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**All-Age Harvest Festival
Sunday 11th October 9.15am at St Mary's**

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The Four Corners of Joy

I read a great book recently by the Canadian author Kate Bowler called 'Joyful Anyway'. In recent years, Kate has survived a stage 4 cancer diagnosis, and although she feels like she should be grateful, she still feels what she calls the 'ache'... an ache for meaning, for connection; ultimately and ache for joy.

And so, she goes on a quest to discover more joy!

At a dinner party, Kate ended up sitting beside a behavioural psychologist, to whom she confessed; 'I'm trying to figure out how to be more joyful'. His response was interesting. 'Approach Joy', he said 'as you would a jigsaw puzzle. Where do you start?'. 'With the edges or the corners' she replied.

'Exactly', he said, 'Work out what the four corners of Joy are for you?'. In other words, what are the (at least) four things that you already know bring you the most Joy? Make each one your focus. Invest in and nurture these four areas of life, and Joy will come! So, what are the corners, or cornerstones, of your Joy?

Joy of course isn't the absence of sadness. It's big enough to hold almost everything, except perhaps despair.

In her book, Kate quotes the novelist Kaveh Akbar, who writes; 'I hope that when there is laughter, it's laughter made wise by having known real grief. And when there is grief, it is made wise by having known real joy'.

I used to think Joy was those unexpected rare little moments that surprise us with delight. But what if Joy is already there waiting for us to invest in and nurture?

Enjoy your Joy!

Rev Alan



Sunday Services at St Mary's

Sung Eucharist 9.15am every Sunday

Zoom Sunday Service (with St Andrew's) 10.30am

All-Age Service 9.15am on 2nd Sunday of each month (unless notified)



Registers

Wedding

05 September – **Keziah Newlove & Oliver McGaw**

12 September – **William Brady & Rachel Mann**

19 September – **Craig Turner & Teresa Worpole**



William & Rachel celebrate outside the church

Some Dates for your Diary

Sunday 4 October- Normal 9.15 service at St Mary's is **Celebrating Creation Sunday** followed by refreshments and an **Art Exhibition**

Mondays 5 & 19 October – **Mindfulness on Sele** 10.30am at the Sele Hub, Fleming Cres

Wednesday 7 October – **Mindfulness & Meditation** 7.30pm in person (and online) at St Andrew's. Online only Wednesday 21 October at 7.30pm

Sunday 11 October – **All-Age Harvest Festival Service** 9.15 at St Mary's

Sunday 1 November – **Service for the Bereaved** 2pm at St Andrew's

Wednesday 4 November – **Service for All Souls** 10.30am at St Andrew's for the departed
Please note the All-Age Service in November will be the first Sunday (1st) due to Remembrance Sunday on 8th.



All-Age Services 2026



*A shorter child-friendly service for all ages at 9.15am
on Sundays at St Mary's church*

11 October (Harvest) - 1 November - 13 December - Christmas Day

All Creatures Great & Small

In September we had a short but memorable service of thanksgiving for the pets & animals that have become a special part of the family



Some images from our wonderful pet service in late September attended by over 70 people and children, probably 30 or so dogs, two horses and two guinea pigs!! All the pets behaved impeccably but not sure about the humans! The dogs as always sang beautifully (some could get in the choir) and this year we had another horse, Casper (the Grey) who came with our regular Hugo.

Excellent refreshments as always enjoyed by everybody, mainly outside, as once again we were blessed with perfect weather. Many thanks to Rev Alan and all those who worked so hard to make it so special and all who attended including our many friends from St Andrew's.



It is a truly wonderful way to bless and thank our pets and animals (even with photos of those we cannot bring or wish to remember) for their loyalty, innocence and unconditional love.



St Mary's News Bishop Jane of Hertford visits St Mary's

On Sunday 20th September we had the pleasure of The Right Revd Dr Jane Mainwaring, Bishop of Hertford, coming to our 9.15 morning service. She is always very welcome and fully participated throughout the service, giving a very moving sermon and then holy communion.

As Bishop Jane was moving straight on after our service to St Andrew's, she thoughtfully arrived very early at St Mary's and was able to greet and meet most of our congregation.

