pastoral Visitor

We are very proud and thankful that Helen was commissioned to join our Pastoral Visitors team at our service on Sunday 6th October. Here she is with Rev Alan and Christine after the commissioning. She now joins Kay, Helen and Christine to continue the wonderful caring work they do within our community. We are so grateful Helen



BIG CHRISTMAS

CHURCH CLEAN

**Christmas church clean this year will be on Saturday 7th December between 10am - 12noon. Everything provided - Dusters, Mops, along with Coffee, Cake, Music and the necessary ingredient - Laughter! Your help will be very much appreciated - everyone welcome
Virginia 01992 583560**



Joint St Andrew's & St Mary's Away Day Sunday, 4th May 2025 All Nations College, Ware.

We will once again be having a joint church away day in 2025 and it will be held in the beautiful setting of the All Nations Christian College in Ware. More details will follow in due course but please make a note of the date. Everybody is very welcome



Eco Church: Caring for God's Earth

Help us to respond faithfully to the climate and nature crises

Churchyard Trails

Do you know where to find Seymour's Rabbit or the Root Cross in the churchyard? Where can you see Holly and Ivy growing together? Where would you find all sorts of wildflowers - Ladies Bedstraw, Bird's Foot trefoil and Self Heal all growing together?

Discover the secret places of St Mary's Churchyard with two new churchyard trails.

As part of their work, Eco Church members have been developing two churchyard trails to encourage people of all ages to enjoy St Mary's beautiful outside spaces and spend time in thoughtful reflection. There is a Nature Trail with Reflections and a Tree Quest for children featuring the Holly, Horse

Chestnut, Yew, Sycamore, Elder and Ivy. Why not try them out?

They are on the website at [Churchyard Trails | St Mary's Hfordbury \(hertingfordburystmary.org\)](http://ChurchyardTrails|StMary'sHfordbury(hertingfordburystmary.org)) and there are some copies in the South Porch.



Talking of our churchyard

We are always looking for new volunteers to help cut the grass. It takes place twice a month on a Saturday morning hopefully now to coincide with the weddings at St Marys of which we have 11 this year! In fact one of our helpers was married here recently and he and his two best men helped cut the grass on the morning of the wedding! Please let David Gorton know if you can help and you also get a picnic lunch!



From the Pulpit

We thought it might be interesting to share occasionally some of the sermons delivered at our services, not only by Revs Alan & Bill, but also by our inspiring team of lay preachers. So this month we start with the latest from Geoff Oates

“Go to Hell! (Do not pass Go)”

Reflections on Mark 9 v 47: “And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell”.

Over the centuries the Church has allowed some very unfortunate misconceptions about Hell to get hold of our imaginations. The art of painters like Hieronymus Bosch and Peter van Breughel have given us a vision of Hell as a flaming subterranean torture chamber where Satan torments the wicked for eternity.

Regrettably, in English we use the one word, Hell, to translate three different words in the Bible. In the Old Testament, Hebrew ‘Sheol’ and its Greek equivalent ‘Hades’ are simply the place where the dead go. Whilst it is presented as a rather cheerless place, it has no real associations with reward and punishment. It certainly isn’t the spiritual dystopia of mediaeval imagination. In fact, the Old Testament really doesn’t concern itself very much with what happens when we die.

When Jesus talks about hell in Mark’s Gospel, the word he uses in his own language is Gehenna. You can all go to Gehenna if you like. Literally. It’s on Google Maps. It’s a deep valley or ravine just outside the old walls of Jerusalem, the Valley of Hinnom in modern Hebrew. It’s rather pretty suburban parkland now, overlooked by the old city walls around the Gate of Joppa. But in Jesus time, and for centuries before, Gehenna was the city rubbish dump, the municipal landfill site.

Gehenna is outside the city wall. You don’t want your smelly, rotting rubbish inside the city, do you? You throw it over the wall. Like most places where organic waste is piled up in large quantities, the tip would constantly catch fire and burn in a slow, smouldering, smoky way. Was that the inspiration for the everlasting flames of hell?

