

Second Sunday After Trinity 10 June

Services and Preachers in the

Parish of
Harpenden



St Nicholas' Church

8.00am Holy Communion

Revd Canon Kevin Walt
(Canon Treasurer of the Cathedral)



9.30am Sung Eucharist

Revd Canon Kevin Walton

11.30am Morning Praise

Harry Smith

3.00pm Holy Baptism of Rocco Thoma Chaney and Leyla Grace Merry

4.00pm Holy Baptism of Constance Elizabeth Herriott, Anna Elizabeth Damoiseaux, Nina Charlotte Damoiseaux and Zoë Maria Damoiseaux

6.30pm Choral Evensong

All Saints Church

9.00am Communion Service

Revd Will Gibbs (St Mary's, Redbourn)

10.30am Worship Service

Revd Will Gibbs

St Mary's Church

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Nina Featherstone (LLW, St Mary's)

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All our churches are fitted with an induction loop. Those wearing a hearing aid should switch to "T" in order to benefit from it.

A collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn. If you are a UK tax payer, please use the white Gift Aid envelope in the pew, remembering to date it and print your details.

If you give by standing order or the like please put a token in the offering in the offering bags as they go around as an act of worship and as a token of what you give in thanks to God.

Children are welcome at every service. If your child becomes restless during the service, please feel free to go in and out.

You are warmly invited to join us for coffee, tea and biscuits after the morning services.



We are an inclusive church, called to be caring, loving and welcoming to all.

To be a lively community connecting with God's love in new and imaginative ways

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday - Friday

10.00am—2.00pm

Saturday (Staffed by Volunteers)

9.30am-12noon



Collects, Reading, Psalm and Post-Communion Prayer

COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALTERNATIVE COLLECT

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Genesis 3.8-15

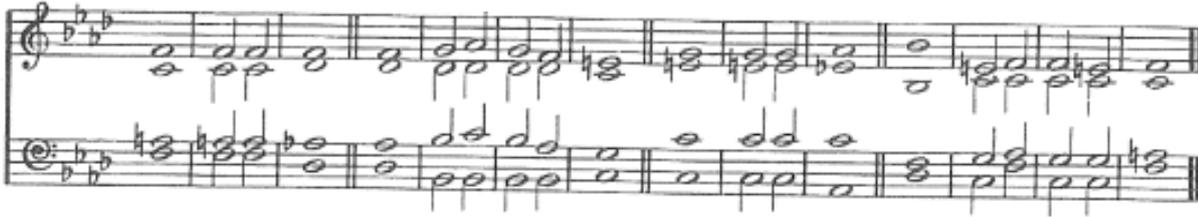
They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4. 13—5.1

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you would like prayer for yourself or someone you know, clergy pray daily for those who have asked for our prayers. Anyone may put a name on our prayer list by contacting the clergy, a Reader, or the parish office. If you wish to be prayed for publicly at our Sunday Services please say so, otherwise your name remains on the clergy daily prayer list.

PSALM 130



OUT of the deep I have called unto ' thee O ' Lord ' Lord ' hear ' my ' voice.

O let thine ears con'sider ' well ' the ' voice of ' my com'plaint.

If thou Lord wilt be extreme to mark what is ' done a'miss ' O ' Lord who ' may a'bide it?

For there is ' mercy with ' thee ' therefore ' shalt ' thou be ' feared.

I look for the Lord, my ' soul doth ' wait for him ' in his ' word is ' my ' trust.

My soul fleeth ' unto the ' Lord ' before the morning watch, I say before the ' morning ' watch.

O Israel trust in the Lord, for with the Lord, there is, mercy ' and with ' him is ' plenteous re'demption.

And he shall re'deem Israel ' from ' all ' his ' sins.

GLORIA

GOSPEL Mark 3.20-35

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

POST COMMUNION

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth, until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parish Outreach: *Living God's Love: Going Deeper into God:* Those preparing for baptism and confirmation

The Sick: Simon Thomas, Scott Barber, Gwen Banks, Harold Gill, Ian Thomas

The Recently Departed:

First Anniversary of Death:





Parish Notices for all three churches

SAS MEETS TODAY at All Saints, 5 - 7 pm to go out and play rounders followed by ice-cream , weather permitting. Otherwise there will be the usual fun and games in the hall. The meetings for the rest of term are Sunday 24 June, 5—7pm at All Saints with a speaker from Grassroots and Sunday 8 July for a BBQ at St Marys. All in school years 6 - 9 very welcome. Please contact Sally Hart sallyhart11@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

TEA CAKE & CHAT Friday 15 June All Saints Church Hall. Lifts can be arranged - please contact Chris Powell 764930 or chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk Please take a leaflet and pass to a friend who perhaps hasn't been to one of these much appreciated afternoon.

