

## Outside:

**Portland Stone** has been used for the majority of the tombstones, imported from Dorset. Millers were often buried with their **millstones** as memorials. There are two examples immediately to the west of the tower belonging to the Fincher family.

**John Briant**, a Hertford bell founder and clockmaker, is commemorated with a stone near the entrance gates. He worked upon, and cast two of the bells which were lost in the fire. He also made the church clock, which came to the Victoria Tower in 1969 via Ware St. Mary, the Union Workhouse and Kingsmead School.

**The Pearson Memorial** can be found towards the south end of the churchyard, forming a centrepiece for four of the walks. The Pearsons lived at Brickendonbury, the former manor house of the Liberty of Brickendon, in which used to be used to stand



**The Chestnut Trees**, which were originally planted to celebrate the Restoration in 1660, have been replaced gradually over the last three hundred and fifty years.

**The Churchyard**, which was originally approached from Church Street or Lane, was enlarged on the south side in 1809 and in 1853. In the 1960s the churchyard was cut off from the centre of Hertford by the building of the Gascoyne Way relief road. Affected graves had to be removed and remains re-interred elsewhere in the churchyard. In 1879, when the County Gaol in Ware Road was demolished, bones of executed prisoners were discovered within its precincts and were re-interred at the south east side of the churchyard.

# All Saints' Church Hertford

## A brief observation



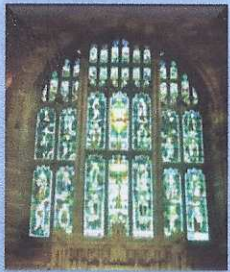
The ancient All Saints' church, Hertford, sometimes referred to in the past as All Hallowes, was rebuilt, after being almost totally destroyed by fire in 1891. The new, much larger, church, of Runcorn Stone, was dedicated on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1895. Architects were Paley, Austin and Paley of Lancaster and builders Smith Brothers of Burnley. The Victoria Tower was completed ten years later.

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## Inside:

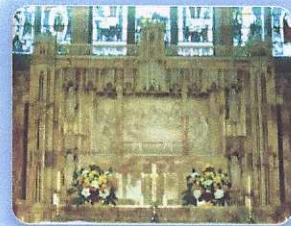
**The East Window** of 1900 is by Charles Kempe (1837-1907). The beautiful window was erected in the memory of George Pearson of Brickendonbury.



The cross is at the centre of a vine illustrating the words "*I am the vine, you are the branches*". Kempe's trademark wheat sheaf can be found in one corner.

**The Reredos**, of alabaster and above the altar, depicts the Last Supper.

This was presented in 1914 by W.F. Andrews, who was for over twenty years a churchwarden.



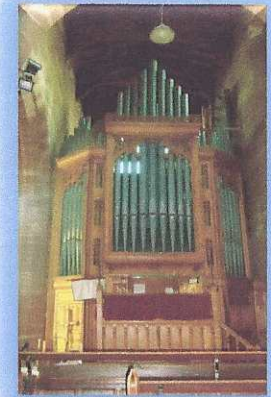
**The War Memorial chapel**, formerly the Lady Chapel, was opened in 1934, and enclosed with oak screens in 1964,



the gift of Miss Ethelreda Sworder. Names of the fallen from both the First and the Second World Wars are commemorated here.



**The Organ** dates from 1898 and was built by "Father" Henry Willis, who also built the organ of St. Paul's Cathedral. Charles Bridgeman, organist for an incredible eighty-one years from 1791 – 1872, has a memorial tablet nearby. He was buried, along with other family members, on the north side of the churchyard.

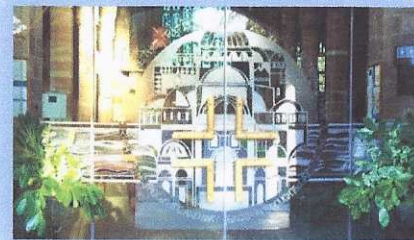


**The Regimental Colours** of the Hertfordshire Regiment were laid up in the church on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1954, and hang in the chancel.

**The Mayor of Hertford** has a special pew at the front of the church with the town coat of arms carved upon it.



**The Brass Tablet**, [a fragment], in memory of "John Hunger, master cook to Queen Katherine", widow of Henry V, was saved from the ruin of the old church and is now on the north wall of the nave.



**The Glass Entrance Porch**, Bequest from Reginald Cull-

"Blessed Are They That Do His Commandments That They Have – Right To The Tree of Life And May Enter In Through The Gates Into The City"  
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