When we know all this, Jesus’ rather gruesome image about cutting off a foot or tearing out an eye and throwing it away, can suddenly make a lot more sense. Throw your eyeball on the rubbish tip, it’s better than all of you landing on the rubbish tip. I think Jesus might even have got a laugh for this line!

So this passage isn’t about sending people to Hell. It’s about the Kingdom of God, the place that Jesus wants to lead us to. The place that is so amazingly good that it is worth almost any sacrifice, any radical act to get onto the right side of the wall, the right side of the frontier. Would you give your right arm – or your right eye – to get there?

We hear each week the stories of countless thousands of desperate people who make their way to the frontiers and coastlines of Europe and the USA each week? People who make unimaginable sacrifices for their hopes of a life of greater security or prosperity.

How much would we sacrifice to secure our citizenship in the Kingdom of God? It's not a Kingdom with clear geographical boundaries. There are no walls or fences defining its borders – though sadly there are some Christians who seem to think there ought to be. It's any place and any time where God is acknowledged as King, where God's rule, God's wise and loving laws, are recognised and lived out. Who wouldn't want to go there?

Let us imagine ourselves as eager, impatient immigrants heading for the Kingdom of God. We've got our Visa – Jesus himself has sorted that out for us, so we don't need top worry about passport control; but there are still a few formalities to attend to at the frontier. There is no customs union between Gehenna and the Kingdom of God, and there are a few things you can't bring with you, things that have no place in the Kingdom of God. And if you want that better life, you're going to have to leave them behind. If you want to cross over, throw them in the rubbish bin over there. Not because of some arbitrary law of the divine immigration office, but because you can't live the life of a citizen of the Kingdom of God until you've got rid of them.

There is no compromise. You cannot just offer to pay more for excess baggage, you cannot offer to pay customs duty on it. You must leave it behind, throw it in the rubbish.

Greed. Prejudice. Pride. Lust. Dishonesty. Privilege. Indifference. Bitterness and anger. Unrepented and unresolved conflicts. Unforgiven injuries.

There's no room in the Kingdom of God for any of these. And I know that giving such things up is seriously hard. For many of us, these burdens have taken deep root in our identities. They feel like part of who we are. Maybe it is not too great an exaggeration to speak of cutting off your hand or tearing out your eye.

What might you need to cut off and throw in the bin?

Whatever has no place in the Kingdom of God is rubbish. But it doesn't have to hold you back. It belongs on the tip - outside the walls. Let it burn away there. You don't want it. This is not an image of punishment, it is an image of liberation.

I wonder what Jesus would say about rubbish today, 2,000 years on? I think he'd take a rather different, and perhaps more cheerful approach.

We're not supposed to throw things on the rubbish tip anymore, are we? Especially not organic waste – like hands and feet and eyes. Our local authorities try very hard to reduce the amount of stuff we throw into landfill sites. They fill our gardens with multicoloured bins and tell us to sort our rubbish out. Because so much of it can be recycled – refurbished, reprocessed, and used again in new and different ways.

Organic waste is turned to compost. Nutrients for new growth, for new life. Other waste streams go to power stations and bring heat and light to our homes. New power from old rubbish.

I think Jesus would have liked those ideas. Don't let your life end up on the rubbish tip. Recycle it. Let God make it new, transform it, make it ready to use again, in different and surprising ways. New life, new power. But above all, a creation fit and ready to live as a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

Geoff Oates, Lay Preacher

Le Café Français

Saturday 28th September



C'était formidable! The church looked wonderful decked in red, white and blue. People arrived, having passed a Tricolore, ready to enter the spirit of our French café including wearing berets and Breton striped tops. The brocante, lavender and cheese stalls were busy with long queues down the aisle. People were eager to buy raffle tickets for the large basket filled to the brim with French food and wine. The refreshments team did an excellent job serving croissants, chocolate éclairs, frangipane cake, lemon tarts and apple cake.

