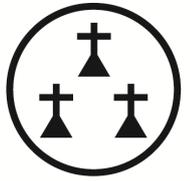


The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity 10 September 2017

Parish of
Harpenden



Services and Preachers in the Parish

St Nicholas' Church

8.00am Holy Communion	Revd Canon Dennis Stamps (Rector)
9.30am Sung Eucharist with Prayers for Healing	Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
11.30am Morning Praise	John Farrow
6.30pm Choral Evensong	Rachel Wakefield (Reader, St Nicholas)

All Saints Church

9.00am Holy Communion	Revd Linda Williams (Associate Vicar, All Saints)
10.30am Worship	Revd Linda Williams

St Mary's Church - Patronal Festival

9.30am Family Communion	Revd Sally Goodson, (Associate Vicar, 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.



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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday—Friday
Saturday (Staffed by Volunteers)

10.00am—2.00pm
9.30am—12.00noon

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



Collect, Reading, Psalm and Post-Communion Prayer

COLLECT

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33.7-11

The word of the Lord came to me: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

SECOND READING Romans 13.8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

PSALM Psalm 119.33-40



TEACH me O Lord the ' way of thy ' statutes : and I shall ' keep it ' unto the ' end.
Give me understanding and I shall ' keep thy ' law : yea I shall keep it ' with my ' whole ' heart.

Make me to go in the path of ' thy com'mandments : for there'in is ' my de'sire.

Incline my heart ' unto thy ' testimonies : and ' not to ' covetous'ness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they be'hold ' vanity : and quicken thou ' me in ' thy ' way.

O stablish thy word ' in thy ' servant : that ' I may ' fear ' thee.

Take away the rebuke that ' I am a'fraid of : for thy ' judgements ' are ' good.

Behold my delight is in ' thy com'mandments : O ' quicken me ' in thy ' righteousness.

GLORIA

GOSPEL Matthew 18.15-20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

POST COMMUNION

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Rector as he leads the diocesan pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, 11-18 Sept.

Parish Outreach: *Living God's Love: Making New Disciples:* All who lead and attend Youth Clubs

The Sick: Jean Harris, Lesley, Jim, **Jeff Hatton**, **Margaret Barker**, Lillian Martin, Elizabeth Sheldon, Anne Sinfield, Marjorie Sinfield

The Recently Departed: Irene Wiggett



Parish Notices for all three churches

SAS starts back today in All Saints Church hall. The first session will be a 'chill out' session from 5pm -7pm for school years 6-9.

WANT TO EXPLORE THE BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH? COME ALONG TO THE ALPHA COURSE this autumn. Sponsored by Harpenden Churches Together. Begins 16 September, 3.45-5.30pm with afternoon tea, for 12 weeks (but you can miss a few if need be). Childcare available. No charge. Pick up a post card at the back of church. Invite a friend to attend. Sign up at www.harpendenalpha.church

THE ANNUAL CANON O'LEARY MEMORIAL MASS HELD FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CARERS takes place on Saturday 16 September 2017 at St Dominic Primary School, Southdown Road Harpenden AL5 1PF, 2.30pm for mass at 3.00pm. There will be a tea party/picnic following the mass. The event is usually finished by 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome. So we have an idea of numbers, please RSVP to Ruth Webb on 01582 467989 or reply by email to ruth_dave@btinternet.com

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Please sign up now: We will begin confirmation classes in mid-September to prepare for the confirmation service at All Saints on 12 November. Classes for Adults will be on Tuesday evenings and for children on Sunday afternoons. If you are interested please sign up at the back of church or contact the parish office or the clergy as soon as possible.

CONSULTATION: Applications for church schools - clergy references. The clergy and parish wardens recently reviewed procedures for preparing clergy references for applications to church schools. As a result of the review, the parish is proposing to adopt a 'passport' record of attendance for families with effect [from 1 October 2017](#). A copy of the proposed record of attendance is available at the back of church for your consideration. If you have any questions or comments on the proposal, please speak to the clergy or parish wardens. This consultation is open to all members of the congregation.

THE CORNELIA'S VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE is now available for the coming academic year. A list of vacant slots is available in Cornelia's and at the back of St Nicholas church, the majority of remaining help is required on Saturdays. Sue and Rachael would be very thankful to anyone able to help fill the last few slots. Those who have already volunteered should have received an electronic schedule, and printed copies are available in Cornelia's

SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER: BISHOP RICHARD LLEWELLEN will be speaking at Trinity URC Church, St Albans at their 10am service on 'The Bible: A Palestinian Perspective'. Members of the parish are most welcome to attend.

