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Sonder

I learnt a new word recently; 'Sonder'.

It's the sudden realisation that each and every person is living a life just as complex and real as yours, with their own battles and worries and hopes and history.

Coined by John Koenig in the wonderfully titled 'The Dictionary of Obscure Sorrows', it captures the feeling of waking up to the fact that other people are not background character in your story, but the main character in their own.

To sonder is to genuinely empathize with others. Empathy fuels connection. It's a 'feeling with' rather than a 'feeling for'. It creates a sacred space that doesn't try to fix or judge, but simply says 'you're not alone'.



Religious communities often have a 'Rule for Life' to which each member is required to sign up to. It's a spiritual framework that provides principles and practices which centre around a common goal of service to God and others.

The Anglican Community of the Transfiguration have one particular rule which I love. 'Let us take care to live in God's Today, so that we may in some small way help others to prepare for God's Tomorrow'.

I love that. It's a call to be fully awake and present to the person in front of us, to sonder, to practice empathy. And as we do this, 'in some small way', we gift that person something of the strength, understanding and comfort that they might need for 'God's Tomorrow'.

Prayer for 2026; sonder more!

Rev Alan

Registers

Baptism – Welcome into the family of the church

7 December – **Grace Jade & Louis Alexander Nelson-Shawyer**

4 January – **Olivia Raine Mansi**

Olivia Raine (right) being baptised by Rev Alan with her parents giving her loving support



Some Dates for your Diary

Mondays 2nd & 16th February – **Mindfulness on Sele.** 10.30am at the Sele Hub, Fleming Crescent.

Wednesday 4th February – **Mindfulness & Meditation** 7.30pm in St Andrews church and on line. On line only 7.30pm, Wednesday 25th February.

Wednesday 18th February – **Ash Wednesday Services** 10.30am and 8pm at St Andrews

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 9.15am on 2nd Sunday of the month (unless notified)



St. Mary's Churchyard Regulations



Christmas specific tributes should have been removed by the end of January

Please remember that the placing of the likes of Father Christmases, Reindeers, flashing lights and so on, on graves/plaques is not permitted. Also, please do not use glass vases or jars as they might be accidentally broken leading to difficulties when maintaining the churchyard. Whilst we should be reluctant to do so, we will, if necessary, remove items. We would always be happy to explain our reason for doing so and give advice about what is permitted.

Thank you. David & Robin

Exploring Faith. These meetings started in January but it is not a problem for anyone who wishes to join during the February dates. Just contact Rev Alan as instructed below

'Is there more to life than this?'
'Who was Jesus and why did he die?'
'Why pray?'
'How do I read the Bible?'



Exploring Faith

A short informal discussion course exploring the Christian faith.
An opportunity to think through the big questions of life.

**8pm on Thursdays 22nd & 29th January, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th February
at The Brace Room, St Mary's Church Hertingfordbury**

Contact Alan: h.alanstewart1@gmail.com 01992 582726



Postage Stamps



Thank you everyone who has contributed used postage stamps to our charitable cause, the Keech Hospice Care programme. Please continue to leave your stamps at the back of the church. We are extremely grateful



Church Flowers Rota will resume after Easter



This publication was kindly printed by St Andrew's church

The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary

Forthcoming Events in 2026

Race Night – Saturday 7th March 19.00 at Hertford Prep (formerly St Josephs in the Park).

Bar opens 19.00 & First Race 19.30. Tickets are £20 including fish & chip supper. Please contact David Gorton 07544 702241

WGC Male Voice Choir in Concert – Saturday 21st March 19.30 in St Mary's church

They're back again due to popular demand! Our friends at the WGC Male Voice choir will be entertaining us once again with their usual mix of traditional and popular music and always accompanied by talented young guest soloists
Tickets are £10. Please contact Kay Juniper 07776 340932. Further details next month.

Village Breakfast at The Fobury – Saturday 2 May from 8.30-11am.