Her sermon was based on the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20: 1-18). It's about the Landowner who pays all his workers in the vineyard the same daily wage, no matter how many hours they worked.

It shows

God's Grace - Salvation and God's love are free gifts. They are not earned by how long or hard you work.

Equal Value - People who come to faith late in life receive the same eternal reward as those who have served him for many years.

No Jealousy – Believers should not feel envy when God shows radical mercy and goodness to others.

Reversed Expectations – As Jesus concludes ... *"The last will be first and the first will be last"*



Bishop Jane above with members of our congregation and leaving the sanctuary with Rev Alan

St Mary's News Wednesday Morning Eucharist at St Mary's

At the end of August, St Mary's had the pleasure of hosting the Wednesday Morning Eucharist which usually takes place at St Andrew's. It was really enjoyed by a good turnout including the two very well behaved dogs, Paddy & Hattie! After the service we enjoyed coffee and cake as well as Kay's infamous sausage rolls! I think the general feeling was that it would be nice to occasionally host it again at St Mary's



Lovely morning service and refreshments and can you spot the dog collar

..... Wendy is Confirmed



Following our Sunday morning service with Bishop Jane of Hertford, the Bishop then went on to the morning service at St Andrew's where there were baptisms and confirmations. One of those confirmed was a member of our own congregation, Wendy Kuhn. Wendy we are delighted to have you at St Mary's and to see you so often. Congratulations from us all. Confirmation is such a special moment

Wendy (left) is confirmed by Bishop Jane with Rev Alan looking on

Miss Dolly Parton

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. This month we have a recent sermon given by Rev Alan at the Wednesday Morning Eucharist held at St Mary's on 26th August, the day after the passing of the Country Music star Dolly Parton. Here Alan reflects beautifully on the person, the Christian, the philanthropist that Dolly was and may she Rest in Peace



Yesterday, the world lost, not only one of its best song-writers, businesswomen and philanthropists, but also one of the greatest examples of how to be a Christian... Miss Dolly Parton.

Everyone loved her; her candour, her humour ('It costs a lot of money to look this cheap!'), her grit, her grace; her deep faith that carried her throughout her life from dirt-poor beginnings in Tennessee to global mega-stardom.

She reminded us what wealth and influence can do in the hands of someone whose life is lived for others; someone who remembered what it is to have nothing, someone who values human beings over being a billionaire.

Instead, she spent her life giving her wealth away. Famously, her father couldn't read or write, so Dolly started the non-profit Dollywood Foundation to fight illiteracy. She created Dolly Parton's Imagination Library which has donated over 300 million books to children all over the world. She raised money for HIV charities when other Christians were calling the AIDS pandemic God's Judgement. She helped fund cancer centres and hospitals, and donated millions of dollars during Covid to develop vaccines. The list goes on.

Living in a country music world often populated by racism and homophobia, Dolly risked popularity and financial gain by advocating for Black Lives Matter and for the LGBTQ community.

'I think everybody should be allowed to be who they are and to love who they love' she famously said in an interview. 'A good Christian should not judge. I mean that's God's business, not yours. I believe we're all God's children and everybody has to deal with God in their own way. We're supposed to love one another'

That love emanated from Dolly's words and actions.

For 80 years she showed us that the measure of a life is in what we do with what we are given, how we treat people around us, and the person we are in both lack and abundance.

Miss Dolly Parton

In his tribute this morning, the American pastor John Pavlovitz wrote 'Her single greatest performance was as a human being, which makes her among the richest people who have ever graced this planet.'

Today we mourn the loss of a First Lady of Country, who touched and changed the lives of so many, especially those who have lived with poverty and discrimination. But we rejoice in the magnitude of the legacy of this humble diminutive woman.

We are all creating a legacy of some kind. What legacy will you, will I, leave? Will we, like Dolly, leave this world a better place than we found it?