ST LEONARD'S (SANDRIDGE) ANNUAL HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL, 6 - 8 OCTOBER. 'Journeys and Adventures'. You are invited to attend or if you wish to contribute a flower arrangement (open to all), contact the church as soon as possible. Village Voices concert on the Saturday evening at 8pm.

X:SITE: The next session will be on 23 September at High Street Methodist Church from 6pm-8pm for school years 3-6. Please download form from website harpendenxsite.org.uk and email to harpendenxsite@gmail.com to register.

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

FIRST AID TRAINING FOR CHURCHES, a course at St Helen's School Hall, Wheathampstead, Sat. 23 September, 9.30am to 12.30pm. Cost £10 (Parish will pay if you ask). To book a place, ring 834031 or email: office@sth.stp.org

BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID: There will be a BHA collection for BHA during the weekend of 23-24 September. Donated goods (see LINK magazine for full list of required goods) can be left in the Cunningham Room at the church hall between 10am and 3pm on 23 September. Money donations can be made after each service on 24 September. For further information contact Anne Harper tel: (769213) or Margaret Hewitt (761008).

BHA URGENTLY NEEDS FINANCIAL SUPPORT. BHA the charity we support with twice yearly collections of goods, are now in a desperate need of financial aid to cover the transportation costs of donated goods to the Ukraine. Each consignment costs approximately £2000 in transport charges. Large print version of BHA Appeal Letter available at the rear of the churches. Donations can be sent via our Parish Systems (which can be increased in value by the Gift Aid Processes). Thank You Margaret Hewitt & Anne Harper

WHEATHAMPSTEAD DEANERY RETREAT AT LAUNDE ABBEY, LEICESTERSHIRE: FRIDAY 28 - SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2018 A provisional booking for this event has been made, but requires a minimum of 25 people to make it viable. The weekend will include periods of silence and periods of companionship and conviviality. It starts with dinner on the Friday and ends with afternoon tea on the Sunday, cost £174 per person. The retreat will be led by Revd. Jean Winn. Please contact Julie Birkett, 01582 721776 or parish.office@stjohnsharpenden.org.uk by **31 October 2017** if you would like to come.

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR: There will be a vacancy for a **parent** governor at St Nicholas School from 1 September 2017. If you would like to stand for election, please collect a form from the school office and return it by 9am on Wednesday 27 September 2017. For more information, please contact the school directly.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING HOW TO SERVE GOD, YOUR CALLING? ATTEND THE SEEKING THE WAY COURSE. The course will run on Saturdays 30 September, 14 October & 4 November, 10am – 4pm. Questions or booking, contact Barbara Young via byoung@stalbans.anglican.org by 22 September 2017. There are flyers at the back of church for more information.

HARVEST ACROSS THE WORLD Sunday 1 October 2017. Event at St Nicholas Church Hall, from late morning onwards. Celebrating Harvest on different continents. Food tasting, crafts, foodie quiz, lunches, music and other activities all with a focus on food from across the world. Free entry, donations invited for lunches. More details from office@parishofharpenden.org

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of **the Children's Society** on Saturday 30 September 2017 in St Nicholas Church Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm. £15 including supper, bring your own drinks (glasses provided). For tickets call: 01582 460100 or 01582 762284.

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

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/>

SAVE THE DATE; Confirmation at All Saints on 12 November, 6.30pm. If you have not been baptised or confirmed you may like to enjoy this in your own church (the last occasion was 2008!). There are 7 preparation sessions in the Autumn, starting on 19 September. Anyone can join these sessions even if you are unsure about Confirmation or want to join in as a refresher. Call 01582 713007 for info and sign up on the sheets in the foyer.

HARVEST BARN DANCE Saturday 30 September, 6.00pm-10.00pm in the church hall. Tickets £10 adults, £5 children to include a cold supper. We will again be led by the excellent Hayloft Band. Please sign up on the list in the foyer or contact Julie Aldridge, jaldridge10@yahoo.co.uk

PAUL JOHNSTON is trying to start a joint Batford/All Saints Home group to meet on a Thursday evening. First meeting planned for Thursday 14 September at 86, Station Road at 8.00pm, with an informal evening buffet. All welcome, but please let me (Paul) know you are coming for catering purposes. Future patterns of meeting will be discussed on the 14th.