RESPONDING TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS: THE CAFOD "SHARE THE JOURNEY" CAMPAIGN, Saturday 16 June: Rothamsted Park, Harpenden, 11am-1pm. Walk a mile with us in our lovely town park! Families, singles, buggies, wheelchairs – you are all welcome. Bring a picnic. When you arrive at the park, look for the gazebo near the entrance. Volunteers at the gazebo will keep a tally of the miles we walk and add them to the tally for England and Wales, hopefully together we will “walk around the world – 24,900 miles” to urge world leaders to step up to protect the rights of refugees and migrants.

PRAYER MEETING FOR ST NICHOLAS AND PARISH on Monday 18 June in St Nicholas Church Lady Chapel. All Welcome.

JAMES HADLEY WILL BE ORDAINED DEACON ON 1 JULY, 11.15am at the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban. Please pray for him and for our parish as we receive him as curate.

2020 IS THE YEAR OF THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY and three tours are available with St Albans Diocese, with bookings for each now open. The Revd Dennis Stamps, Rector of Harpenden, and his wife Helen, will host a tour based in St Martin & Lofer, June 8-15. For details contact Dennis. If you'd like more information on other pilgrimages from the diocese for 2019 and 2020, see: <http://stalbanspilgrimages.org.uk/>

SUPPER CLUB MEMBERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIVE BRENDA YOUR PHOTOGRAPH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCILLOR ROSEMARY FARMER who was 'made Mayor' of the City and District of St Albans on Wednesday, 23 May. The Rector was announced as her chaplain for the year. Please remember them in your prayers.

If you would like a Home Visit or Home Communion, please contact
Parish Clergy or the Parish Office.

HOLIDAY AT HOME, 20-23 AUGUST. Watch this space! We are hosting a week for those over 75s who never get a holiday. There are now application flyers available in each of the three churches for you to give to anyone you think might qualify. We shall need lots of helpers that week. In particular **drivers are needed** to bring our guests to and from St Nicholas Halls and possibly take them to and from the day out. If you could possibly help with this important task, or would like to talk about how else you might be involved, please contact Chris Powell 764930 chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk

CORNELIA'S COFFEE SHOP is open weekdays 9am – 11.45am and Saturdays 10am – noon, selling Fairtrade coffee and cakes in beautiful location. Please come and find us and enjoy! The **Cornelia's sign up list for the summer holidays** is at the back of church. Please do sign up. **A Cornelia's training sessions** will be held on Tuesday 19 June at 9am. If you are thinking of signing up to help in the summer holidays, or would just like to know how the coffee machine really works, please come along and enjoy a coffee made by you! If you would like to join the **Cornelia's volunteer team** for just 3 hours each month please let Sue Bentley or Rachael Threlfall know, or leave your details at the Parish Office.

A FRIENDLY TEA GROUP FOR THE BEREAVED next week at 3pm in St Nicholas Church Hall, all welcome.

CAN YOU HELP OUR CURATE? James arrives to move in the curate's house on 12 June. He has no furnishings moving from Rome and having lived in furnished accommodation. There is a donation list at the back of each church. Contact the rector (712202 or rector@parishofharpenden.org) if you can offer a donate something on the list. Many thanks.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE: 1 day Course, 23 June 2018, 9am to 5pm at High Street Methodist church, Harpenden. Cost, £45.00. Youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) courses are for everyone who works with, lives with or supports young people aged 8-18. They will teach you the skills and confidence to spot the signs of mental health issues in a young person, offer first aid and guide them towards the support they need. In doing so, you can speed up a young person's recovery and stop a mental health issue from getting worse.

ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL is an important part of our community and one of the highest performing schools in Hertfordshire. As a result of an unusually low demand for primary places across Harpenden this year there are still some spaces available in reception for this September. If you'd like to know more please speak to the Rector or Rizelle Crouch (Headteacher) on 01582 623620

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday 18 September, 2-5 pm at 1 Moreton Place - Coffee, tea and cake for all church watch people and those wanting to find out more about this valuable service to the church and community.

Please follow & interact with our Parish via twitter, facebook, pinterest or blog.

You can also access them all through the church website: **www.parishofharpenden.org**

If you have anything to go on our sites please email :

digital.media@parishofharpenden.org

St Mary's Church Notices



CHILDREN'S GROUPS : Our Explorers team is in need of new people to join the team. Might this be you? Or someone you know? Do speak to Jenny G or to Sally if you might be able to help.

All Saints Church Notices



ALL SAINTS' LOCAL MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT TEAM exists to support every member of our church family in:

- enabling people to encounter God in worship and prayer
- encouraging and teaching people to grow as His disciples
- equipping people to live as Christians in the community.
- Prayer ministry is available after the 10.30am Worship Service

BIBLE READING NOTES: Please order from Rosemary (761322).

ALL SAINTS EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN: Please call 622862.

