HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - GRAVEYARD SURVEY

This latest Graveyard Survey at Holy Trinity Church was completed in December 2006, in preparation for the Church's 150th anniversary in 2007. Of interest, a newspaper article describing Holy Trinity's consecration in March 1857 can be found at the back of this Index.

The last comprehensive Survey was conducted in 1984 by ladies from the Weston Lullingfields' Women's Institute. As part of the Survey, a brief history of the Church was written (by Winifred Bell) and can also be found at the end of the Index.

In this latest update, each known grave has been photographed, inscriptions recorded, together with a record of the headstone material and style which was used. Entries in the Index (post 1984) have been added in bold type. Unfortunately, not all names in the Burial Book (especially those buried before 1900) can be traced to a grave or headstone. In addition, the grave numbering system in the early days did not seem to follow a logical sequence. For example, the earliest headstone in the Graveyard is for Thomas Higginson who was buried in June 1859. His name appears 4th in the Burial Register and yet his Grave Number is 26! Finally, there are some grave numbers duplicated between the Graveyard and the Garden of Remembrance.

The Churchyard Map, showing the location of each grave, is presently being updated. In the interim, an older copy can be found at the end of the Index.

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