Contact Helen Bishop 07446 694890 for more information

Bike 'n Hike – Saturday 12th September at St Marys & local churches

Contact Christopher Maunder Taylor 07860 228294 for more information

Le Café Francais – Saturday 26th September 9-11.30am at St Mary's church

Contact Helen Bishop 07446 694890 for more information

The Christmas Market – Saturday 21st November 10 – 13.00 at St Mary's church. Contact Helen Bishop 07446 694890 for more information

Helping the Friends

The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary was granted charitable status in 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.

If you would like to make a donation there is a card reader at the back of the church on the wall by the South Door or please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support. Helen Bishop the fobury@outlook.com / 07746 694890

The Friends of Hertingfordbury St.Mary

CHARITY RACE NIGHT



**Sat 7th
March
7.00pm
at Hertford
Prep**

A virtual race evening with a fish & chip supper & a pay bar which opens @7.00pm

Book a table with friends to enjoy a fun evening, tickets £20 adult, £10 child. Contact David Gorton on 07544 702241 to book.

This is a FOHSM event which raises money for the restoration & preservation of the church and churchyard



Christmas 2025 at St Mary's



WGC Male Voice Choir concert was a real success with a full church. Great choice of music including Christmas carols and two impressive young soloist singers.



Mulled wine, beer & carols in our lovely churchyard went down a treat and many thanks to our great team of volunteers who did **The big Church Christmas Clean**



Our **Handbell Team** (left) were also in action throughout the Christmas period at St Mary's, St Andrew's and the White Horse. Here are a few of them and you'll notice some familiar faces from the team above. They are very versatile and talented!



Christmas 2025 at St Mary's



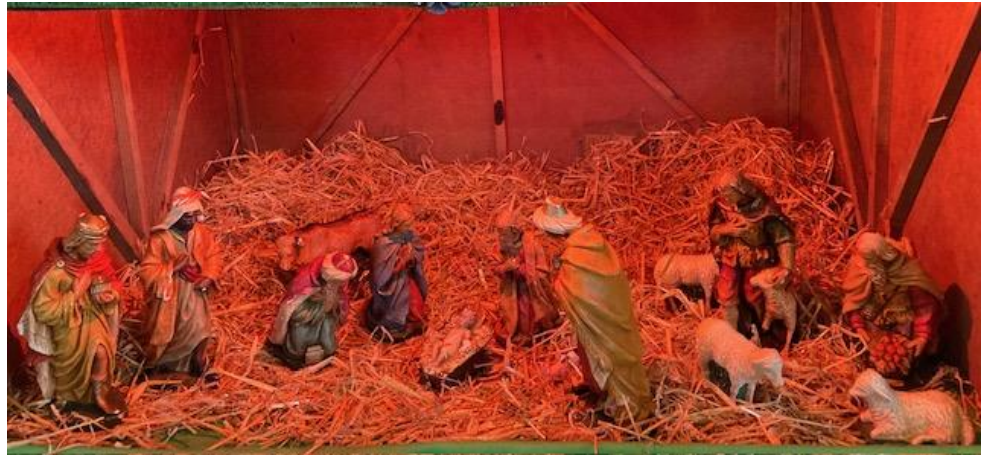
The church looked beautiful throughout the Christmas period and none more so than at the **Carol Service** that was attended by over 100 people and the lovely furry Eska Curry who really should be in the choir! The Christmas trees, lights and flowers were perfect and the atmosphere by candlelight was very special. Many thanks to all those who work so hard to make Christmas at St Mary's so special and meaningful



The two **Crib & Christingle services** on Christmas Eve attracted over 370 adults and children and every child received a Christingle candle in an orange which they all love.



Christmas 2025 at St Mary's



Again a hardworking team meet and assemble the **Christingle candle** which includes sweets and dry fruit. Rev Alan is at his best in these services and it's great for the wider community to enjoy the church and the Christmas feeling. The children all took up animals or key characters to the crib and collections were taken at both services for the Children's Society charity raising a most generous £1,150!



And finally Jean Skinner's **"Happy Space"**. **"Our Church in Wool"** is a beautifully knitted scenario of Rev Alan and several choir members (you can pick them out!) positioned in front of the altar. Jean did this with Brenda Smith from Birch Green and it was displayed at the Sele shopping area as part of the Yarn Bombers Christmas project. We love it and it's on show in the church if you wish to visit.

