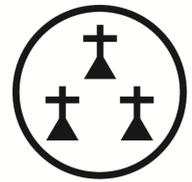


The Baptism of Christ

13 January 2019

Parish of
Harpenden



Services and Preachers in the Parish Today

St Nicholas Church

8.00am Holy Communion	Rachel Wakefield
9.30am Sung Eucharist	Rachel Wakefield
11.30am Morning Praise	Pauline Gilbert (Reader, All Saints)
6.30pm Choral Evensong	Revd Linda Williams (Associate Vicar, All Saints)

All Saints Church

9.30am Communion Service	Revd Linda Williams
11.00am Worship Service	Revd Linda Williams

St Mary's Church

9.30am Sung Eucharist	Revd Nick Goulding (Associate Clergy, St Mary's)
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SERVICE INFORMATION

A collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn. If you are a UK taxpayer, 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.

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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.

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



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-FRIDAYS

Saturdays (Staffed by Volunteers)

10.00am-2.00pm

9.30am-12noon



Collects, Readings and Gospel

COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43.1-7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

SECOND READING Acts 8.14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

PSALM 29



BRING unto the Lord O ye mighty, bring young rams ' unto the ' Lord : ascribe unto the ' Lord ' worship and ' strength.

Give the Lord the honour due ' unto his ' Name : worship the ' Lord with ' holy ' worship.

It is the Lord that com'mandeth the ' waters : it is the glorious ' God that ' maketh the ' thunder.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea, the voice of the Lord is mighty in ' oper'ation : the voice of the Lord ' is a ' glorious ' voice.



The voice of the Lord ' breaketh the ' cedar-trees : yea the Lord ' breaketh the ' cedars of ' Libanus.

He maketh them also to skip ' like a ' calf : Libanus also and Sirion ' like a ' young ' unicorn. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire, the voice of the Lord ' shaketh the ' wilderness : yea the Lord ' shaketh the ' wilderness of ' Cades.

The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the ' thick ' bushes : in his temple doth ' every man ' speak of his ' honour.

The Lord sitteth a'bove the ' water-flood : and the Lord re-'maineth a ' King for ' ever.

The Lord shall give strength ' unto his ' people : the Lord shall give his ' people the ' blessing of ' peace. **GLORIA**

GOSPEL Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parish Outreach: *Living God's Love: Going Deeper into God:* Bible Study Groups

The Sick: Simon Thomas, Harold Gill, Angela, Mary, Marjorie & Richard Sinfield, Phyllis Booth

The Recently Departed: Dr Ruth Gibson, Alison Drake, Susan Hatton

First Anniversary of Death:

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.



Parish Notices for all three churches

FRIENDLY TEA GROUP FOR THE BEREAVED meets next Sunday at 2.30pm in St Nicholas Church Hall. All welcome.

PRE-NUMBERED ENVELOPES FOR 2019 not yet collected are available from the parish office (St Nicholas only). If you regularly use the white Gift Aid envelopes laid out in the pews, now would be an opportune time to consider moving to the pre-numbered envelope scheme OR The Parish Giving Scheme. Note that you do not need to be a UK tax payer to use either scheme. For more details or if you have any queries/are unable to find your envelopes, please contact the Parish Giving Recorder, Claire Petevinos (giving.recorder@parishofharpenden.org or tel 768721).

BIBLE READING NOTES JAN – APRIL 2019 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.

HARPENDEN INTERCHURCH QUIZ on Saturday 19 January, 7.30pm at Crabtree Junior School. There may still be room for a couple more teams. Please contact Tony Gilbert, tonyrgilbert60@gmail.com or 01582 762052 urgently if you would like to enter a team. Tony would also be delighted to hear from you if you would be willing to help co-ordinate catering for this event—buying the food (cold supper) and getting the food trays ready on the night.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ST GEORGES SCHOOL FOR SEPTEMBER 2020. A consultation is underway. Use this link to see changes: <http://www.stgeorges.herts.sch.uk/Admissions/Consultation-201718> The school's consultation period will run from 10 December 2018 to 21 January 2019. If you would like to comment on the proposed changes, please do so by 5pm 21 January in writing for the attention of The Admissions Officer either by post (to the school address) or admin@stgeorges.herts.sch.uk and give your response.

THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS) is a simple and effective way to donate to the Parish. For details, please contact our Giving Recorder, Claire Petevinos (giving.recorder@parishofharpenden.org or 768721). For those already registered with PGS and who want to amend their regular contribution, please contact PGS directly (info@parishgivingscheme.org.uk or 01452 835595).

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ST MARY'S QUIZ: Saturday 9 February 2019. 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. £10 per person, teams of 6. Cold supper included, but bring your own drinks. Contact Anne 621367 or Jill 765443.