Rev Alan



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The Friends of Hertingfordbury St Mary

Forthcoming Events in 2026

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



All-Age Harvest Festival

Sunday 11th October 9.15am at St Mary's

Feel free to bring non-perishable food and toiletries to donate to the Hertford Foodbank and Haven First, a local charity supporting homeless people



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Eco Church

If you're concerned about our declining insect population and would like to do something to help, most of these things are easy to do in your own garden or local green space – even a window box of pollinator friendly plants can help. There's a wealth of information on the internet, whatever your ambitions!

Art Exhibition 3rd & 4th October at St Mary's Church celebrating nature by the Painting for Pleasure Art Group for the weekend of **Environment Sunday**

This will be accompanied by a small exhibition of photographs and text on Caring for Creation – if you would like to submit a nature photograph which you have taken, please contact Rachel Carter: raich.carter@yahoo.co.uk

St Mary's Church, Hertingfordbury

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Bike 'n Hike – September 2026

The St Mary's Team came together in The Brace Room on 12th September. The Welcomers set out a magnificent table of refreshments to sustain the visiting cyclists and walkers and the reception was manned by a group of parishioners for the whole day.

Welcoming team from L-R Helen, Jean, Jean, Alma, Beth & Elizabeth were also joined by others later



Visitors were slightly down in numbers compared with last year but their enjoyment was undiminished and was enhanced by the wedding of William and Rachel which was also celebrated at St Mary's on that day. The Church was filled to overflowing by wedding guests, the Groom and his groomsmen wore stylish traditional outfits and the Bride was "a picture".

St Mary's was represented in the Bike 'n Hike by five members of the congregation (plus two terriers) together with a number of friends who joined Alastair and Juliet visiting Churches in North Hertfordshire. Bill Church went to the Hertford Churches by bike whilst Christopher also visited the 10 Hertford Churches on foot. Beverley and the 2 terriers were in Little Berkhamsted and Ponsbourne. Happily it remained dry and the temperature was great for this activity. The Team set up a JustGiving page which has raised to date £1,150.00 in donations and pledges from 45 supporters - it is not too late if you would like to donate now! There was a heartening level of support from villagers and parishioners locally, demonstrating the affection in which St Mary's is held. The money raised is shared equally between BHHCT and St Mary's with any Gift Aid going to the Trust which has charitable status. The Trust makes grants to individual Churches towards the expense of maintenance, repair and improvements, which is hugely appreciated by the recipients.

Time passes and the age profile of those who participate is growing older. An attempt was made this year to hold an event in the Churchyard on 13th September for Children but this was thwarted by the weather. We shall try again so that younger members of the congregation and Friends can be more actively involved. Anyone who would like to become involved is welcome to contact the Church Organiser (Christopher) or one of the Church Wardens. It is very rewarding to see some of the many (more than 600) Churches in the Trust's area and to find their points of special interest, which are many and varied.

Thank you to The Team and thank you to the Supporters. Same time next year : the second weekend in September.



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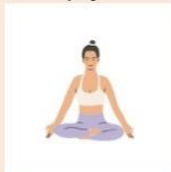
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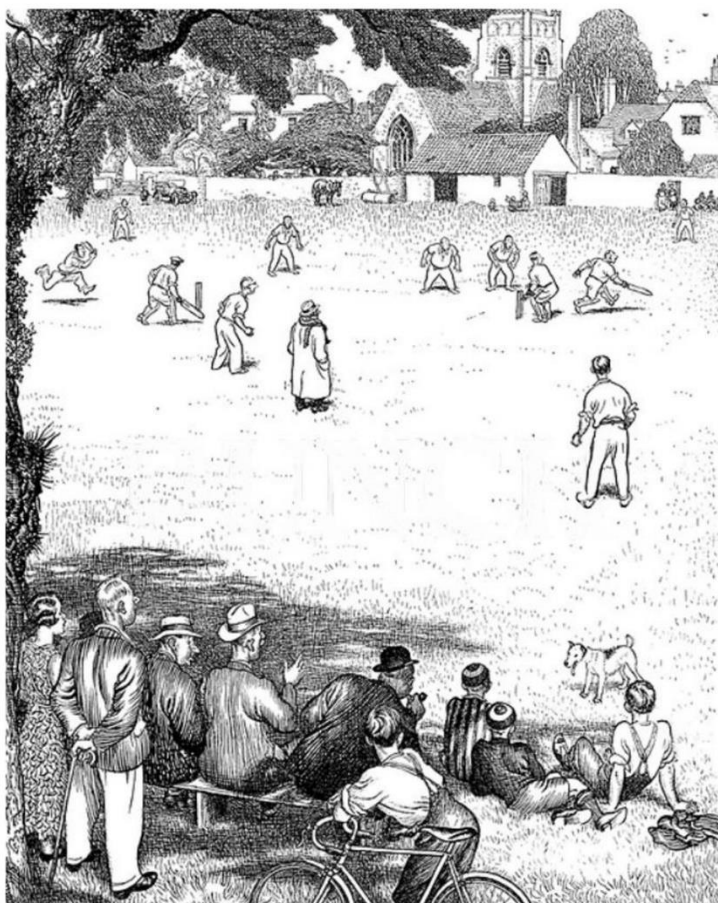
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PHEW WHAT A SCORCHER!