W_GC MALE
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CHOIR



**Welwyn Garden City
Male Voice Choir**

will be performing on



**Saturday 21st March @ 19.30
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music from a variety of genres, songs from
shows, spirituals & traditional English, Scottish
& Irish pieces

“If You can’t find the words, find the Gift”

We are continuing to highlight some of the very meaningful messages from our church sermons, by not only Revs Alan & Bill but also our inspiring team of Lay Readers of Worship. Having just done a review of Christmas at St Mary’s it is appropriate to follow up with the sermon that Rev Alan gave at the Midnight Service on Christmas Eve.

I’m usually a bit cynical to be honest about Christmas adverts. They’re emotional manipulation deployed by a Capitalist superstructure to manipulate me into spending money. But this year, I was actually really moved by the John Lewis advertisement. Cinematically shot, poignantly performed, it struck a note with this late fifty something member of the vinyl generation.



If you haven’t seen it, it tells the story of a teenage son who gives his dad a copy of the record of the 1990s floor-filler ‘Where Love Lives’ by Alison Limerick. And instantly the music transports the dad back to those carefree days on the dancefloor. And in that moment, a bridge is built between generations through the power of music, resulting in an embrace between father and son.

And then comes the strapline: **“If you can’t find the words, find the gift.”**

Which in itself is a gift of course to a preacher on Christmas Eve; the perfect introduction to that first Christmas all those years ago! When God couldn’t find the words, he sent the gift of the Word; his Son. And he does it in the most un-godlike, most un-spectacular way possible; through a child born in a borrowed room, in a backwoods town, in a forgotten part of the Roman Empire.



Fast forward to our own capital city, to Trafalgar Square. Among the grand architecture and the public monuments commemorating the great and the good, it would be so easy to miss a sculpture in the portico of the church of St Martins in the Fields. It’s by the artist Mike Chapman and was commissioned for the Millennium. It’s called **“In the Beginning.” (left)**

Continued.....

“If You can’t find the words, find the Gift”

Christians believe that the Word, shorthand for Christ, who has been there from the beginning, at one moment in time chose to take human skin and become one of us. And there is nothing more helpless, more defenceless than a baby.

If the Christmas story is true, then this says everything about God. The God who created galaxies, is born needing us; hands reaching, lungs screaming, vulnerable as a newborn. He doesn’t come with fanfare or muscle or clever arguments.

He comes as one born into poverty and occupation; a Palestinian Jew who would later spend time as a refugee in Egypt. Our God now knows what it’s like not only to be one of us, but to be at the bottom of the pile. No privilege, no rights. This is how God chose to dwell among us. This is the true Christ of Christmas. And this baby asks but one question of us: ‘will you care, not only for me, but for all and especially for those at the bottom of the pile?’

I learnt a new word recently; ‘Sonder’. It’s the sudden, striking realisation that every person you encounter is just like you, just trying to get by; that each and every person is living a life just as complex and real as yours, with their own battles and worries and hopes and history. In Christ, in this Word made flesh, we glimpse a God who sees and sonderes each one of us; a God who knows and understands all our battles and worries and hopes and history.

Christmas can at any other time of the year feel overly sentimental. I like to think that it allows us all for a few short weeks to suspend our cynicism, and dare to believe in something higher and better, and worth believing in.

We may or may not know if we believe in God, but for me, Christmas is God’s way of saying without words that he believes in us. After all, he put himself into human hands. Crazy. Why? Well, like the John Lewis ad, to build a bridge so that each precious son and daughter and child might know the embrace of their heavenly Parent.

So, this Christmas Eve, this holy night, I pray that we all might find the gift of that heavenly embrace; a gift that gave everything; a gift that speaks louder than words.

Rev Alan

Exploring Faith

If there’s something inside you that’s saying I wish I could feel that or a part of you that wants to look deeper, there’s a really low-key **Exploring Faith** course on Thursday nights that started late January but you can still join as we move into February. It looks at things like why are we here? Why pray? Isn’t the Bible just a bunch of made-up stories? You’d be more than welcome to try it out. See details earlier in this copy

Hertfordshire Clock Making & St Mary's Clock

Hertford had a long history of clock making. In the 18th Century there were 20-30 makers and retailers in town. This may have been because, having finished their apprenticeship, skilled craftsmen looked to move out of London to areas where the landed gentry had homes. However, in 1797 William Pitt the Younger, the prime minister, put a five shilling tax on all clocks with the consequence that the industry fell into decline.

