

St John's Churchyard Treasure Hunt

Starting from School Lane, see if you can find where each of these photographs were taken, and answer the questions to find the treasure



Who is this for?



Fill in the missing word.

"Unless the Lord builds the _____, the builders labour in vain"

What year was our church centre built?

Our church volunteers are working hard to create beautiful wild flower areas in the graveyard. What flowers can you spot?





Turn at the corner of the Glebe Land. This area of grass is no longer owned by the church, but traditionally was land that the vicar could have farmed.



Will you go left or right here?



Find out when our church was first consecrated by the Bishop to be used for church services. This current church building replaced an older one that had been on the same site before. Can you work out how old our church is?



Where do you think this gate leads to?



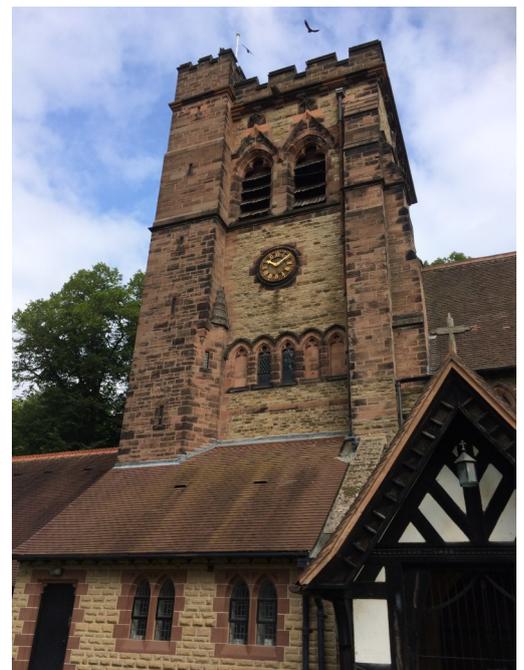
Head past this door, which leads to the vestry. A vestry is a room where traditionally the Vicar would dress in his robes.

Have a look at what it says above our Lych Gate.

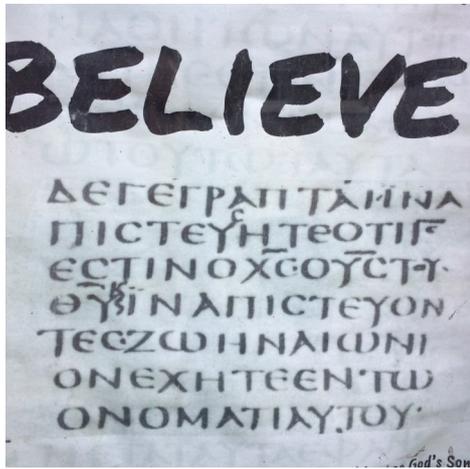


The Lych Gate is used for funerals, but can also be known as a "Resurrection Gate" because of the hope that Christians have of going to heaven when they die.

What time does our church clock say? At the moment, we can't go into the church to wind up the clock or to ring the bells, but we are really looking forward to being able to do that soon. Keep a listen out.....!

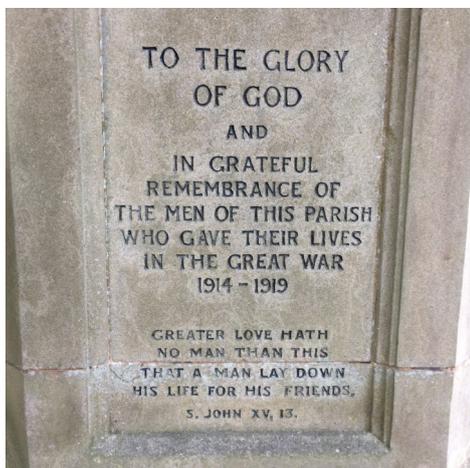


Find this gravestone to discover where William Parr was when he sadly died in 1912.



Where is this and what language is it written in?

Peer through the doors to find out the names of our four Sunday School groups that normally run for children and young people of different ages.



What Bible verse is written on our War Memorial? Take a few moments to look at all the names on the War Memorial. These are all people who bravely choose to give up their lives to help save other people, just as Jesus did.

More names were added to the War Memorial after the Second World War. Only recently it has been discovered that two names were missed off. We always include those extra names as part of our Remembrance Service.



Our church is known locally as "St John's" but on this notice board, you can find it's full name.



Which book of the Bible does the verse come from on the poster?



What two things can you see at the very top of our church tower? Keep a look out in the future for opportunities to climb the tower to get a fabulous view of Hartford from above!



Where can this be found?

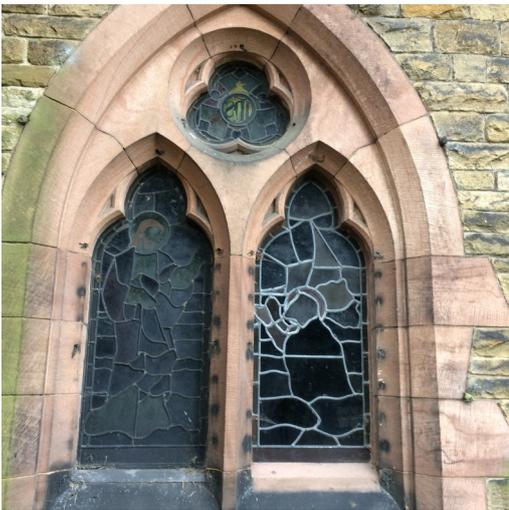
Just outside the door that is traditionally used for weddings, is this object. Do you know what it is?



Lots of the gravestones have crosses on them. See how many different styles of cross you can spot.



Why is the cross so important for Christians?



This is the outside of one of our stained glass windows. You need to see it from the inside, with the light shining through to see all the beautiful colours, but can you work out what the picture might be of? Hopefully soon you can visit our church to see it properly.

Well done on finding all the places in the photographs!

But did you find the treasure?

For those of us who are Christians, the treasure is in believing that Jesus died on the cross, so that we can be forgiven for the bad things that we have done. This means we can be friends with God again and be adopted into God's family. Jesus promises that this gives us eternal life. That is amazing treasure to discover!

If you would like to find out more about how to find this treasure for yourself, or more about the work we do with children and young people, we would love you to get in touch. Please email teresa@stjohnshartford.org or have a look at our website www.stjohnshartford.org

And we look forward to welcoming you back into our church building soon!