The 1943 image below from Punch Magazine shows an idyllic village cricket scene – not too dissimilar from our own lovely recreation ground, even down to the church! The eagle-eyed amongst you may wonder why the batsman is scuttling off the field just as the bowler is running in. The original caption reveals that he is also the local grocer who's just heard the doorbell to his nearby shop go, so has had to leave the field of play to serve a customer.



No such conflicts of interest at our own cricket club in the 2026 season

Our success could be largely measured by the following facts:

- a) We managed to get 11 players out on the field most weeks, and
- b) we weren't relegated.

This is the reality for small village cricket clubs these days. Being local to much bigger clubs with more resources, our personnel is made up either of old stalwarts with a long history at the club or returning players who fancied digging out the cricket whites after an extended absence.

To that end our youth policy is represented by a 29 year-old, whilst most of us are player's son can bring the average age down, which makes cricket one of those unique sports where three generations can play on the same field, on an equal basis.

Although winning a game is a nice bonus, we'd much rather lose to a team with a good attitude, who play in the right spirit, and stay for a beer or at least a chat afterwards. Unfortunately, there are a few league teams lacking these qualities. The Hertingfordbury way has always been to enjoy the game above all else, then sit reminiscing and exaggerating the day's heroics afterwards.



Sunday friendly cricket is a much better forum for this, and we have several such fixtures that restore our faith in the beautiful game. They also usually involve a great tea, which is now unfortunately a post-covid rarity on Saturdays.

The other battle this year was the weather. By July the outfield resembled the Gobi Desert and keeping the grass on the square alive and thus the tracks safe, involved nightly watering stints. Mindful of the eventual hosepipe ban and keen to be good citizens, we only watered the remaining wickets that would be needed to see us to the end of the season, rather than keep the whole square green for purely cosmetic purposes.

With only one league side, we leased the field out again to Hoddesdon 3rd XI on every other week, plus hosted schools cricket for Richard Hale & Hertford Prep. This not only boosts the coffers for both Hertingfordbury CC and the recreation ground, but it provides a nice playing environment for younger players and brings life to the field, often during the week when it would otherwise be empty. In all, 45 adult and junior matches were played this year.

So now we move onto renovations. By the time you read this the worn-out square will have been scarified, reseeded and top-dressed, whilst the outfield which has suffered for a long time with poor grass coverage will also get a much-needed aeration, scarifying and seeding.

The groundsman will then put his feet up for a few short months of relaxation (popping over for the occasional mow) before we start work all over again in early spring.

Drop us a line if you'd like to join in the fun next year: HertingfordburyCC@live.com



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 Geoff Cordingley continues with some of the interviews given by members of Hertford Oral Society

Panshanger Reflections from Hertford Oral History Group

Hertford Oral History Group (HOHG) began recording people's reminiscences in 1990. The initial aim was to collect as many of the older generation's memories as possible. Peter Ruffles, Jean Riddell and the late Eve Sangster and Mary Ollis were the main interviewers. Whilst still making recordings, the more recent emphasis has been on producing and displaying on the Hertford Museum website the associated transcripts. Over 400 recordings have been made and three quarters of the transcripts are available on Hertford Museum website.