John Briant, a Hertford clock maker, established a foundry in the 1700s. He made and repaired clocks for; St Andrew, Hertford (1782), St Mary, Ware (1809), All Saints, Hertford, The Shire Hall and many more besides. In 1825 he sold his business to Thomas Mears of Whitechapel. James Skerman, who had helped Briant for 25 years, took over the clock making side of the business.

James Skerman and Son were based in Fore Street. The new company described themselves as Church and Turret Clock makers, Founders and Machinists. Skerman believed that because people had begun travelling by rail, it was important that station, church and turret clocks should be well regulated and be consistent with the new concept of London time. They were responsible for regulating the clocks in many prestigious places including Hatfield House.



Hertingfordbury Millwright, Thomas Newman (1782 -1870), who is buried in St Mary's churchyard, spent two years in his capacity as Church Warden researching and planning a clock for St. Mary **(left)**, as well as organising its financing and installation. On 6th May 1854 a deposit of £30 was paid to Mr Skerman. The village raised the further £73-19s.

The clock came with a two year warranty and Vestry records show that Skerman undertook the annual oiling, regulating and cleaning for £2-10s. Records also show that Mr Crawley, the church clerk, was paid an annual salary of £8 to wind and check the clock.

St Mary's clock, having kept time for Hertingfordbury for a century and a half, is now in need of urgent specialist attention. The Friends are raising money for its restoration. Donations to support this project would be much appreciated. There is a card reader in church on the wall by the font or please contact Robin Bishop for bank details.

Special thanks to Alison Robinson for her research about our beautiful clock.



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

Hertingfordbury Cowper C of E (VA) Primary School

Happy New Year from all our staff and children here at
Hertingfordbury Cowper Primary School!

Before the Christmas break, we had many celebrations in school including our Early Years' performing 'Baarmy Bethlehem', our Key Stage 1 Nativity 'The Fleece Force', our Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church and our Prayer Spaces morning in school. It was lovely to be joined in school by members of our local community to watch our Year 1 and Year 2 children perform their twist on the telling the story of the first Christmas.

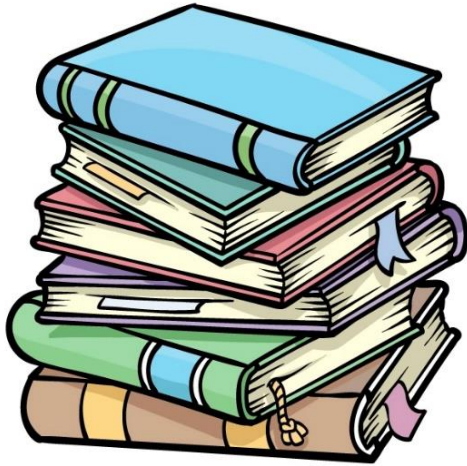


Prayer Spaces

Last year, our teachers received a day's training from Prayer Spaces in Schools. The day was spent exploring the different types of prayer spaces and how these are used to engage in opportunities to develop spirituality by giving time to pause and reflect. Since this training we have looked for many opportunities to have prayer space time for our children, for example whole school prayer spaces days and pop-up prayer spaces during lunchtimes. On our last day of term before the Christmas break, we had a prayer spaces reflection time. This was a special time for the children to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. During what can be a busy time of the year, it was incredible to see the peacefulness these spaces gave to our children.



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.

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Friends of Panshanger Park

Panshanger Park is a wonderful natural area within our wider community and so the Friends of Panshanger Park are sharing some of it's history - some of which will include the village and greens and some not.

This month Geoffrey Cordingley reveals that no one has been able to find a plan of Panshanger House but the sale document from 1953 lists the rooms on the ground and first floor.....

