

# View from the pew

Richard Toyn

It was good to see so many people at the St. Julien service on 30<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm and again at the 10am at the town war memorial on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July. The memorial to the members of the Hertfordshire Regiment killed in action has now been unveiled.



No shelter from the summer and autumn rain - in response to a priority recommendation of the quinquennial inspection, the Yew tree that was close to the North-West porch, has been removed. The removal has opened up a new view of the church.

A new school year has started and the beginning of autumn is upon us. We celebrate the collection of the harvest with Harvest Festival services and a lunch on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please sign up if you plan to attend.

Like our homes there are always things that need doing. All our church teams are in need of a few more helping hands. If you would like to find out how you could help - to arrange flowers, to perform simple maintenance activities, to distribute service material, and so on, please speak with the Vicar, Churchwardens or the appropriate team leader.

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Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September was a very busy day in and around the church. It was the day for the annual Bike n' Hike - with many people sponsored to cycle or walk between churches throughout Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. We had some 40 participants visit the church.

At the same time, eight teams of bell ringers were participating in an annual change ringing competition, with the judges based in the upper room of St. Johns' Hall. Both events coincided with a Coffee Morning in church and increased the amount raised. Incidentally, during the quieter hours in the afternoon we also had a number of visitors to look around the church as it was open.

