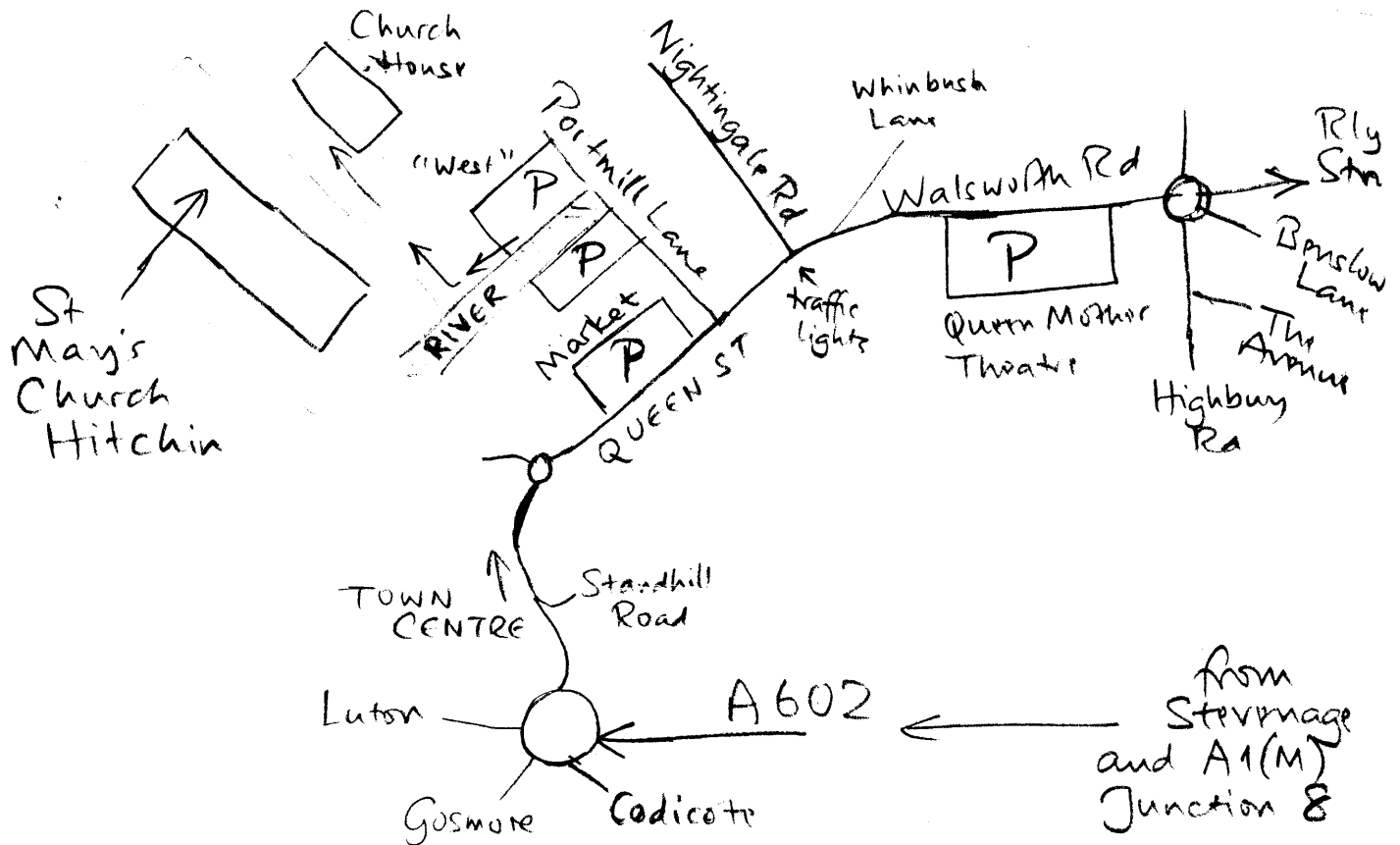


Notes for the Herts Phil Concert 15 March 2008, St Mary's Church Hitchin



This is an unusual venue, and you may find these notes will make it easier for you.

The church will be open from 1.30pm. The church verger will be in attendance throughout.

All facilities (lavatories, kitchen, general sitting area) are in Church House, immediately across the church lawn.

Because of another booking, we can't use Church House until 4.30pm except for the lavatories (which are in the foyer). Our tea break will therefore have to be delayed until then (or we all have to bring flasks).

The church itself will be locked from 5.30pm to 6.30pm to give the verger a break. We can, of course, remain in Church House during this time.

Interval refreshments will be in Church House but the verger will remain in the church for security.

Parking will be difficult. I attach a sketch map, with four car parks (marked "P"). The one on Queen Street and the two off Portmill Lane are short-term, max stay 4 hours (£3.50). The one at Queen Mother Theatre Walsworth Road is long term (£3), but a longer walk. These car parks become free at 6pm.

Street parking is free all day Saturday in Benslow Lane, Highbury Road, The Avenue etc, but an even longer walk away.

Heavy instruments requiring access will have to reach the church via High Street. They will have to stop at the High Street barrier (where it becomes pedestrianised), then phone me on 0777-1763-185. I will then come over and open the gate and ride with them to the church. (It is a condition of the pass that was issued to me that I have to accompany the vehicle.) High Street ceases to be pedestrian-only at 4pm and you can then drive along via Market Place to the church (but there is nowhere to park nearer than Market Place). [Market Place is nothing to do with Queen Street "Market" car park.] The easier alternative, which I have seen vans do but I am told it is forbidden and therefore I am not suggesting it, is to go into the further of the two car parks in Portmill Lane ("Portmill Lane West"), keep alongside the river, drive up the kerb onto the riverside pavement, turn right at the hedge at the end of the pavement and stop at the 1960s brick building ahead (which is Church House.)