Panshanger House 1952

Ettie, Lady Desborough, died on 28th May 1952 at Panshanger, aged 84. She had lived in a corner of the house after her husband William's death in 1945 with her health slowly deteriorating.

The estate went to Monica, her older daughter, but she did not like the house (it had dry rot in the roof) so it was put up for auction on 15th July 1953 at the Corn Exchange, Hertford. The house was sold for £17,750 to Richard Ashton of Stoke Newington who had it demolished that winter.

The catalogue for the sale described the make up of the house, at least the first two floors. The second floor, where the servants lived, was described as having 28 staff and other rooms with one bathroom and one W.C. Senior staff had their own room but the juniors had to make do with sharing a bedroom. Thus the one bathroom and W.C. must have been shared by 40 or so staff members. Primitive living indeed! Perhaps the staff used some of the empty first floor bathrooms when no visitors were staying.

In spite of these living conditions, the staff who were interviewed by Hertford Oral History Group in the 1990s, described their time at Panshanger as enjoyable. They had loved working for Ettie. In fact a woman who worked in the still room for some years, moved to Balls Park but only lasted a year there.

The ground floor consisted of nine principle reception rooms, seven secondary reception rooms along with the domestic quarters. The principal reception rooms occupied the Eastern end of the house, the remaining part of the ground floor being divided into two parts. One comprising the secondary reception rooms and the other the service quarters. The bedrooms on the first floor follow a similar plan. The main door was on the eastern side.

The principle reception rooms were:

THE HALL of spacious proportions with marble floor, fine plaster work ceiling, etc.

THE BILLIARDS ROOM lined with bookcases; and with an oak floor.

THE SMALL LIBRARY with built-in bookcases.

THE PICTURE GALLERY 66ft. by 26ft., was approached through the ANTE ROOM by a fine marble portal. It had a bow window, and three large lantern lights. The ceiling was richly decorated in plasterwork. The walls were hung with silk and had many lighting points, and the floor was of oak. The silk on the walls was carefully removed and sold separately.

THE LIBRARY had numerous built-in bookcases, fitted mirrors and an oak floor.

Panshanger House 1952

THE ANTE LIBRARY had communicating doors to the Library and Drawing Room. There were French windows to the garden, and an oak floor.

THE DRAWING ROOM had a bow window and oak floor.

THE WHITE DINING ROOM had bow windows and built-in glass fronted china cupboards. The ceiling and walls were finely decorated in plasterwork and there was an oak floor.

THE LARGE DINING ROOM 43ft.by30ft., was richly panelled and with carvings in a style resembling that of Grinling Gibbons. The walls were wired for nine picture lights.



The Picture Gallery



The Drawing Room

The hall, large dining room and picture gallery had two fireplaces with all the other principle rooms having one.

The secondary reception rooms were a 19 x 16ft study; 24 x 16ft sitting room; 19 x 16ft school room; 20 x 16ft studio; 16 x 15ft small sitting room; 21 x 16ft smoking room and a cloakroom. The domestic or service quarters consisted of a Servants' Hall, Steward's, Housekeeper's, Cooks' and Housemaids' Rooms, Kitchen, Larders, Sculleries, Bakehouse, Butler's Pantry, China Room, Still Room, Shoe Room, Laundry, Washhouse, Boiler House, Cellars, etc.

On the first floor there were seven main bedrooms, two of which, the Queen's room and the Red room, had their own dressing rooms and bathrooms. The remaining principle bedrooms were all named – the Tapestry, Grey, Chintz, Indian bedroom – each had their own drawing room but no bathroom. The Adam bedroom had it's own sitting room.

There were also twenty-three secondary and other bedrooms, and eight separate bathrooms with six separate W. C.s.

Electricity was from a 220 volt D.C. private supply, served by 2 automatic Lister diesel engines. The engines were stored in a building behind the stables, being very noisy.

The house had been rewired in recent years in steel conduit. The main electric cable ran along the Hertford to Welwyn road, a distance of about 450 yards from the house.

By this time there was mains water. There was also a pumped river water supply from the Mimram supplying the gardens of the house with overflow to fire tanks. These tanks had probably been fitted as a result of the fire in 1855. Drainage was to a septic tank.

There was also a telephone installed.