GOD LOVES A NAPPY GIVER. Nappies, notebooks, knitting needles, knickers (new!) The list is (almost) endless. Please consult the notice in LINK, or on the notice board and put your contributions in the BHA "truck & trailer" in All Saints by Friday 22 September. If you have any queries, contact Mandy Gaines.



St Mary's Church Notices

SAS will start for the Autumn Term on Sunday 10th September 5-7pm at All Saints. New members in years 6-9 very welcome.

EXPLORERS will start for the Autumn Term on 17 September.

EXPLORERS TEAM would like to welcome new members to the team. Please speak to Jenny Goulding if that might be you. The team would also welcome help bringing their boxes back from the Scout Hall after the service on a Sunday morning.

HARVEST SUPPER - SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 6.30PM. This is a very sociable event suitable for all of the family. Please come along and join us. The catering team is coming together. We would welcome any teenagers who might be able to help with the washing up. For our activity this year, we would like to ask people to bring in unusual/ obscure items, so that each table can guess the purpose/ function of the item. Please contact Ro by 10 September, to let her know what you might be able to bring.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING - SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER. Our Harvest Thanksgiving service will be at St Mary's at 9.30am, followed by an 11.00am Holy Communion service. We will be joined at the 9.30am service by Scouts from the 9th Harpenden Scout group. Our theme will be: "Full of Beans" supporting the Bishops Harvest Appeal 2017.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME packs available at the back of church. Please speak to Nina Featherstone or Sally if you need more information.

MISSION ACTION PLAN. Thank you for some really useful discussion of our MAP goals and progress, these will now go to DCC to refine our goals for the coming year. Please speak to Sally if you have any further thoughts or ideas.

St Nicholas Church Notices



MUSIC TODAY

9.30am Communion Service

Setting: Shephard
Anthems: O for a closer walk (Stanford)
Lead me , Lord (Wesley)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Canticles: Statham in e minor
Anthem: Ubi caritas (Durufié)

WE NEED YOUR HELP – WE NEED SERVERS FOR OUR 9.30AM SERVICE.

Any young person interested or any adult under age of 80 is welcome to volunteer. Training provided. Please help us with this important service for our worship.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO SUNDAY CLUB LEAVERS: If any families with children now in Year 7 were unable to attend the service on 16 July , please collect your Bible from the Parish Office.

9:30 SUNDAY CLUB: Is looking for a teenager to support the teachers in Scramblers or Climbers. Please email for more details, stnicholassundayclub@gmail.com

BIBLE READING NOTES SEPT-DEC 17 The next set of Bible Reading Notes is available to be collected at the back of the church. Any queries please contact Jenny Clark 01582 410682.

ALL CHURCH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

To assist clergy at St Nicholas, All Saints and St Mary's with preparing reference forms for school applications to St George's, St Dominic's and St Nicholas' schools, parents should register family attendance at services by either signing the Welcome Register at the back of church or by way of Crèche, Choir and Sunday Club registers.



What's on This Week

Monday 11

- 9.00am-11.45am Chat Monday in Cornelia's Coffee Shop. All welcome
- 6.00pm Supper Club (for members) in Cornelia's

Tuesday 12

- 2.00pm St Mary's Afternoon Group: DIY session led by Jenny Evans & Carolyn McNicol
- 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. All welcome
- 5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Thursday 14 **Holy Cross**

- 9.30am Busy Bunnies in All Saints Church Hall
- 9.00am Toddler Time in St Nicholas Church Hall
- 2.30pm Bible Reading Fellowship (Daylight) Group at 6 Timbers Court, 715739.

Friday 15

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
- 5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Saturday 16

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
- 1.30pm Wedding of James Firth and Amanda Charleton at St Nicholas

Sunday 17 **The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

St Nicholas Church

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | Revd Nick Goulding (St Mary's) |
| 9.30am | Sung Eucharist | Revd Nick Goulding |
| 11.30am | Morning Praise | Harry Smith |
| 3.00pm | Battle of Britain Service | Gill White (Chaplain for Air Training Corps) |

All Saints Church

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| 9.00am | Holy Communion | Revd Linda Williams (Associate Vicar, All Saints) |
| 10.30am | Worship | Revd Linda Williams |
| 6.30pm | Parish Evening Worship, Evensong (BCP) with hymns and homily | |

St Mary's Church

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| 9.30am | Family Communion | Revd Sally Goodson, (Associate Vicar, St Mary's) |
| 4.30pm | Simply Worship | Revd Sally Goodson |

Readings: Genesis 50.15-21 Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35