LIFTS TO CHURCH: tel 01582 760752

RECORDINGS OF 10.30am SERMONS: www.blueskylark.org/allsaints

<http://parishofharpenden.org/all-saints/> & <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsharpenden/>

ALL CHURCH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Children intending to apply to St George's Secondary School and St Nicholas Primary School are advised to submit a clergy reference form with their application. Both schools give priority to children with a clergy reference and to ensure this can be given a Record of Attendance should be completed. In the case of St George's this should be completed for 2 years before application and for 1 year prior to St Nicholas. The School websites provide further details of their admissions criteria. Both schools will consider applications without a clergy reference but through a separate admissions category. Based on current demographic trends in Harpenden there is greater pressure for entry at secondary school level than for the Primary school.

St Nicholas Church Notices



Please come to our **800th Birthday Tea Party** on Sunday 17 June 2pm – 5pm. Cream teas and activities all afternoon. Can those church groups which have not already been in contact please let Sue Bentley, Rachael Threlfall or Jane Todd know how they would like to be involved.

Many volunteers will be needed to make the afternoon a success. There are sign up sheets at the back of church for the following. Please put your name down if you are able to help: deliver invitations to homes around the town, provide a cake/scones, join us at **Beer 'n' Bunting** Saturday 16 June 6pm – 8pm to help put out the bunting and prepare in other ways, whilst enjoying a very sociable beer in Cornelia's (prosecco and crisps also available!) Also needed: help on the day to set up/serve in the café/clear up. Hourly slots from 11am till 6pm to be filled

ON 17 JUNE, 9.30AM, REVD MARK HAMMOND from High Street Methodist Church will be our president and preacher. The Rector will be preaching at High Street Methodist. This exchange is to commemorate the growing unity between the Church of England and Methodists. A major step towards unity will happen this year when Methodist leaders will be consecrated as bishops at their Conference.

VOLUNTEERS REQUESTED to clean our Church in preparation for the 800th anniversary celebration Please come and help our lovely church look spick-and-span for the 800th anniversary celebration. Join us on Saturday 16 June 11.15am - 12 noon to help clean the church. Ideally please contact Jenny Britt (jenny.britt@yahoo.com) to volunteer in advance so we know how many are coming.

THE ARTS FESTIVAL, CULTIVATE, 21-24 JUNE, AT ST NICHOLAS. On Saturday, 23 June, we will be hosting an art exhibition in the hall featuring wonderful quilts made in the parish for the event, alongside other artwork including some contributions from Sunday school members. In order to run this event 10am - 4pm we would very much appreciate any volunteers to sign up for an hour to help us welcome members of the public (sign up sheet on back table at church). Refreshments served in Cornelia's Cafe. For more information on the whole festival, see www.cultivate.me.uk

SOUND AND LIGHT UPGRADE AND MODERNISATION APPEAL: We are needing to replace/improve our sound and light systems. Please take an envelope with all the information and please consider giving generously. Total cost is £76k, we have £30k already, we need to raise £46k, please help. Thank you.

WE NEED A DISTRICT WARDEN: If you are not working full-time (part-time is fine) and you would be willing to serve for up to three years, and you think you have some of the gifts needed, please consider. A Job description is available to look at for your consideration. Please ask the Rector or parish office. Thank you.

What's on This Week

Important
DATE!

Monday 11 Barnabas the Apostle

9.00-11.45am Chat Monday in Cornelia's Coffee Shop

6.00pm Supper Club in Cornelia's ; see Parish Notices for message from Brenda Elliott

Tuesday 12

2.00pm St Mary's Afternoon Group: 'Our Town' - Rosemary Ross, Harpenden History Society

5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Wednesday 13

10.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

2.30pm Julian Group at St Mary's

5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Thursday 14

9.00am Toddler Time, St Nicholas Church Hall

9.30am Busy Bunnies, All Saints Church Hall

Friday 15

8.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

3.00pm-4.30pm Tea, Cake and Chat, All Saints Church Hall

5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Saturday 16

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

Sunday 17 Third Sunday after Trinity St Nicholas

8.00am Holy Communion Revd Canon Dennis Stamps (Rector)

9.30am Sung Eucharist Revd Mark Hammond (High Street Methodist)

11.30am Morning Praise Richard Palmer

3.00pm Civic Service & 800th birthday tea party at St Nicholas

All Saints

9.00am Communion Service Revd Janet Spicer

10.30am Worship Service Revd Janet Spicer

St Mary's

9.30am Sung Eucharist Revd Sally Goodson (Associate Vicar, St Mary's)

4.30pm Simply Worship Revd Sally Goodson

Readings: Ezekiel 17.22-24 2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17 Mark 4.26-34

Please tell the Parish Office about meetings, events and notices by **12 noon on Wednesday**
on 01582 765524 or office@parishofharpenden.org