Hertingfordbury Parish Council

Chairman – Paul Rochford

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Councillors – Roger Morris, Simon Bostock, Lesley Clark

Member of Parliament – Chris Hinchliff

County Councillor – Ken Crofton

District Councillor – Bob Deering

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

Clerk: Katie Eyre at clerk@hertingfordbury-pc.gov.uk

Council Meetings

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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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



Hertingfordbury Village

Your local representatives at a glance

Hertingfordbury Village falls within Hertford's Castle Ward and Hertford St Andrew's Division

Hertford Town Council website: www.hertford.gov.uk

For events and what's on: <https://gohertford.co.uk/>

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<https://www.joshdean.co.uk/>

Castle Plus Neighbourhood Plan

Hertingfordbury Village residents are involved in drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan for Hertford Castle Plus area. To find out more and get involved, contact Mick Barratt: michael.barratt@sky.com

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Hello Hertingfordbury and The Greens!

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Scottish country dancing is a very social form of dance which relies on mutual co-operation. Following the patterns of the dance and dancing in time together is fun, exciting and highly satisfying. We are a friendly group of people and would be delighted to get to know you.

So if you're interested in something fun, which helps you get fitter and make new friends, then come along and try Scottish Dancing for yourself. Complete beginners always welcome. First session free.

We meet on Tuesday evenings in term time at Sele Farm Community Centre, Hertford, SG14 2LW. Visit <https://www.rscdsherts.org/south-east-herts> or email us on sehscds@hotmail.com for more info.

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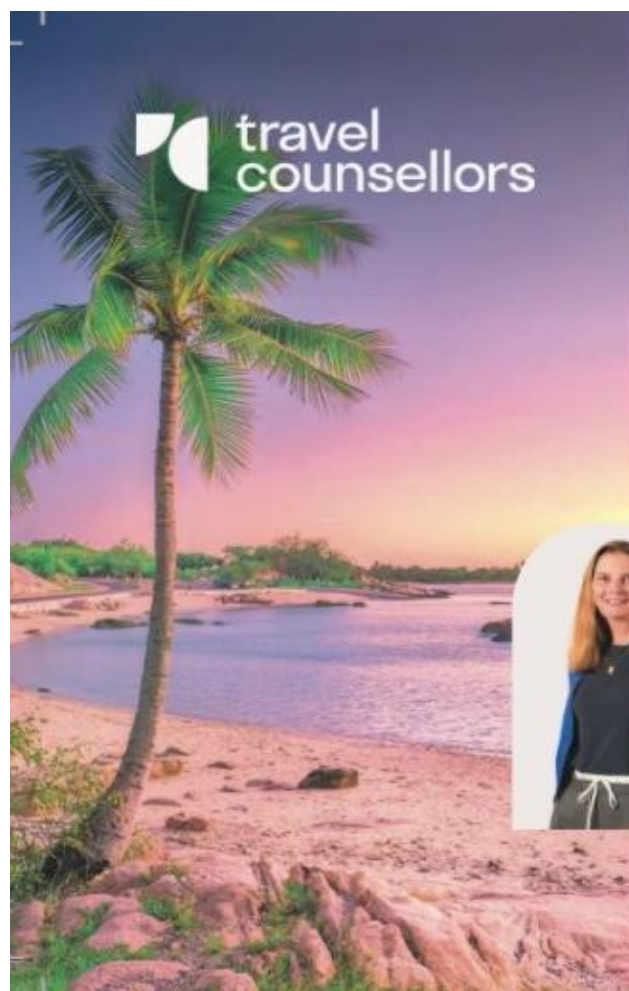
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Churchyard Volunteers Needed



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

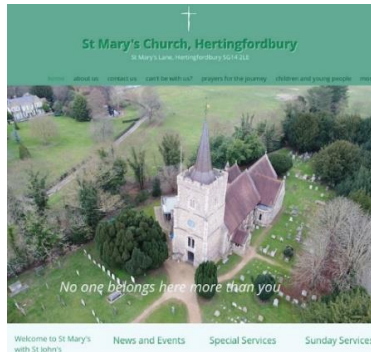


Volunteers needed to open/close St. Mary's



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



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

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For further details and Zoom codes please see our website

