Turn right towards the church and look left

9. TAF

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that I shall give will never suffer thirst any more. The water that I shall give will be an inner spring always welling up for eternal life."

John 4 : 14

We spend our lives thirsting after so much, but Christ showed us that to be filled with the life God yearns to give us is to be free of thirst and to experience true contentment.

Walk past notice board, two graves in on left

10. CHURCHWARDEN'S GRAVE

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1 William Davis was a long serving churchwarden. We thank God for all those who have served this church, those who built it and cared for it and who passed the faith on to us.

Turn around and look up to the east window

11. STONE HEADS OF BISHOP & QUEEN "My kingdom does not belong to this world. My kingly authority comes from elsewhere." John 18: 36

In office when the church was dedicated, these heads of the Diocesan Bishop and Queen Victoria represent two kingdoms - this world and the one to come. As Christ taught us, we pray God's kingdom may come on earth and his will be done.

Turn left across the grass to a lilac tree

12. TREE GROWING FROM GRAVES "Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and I am life. If they have faith in me, even though they die, they shall come to life."

From amongst the graves comes a vigorous new life, to symbolise all that lies ahead for those who believe.

John 11 : 25

Walk on to the seat by the car park

13. SEAT UNDER LIME TREES

"The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in: From this time forth for evermore."

Psalm 121 : 8

We go out into the community to continue our life's journey, secure in the knowledge of God's love and support.



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Churchyard Walk



"Let us walk in the light of the Lord!"

Isaiah 2: 5

Holy Trinity Church, Leverstock Green

From the gate into the churchyard, on Bedmond Road

The walk is very short, but to appreciate it fully you need to stop at each marked number point, read its relevance in the leaflet and ponder for a short time before moving on. We do hope that you enjoy it and that by your participation you may be enriched.

Walk left, alongside the wall

WALLS AND WAR MEMORIAL "Be still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

This church and its grounds form an oasis between two noisy main roads and the busyness of our everyday lives. As you walk over the grass alongside the walls, the graves and War Memorial beyond are a reminder of our need to find time to be still and acknowledge God's presence in our lives.

Walk across the grass to the cedar tree

2. CEDAR TREE

"A land of gathering shadows, of deepening darkness, lit by no ray of light, dark upon dark."

Job 10 : 22

Standing under this magnificent tree reminds us that there are dark times in all our lives. God is with us in the darkness as well as the light. He will never desert us. All we need to do is to place our hand in his.

Walk across to the wall, past crab apple tree

MEMORIAL TO WWI SOLDIER "From whence come wars and fightings among you?" James 4:1

Before receiving the knowledge of his death, the family of this soldier had to endure the agony of him being reported missing in action. We remember all those countless families caught up in the horrors of war in many parts of our world today. And we desire for them all the coming of true peace.

Face the church and head for oak sapling

4. OAK SAPLING GROWING IN STUMP "There is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again and that the tender branch thereof will not cease." Job 14:7

Just as old roots search for nourishment and new life, we are never useless to God and in times of weakness or age he can bring new life through us to others.

Take the path to the church and look left

5. STEPS

"There is but a step between me and death." 1 Samuel 20 : 3

A churchyard is a good place to be reminded of our mortality and vulnerability. But we need not fear. Christ has overcome death and, whatever its particular manner for us, he will be with us to guide us back to God.

Walk up the steps and look left

6. ANCIENT OAK

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you for my own." Jeremiah 1:5
This 200yr old oak was here long before our church was built and must have witnessed the cock-fighting which took place on this site, the building itself and the following congregations. Long before our birth God knew us and created us so that we in turn could love him.

Walk on to the new Garden of Remembrance

7. GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE "Peace be within thy walls." Psalm 122: 7

We pray that all those of this place who have died may rest in peace; the peace of God; the peace which 'passes all understanding'; the peace that comes from knowing that we are loved, unique and precious. That knowledge and that peace can be ours here and now.

Follow round wall of garden

8. SEATS

"Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11 : 28

We all need time for physical rest, reflection and stillness in our lives in order to refresh our mind, body, spirit and priorities on this journey