A huge thank you to everyone who made our first French café such a great success. We are looking forward to a return of the café in 2025 when we will ensure we have more patisseries including pain au chocolats!



All-Age Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's



The All-Age Harvest Festival service was well attended with nearly 60 attending. The church looked beautiful in Autumn colours and everyone gave generously the non-perishable food for both the Hertford Pantry and the local homeless charity. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to a special morning



Church Flower Rota - November



3rd Alison Robinson - 10th Sue Parsell
17th Sharron Maxwell & Penny Duce - 24th Sue Parsell

This is the last rota until Easter 2025

We are extremely grateful for the time, generosity and skill that the flower team give each week to make the church look so beautiful



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

Hertingfordbury Cowper C of E (VA) Primary School

School Birthday Celebrations

We had a very special day in school to celebrate 175 years of our school being here in Birch Green. Although the history of our school has roots much further back than this, the Victorian part of our current school location was built in 1849.

It was lovely to have so many families, governors and trustees join us for our time of Collective Worship at the start of the day. We also had Bishop Jane (Bishop of Hertford) in school for our Collective Worship time which included a special blessing for our school and its community.

The children, and adults, all looked fantastic as they came to school in Victorian costumes. During the school day, the children explored artefacts lent to us by the British Schools Museum (in Hitchin) and took part in different Victorian themed activities. There were also opportunities for the children to look at artefacts from our own school history collection, including some classes recreating old school photographs at the front of the school.

To end the day, we came together in Cowper Hall and sang 'Happy Birthday' before enjoying some birthday cake. Each child was given a special birthday badge as little memento of our day.

Later that week, we had a special birthday photograph taken of our school, with children and staff making a big 175 on the field.



Hertingfordbury Cowper
C of E (VA) Primary School



**Friends of Hertingfordbury Cowper Primary School
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There will be no UNREGISTERED admission on the night.

For health and safety reasons, please do not bring your own fireworks
or sparklers as they will not be permitted on site.

Autumn Litter Pick

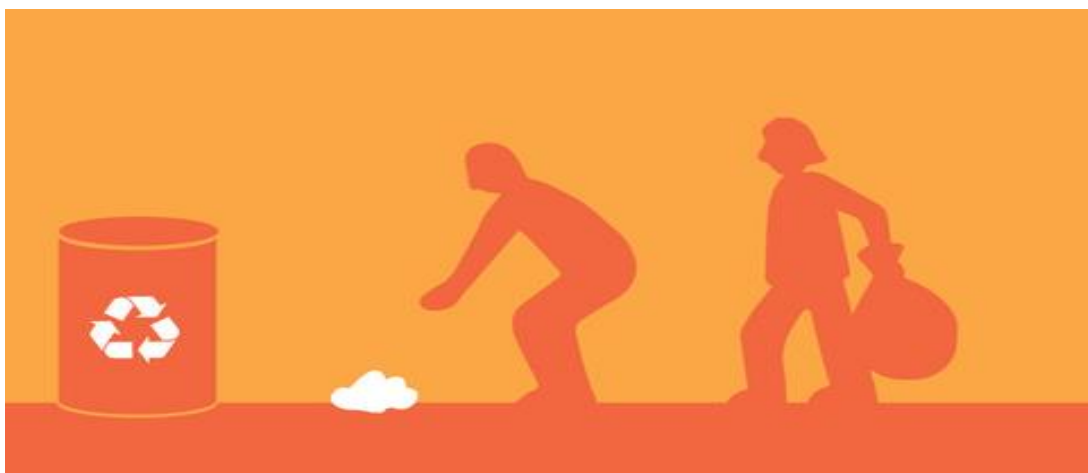
The autumn litter pick was held on Saturday 12th October and, as you can see from the photo, sadly another bountiful haul including a garden chair, a timber bench top, a lorry wheel arch, a rake and a bed! There were also the usual cans, bottles, takeaway containers and nitrous oxide canisters. There was also a horrendous fly tipping of black sacks of insulation foam at the pumping station between Letty Green and Birch Green and I believe this has now been reported to the Council. The 1 ton dumpy bag of soil at Cole Green has also been reported.