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or contact the church office 01992 504373 standrew.hertford@btinternet.com

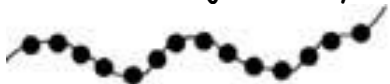
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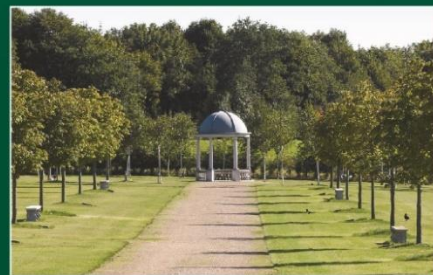
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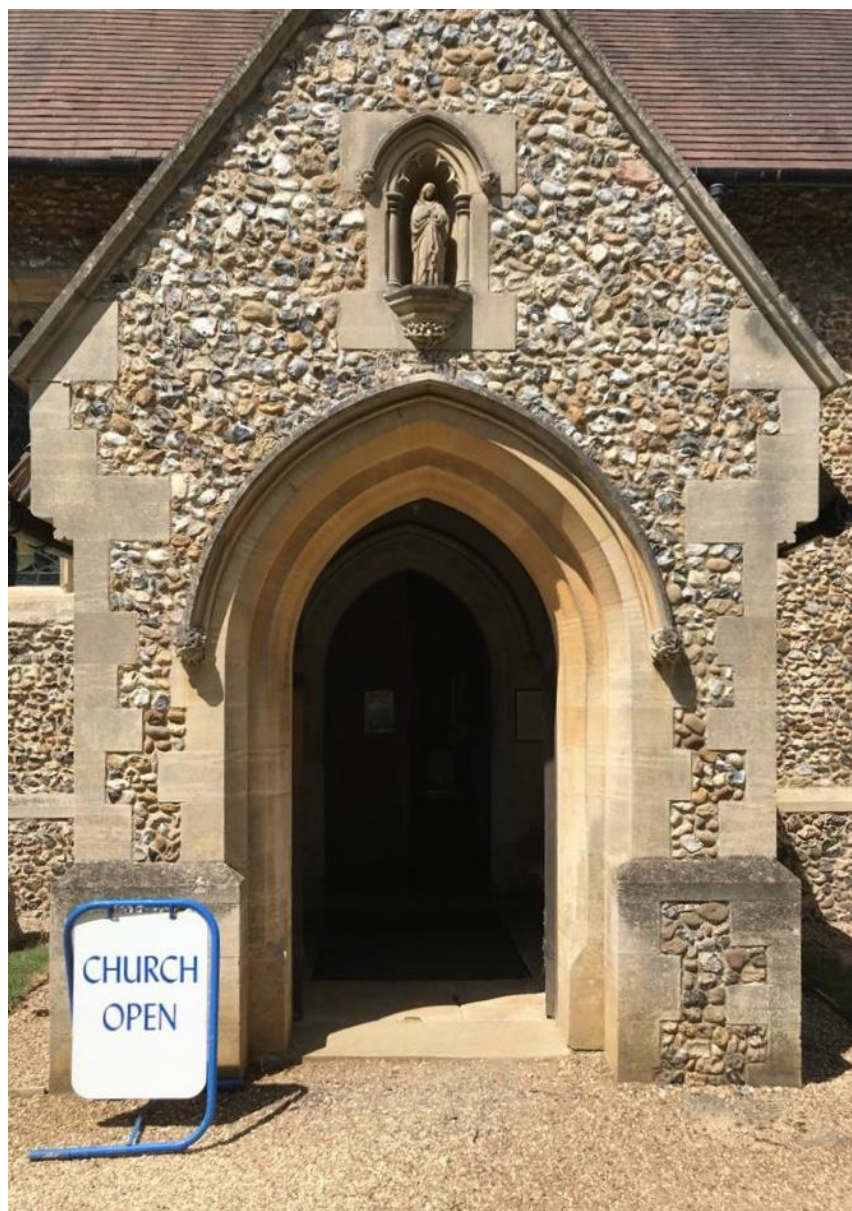
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