A number of the recordings contain references to Panshanger and our community. Since the HOHG recordings are from 1990 onwards the references are to the time the estate was owned by Ettie Desborough. The seventh Earl died without issue and left the estate to Ettie, nee Fane, who was his niece. She was married to William Grenfell, Lord Desborough who owned Taplow Court, near Maidenhead. There are many short references to Panshanger in the recordings with youngsters roaming around the grounds, picnicking and bluebelling. The extracts to come give a snap shot of life in a large house in the 1920s and 1930.

Continuing extracts from Hertford Oral History Group's recordings with Mollie Warner who worked at Panshanger in the mid to late 1920s. Mollie describes how she got her job in the still room, pay, board wages and St. Thomas's Day.

"Well, it was Taplow Court, of course, yes, that's when we first started because we only came to Panshanger twice a year. Oh yes, Taplow Court. I was a Girl Guide at Taplow and her Ladyship was President of the Guides and that's how we were able to get our jobs; if she liked you, took to you, then she'd say there was a position going. And she said to me that there would be a position going in the still-room eventually, so to get it I went into the laundry. It was only a matter of about six weeks. And that's how I first started at Taplow Court."

Mollie was 15 having been born in 1910:*"I remember coming to Panshanger for the first time and the strike was on, the General Strike; that's why I remember it very plainly."*

Mollie worked in the laundry *"for about six weeks. To be able to get into the still-room. The still-room, of course, was a very, very lovely job. You only did the fancy fruits and iced tea and iced coffee and cakes and scones, you know, and rolls or anything like that.*

I don't think I was paid much, all the time I was there. I was there about seven years and the rise didn't go up, I don't think, only about once. I had £24 a year. That's what we were paid and then when Lord and Lady Desborough went away we were on what they called 'board

Panshanger Reflections from Hertford Oral History Group

wages', which we were allowed 14/- a week. We had to buy all our own food with that, you see. And laundry we were allowed 2/6d. a week and we used to have to have a clean cap and apron every other day. So the money didn't go very far. But, of course, it was vastly different to what it is today."

"But I was very, very happy there. Very happy. I mean, it wasn't hard work, not when they were just on their own. We were off-duty every other day, afternoon and evening. You were expected to go to church, obviously. Well, more so at Panshanger than we were at Taplow Court and, of course, you know, when they had entertaining and parties then, of course, we did have to work very hard. Because what they called their parties would start on a Friday afternoon, ready for Friday evening dinner, you see, and would go on right until after breakfast on Monday. So, of course, we were very, very busy, working very hard. I mean, because being in the still-room, it wasn't so hard - our biggest meal for the still-room workers - well, there was only I and the head still-room maid - that we used to have to supply all the tea, you see. Used to expect, say, fourteen to fifteen different cakes to make. So we used to have to make all those. But that was our hardest meal. Used to have to supply the toast, and all that for breakfast. And in the evening our worst time was when we used to have to wait for the coffee cups and the dessert plates and if you'd been up since about half-past-five in the morning and this was getting about 11 o'clock you were very, very tired indeed, waiting for them to come out. Cos they were talking; they didn't think of the poor little girls through the back waiting to go to bed. But, yes, it was very nice but Panshanger, of course, was a gorgeous place; liked it very much"....

"Well, they had times, you see. They came down [to Panshanger] twice a year. Normally, it would be at Easter time, nearly always Easter time, and then towards Christmas. We never had a Christmas here; only one year, I think, when we were snowed up. It was dreadful. It was level with - Now, you know Fordwich Hill, don't you? - well, it was level. So you can tell how bad it was. We were completely cut off. But normally we were at Taplow Court for Christmas but she was always here for what she called her 'St. Thomas's Day'. Now all these people - estate workers, I suppose, they used to have to come to the Servants' Hall and they were allowed as much bread and cheese and hot, well, warm, beer as they wanted and then they were given so much money. She always had to be down here for that. It was normally in the November time. There was no electricity or gas in Panshanger. There was electricity for the lights but not to cook with. Everything was done by the stoves. And I think, if I remember rightly, there was one, two, three, four, five stoves in the kitchen. So you can tell how big it was. 'Cos we had a very big stove in the still-room. But everything had to be cooked on the stove."