It turned out we were very lucky with the weather and managed to avoid the rain - mild, overcast with a gentle breeze; perfect litter picking weather! A great effort and thanks again to all our volunteers and also to Rochfords who allow us to meet in their carpark and of course the White Horse who provide the refreshments.

Anyone who would like to join us at a future litter pick, please contact Sarah Sullivan at sullivanpipers@icloud.com.

Sarah Sullivan & Ray Green



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.** Contact Philip Juniper at kpjuniper@yahoo.co.uk for more information on joining

Upcoming lectures

28 November – **The Ox and the Ass: Silent Watchers at the Crib**
(preceded by AGM & followed by the Winter Lunch)

30 January – **Mixed Double: How to look at Doubles Portraits**

27 February – **Michelangelo, Copernicus & the Sistine Chapel: The Last Judgement**

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Friday 8am to 4pm

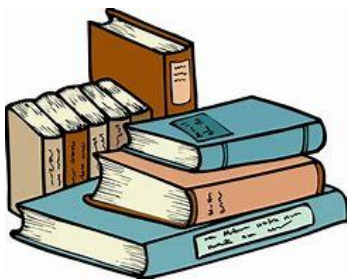
Saturday 9am to 4pm

Sunday 9am to 2pm

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We are launching our **loyal local cards** which are available to anyone living in Hertingfordbury and the five greens. Pop in to sign up with an email and you will receive our newsletter and a 10% discount card to be used on food and drink in store!

Printed copies of the Parish News are now available from Four Rivers Café



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.

Hertingfordbury Parish Council

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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

To report an issue with fly tipping, highway fault, overflowing rubbish, street lighting etc, please call East Herts District Council directly on 01279 655261 or go to <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/faultreporting/>



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



Church Cleaners

We really need people (men or women!) to join our church cleaning rota

It takes a couple of hours every few weeks. We want our beautiful church to always look its best

If you can help please contact Virginia on 01992 583560



Churchyard Volunteers Needed



Volunteers required for grass cutting

Between 9 - 12 noon on a Saturday, we are now trying to coordinate dates to coincide with our weddings at St Mary's

Reward is a picnic lunch and good company..... and a laugh!

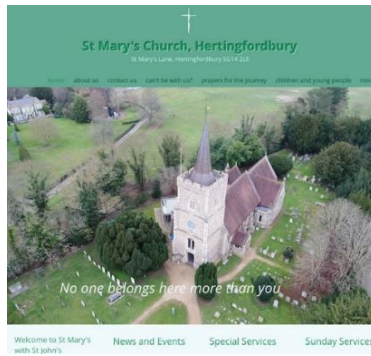
Please contact David Gorton for more information and timings if you think you can help



Volunteers needed to open/close St. Mary's



As part of St. Mary's commitment to be 'Here with you, Here for you' we are pleased that we have been able to keep the church open during the day. However, to do so requires volunteers to open and close the building every day. As a village if we want the church to be open – and I think we do - we need some new volunteers. It is not an onerous task. Please give serious thought to joining the rota and speak to one of the Churchwardens. Thank you for considering this



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



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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."

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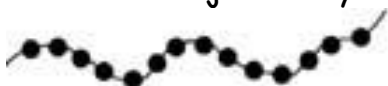
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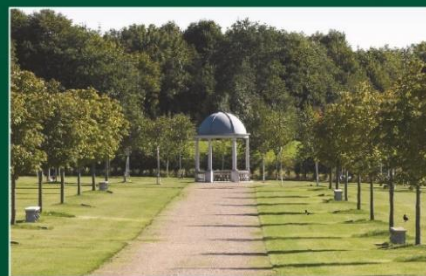
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