Editors note:- Despite the land sales at the time, Panshanger House itself remained an incredibly active and elite social hub during the 1920's as Mollie recounted. Lady Desborough was a renowned society hostess and leading member of the intellectual aristocratic social group known as "The Souls". Throughout the decade, she filled the house with prominent political figures, writers and thinkers of the era, hosting regular weekend parties for guests that included Neville Chamberlain, H.G. Wells and the author and poet Vita Sackville-West

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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

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/>



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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/>

Hertford Town Councillors for Castle Ward:

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East Herts District Council website: www.eastherts.gov.uk

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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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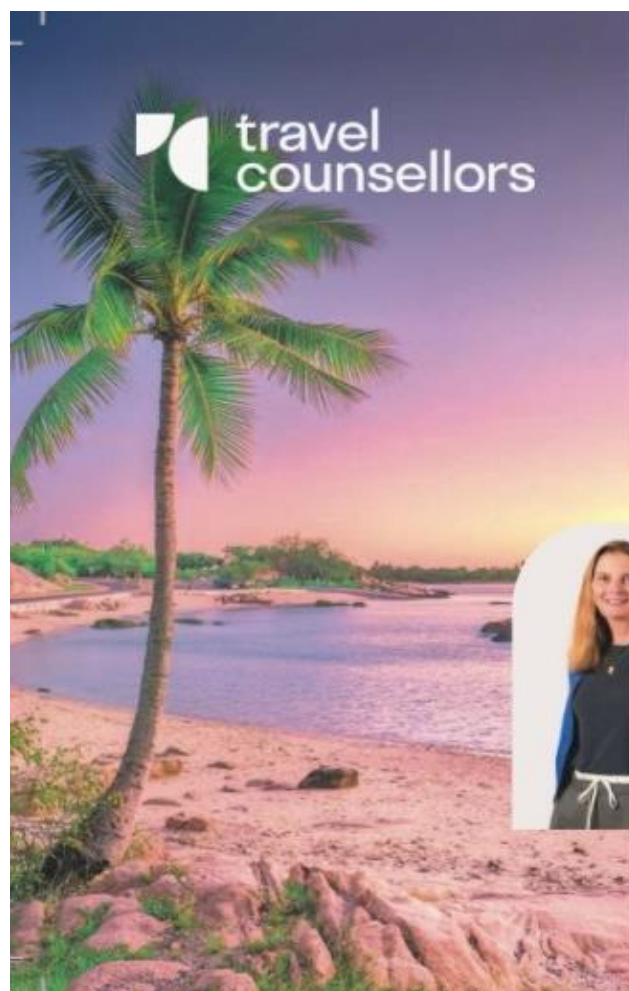

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Churchyard Volunteers Needed



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

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

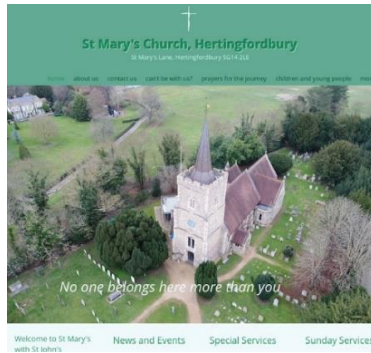


Volunteers needed to open/close St. Mary's



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

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Wednesday (Usually Twice Monthly)
Mindfulness & Meditation 7.30pm

Sunday
Service of the Word 10.30am

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

www.hertfordstandrews.co.uk

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

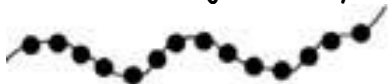
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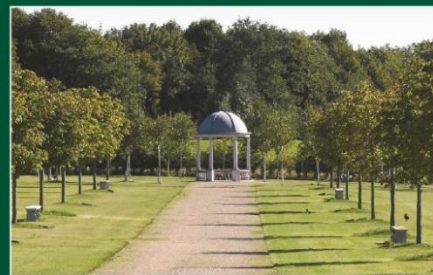
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