POSTCARDS: Sadly the Sudan Church Association is no longer taking postcards to raise funds. We are exploring whether there is another charity who would like those already donated, but please don't bring any more until further notice.

X-SITE: Saturday 26 January from 6pm—8pm at High Street Methodist, school years 3-6. To register your child, go to the 'register' page on the website harpendenxsite.org.uk. If your child has attended previously in THIS ACADEMIC YEAR you can book a place by emailing harpendenxsite@gmail.com Booking closes Sunday 20 January.

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

CLERGY DAYS OFF: Please note that the Rector's day off is now Friday.

ST NICHOLAS FRIDAY MORNING COMMUNION at 8am will no longer be held in 2019.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18 - 25 January 2019 . There will be a Harpenden Churches Together service on the theme of justice to mark this week of prayer on Sunday 20 January, 6.30pm at All Saints.

PRAYER MEETING FOR ST NICHOLAS AND PARISH on Monday 21 January at 8pm in St Nicholas Church Lady Chapel. All welcome.

SAS MEET FROM 5PM -7PM TODAY at All Saints Church for chill-out games and food. Contact Revd Sally Goodson for further information: associate.vicar@stmarys.parishofharpenden.org

LINK PARISH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS 2019 Thank you to all who have already paid their subscriptions for 2019. The new subscription year began with the January issue and the annual subscription remains at £7.50 for the 11 issues. Some copies at £1 per issue will continue to be available at each of the churches. **If you have your copy delivered** please pay your Distributor as soon as possible and check that they have your correct name and address (**Distributors** - please provide a list of the people who have paid when you hand in the subscriptions) **OR** you can pay at the Parish Office. **If you pay at the Office, PLEASE** ensure that you enclose your money/cheque in an envelope marked LINK clearly showing your name and address and state that you have it delivered. **If you collect your own copy** from one of the churches please pay in the same way, at the Parish Office, marking your envelope LINK and give your name and the church you collect your copy from. You may pay by cash or by cheque payable to St Nicholas PCC Operating Account. If you have queries about subscriptions please contact Agneta Burton (see box below the editorial in LINK).

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY MORNING 10AM SERVICE on 22 January

COFFEE ROTA: We would love more people to join the coffee rota please.

WELCOMERS: With numbers increasing at Simply Worship, we would like some people to assist with welcoming at these services, once a month at 4.30pm. The service lasts less than an hour, please speak to Jenny Goulding or Sally if you could help with this.

FETE 2019: It might seem a long way off, but we need a team to take on the planning for our fete. This is a joint event with Scouts, Sue Grout is standing down from organising and new volunteers are needed. Please give this careful thought, it is our main fundraising event each year, could you be part of the team?

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

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

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/>

WANTED:

1) Sidespersons at 9.30am and 11am Services. We are desperately short of people to take on this small, but vital task for our church services. You are needed to come 15 minutes or so before the start of services to hand out books/service sheets, take the collections, collect in the books and generally make sure everything is tidied away at the end of our services. This would only be once a month-less if many people offer.

2) an All Saints Women's World Day of Prayer representative.

3) an All Saints prayer chain coordinator. See Revd Linda for details.

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

MUSIC TODAY

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Setting: Thorne

Anthem: Bethlehem of Noblest Cities (Hurford)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Setting: Stanford in Bb

Responses: Smith 5 part

Anthem: Come Down O Love Divine (Harris)



WEEKLY FAIRTRADE STALL after 9.30am service. Do come along and support Zac Smith who is running the stall as part of his volunteering for the Duke of Edinburgh award.

SOUND AND LIGHT UPGRADE AND MODERNISATION APPEAL: It is nearly finished! Just a few little odds and ends to finish off. Very grateful to Neil Hewitt and Dickie Marshall for project managing it so well. Good news is we raised all £76k. Thank you all very much for your generosity. BUT, the project did go over budget and we could use another £3k. Please consider another gift.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY box emptying time ! Would you be good enough to bring your box to church ASAP I will be at the back of church the next 3 Sundays to receive them . Many thanks indeed. Helen Mellor 762284

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

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

*Important
DATE!*

What's on This Week

January

Monday 14

- 9.00-11.45am Chat Monday in Cornelia's Coffee Shop. All welcome
9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Tuesday 15

- 9.15am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Wednesday 16

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Thursday 17

- 9.00am Toddler Time in St Nicholas Church Hall
9.30am Busy Bunnies in All Saints Church Hall
10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints

Friday 18 Beginning of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- 5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Saturday 19

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
7.30pm Interchurch Quiz at Crabtree School

Sunday 20 The Third Sunday of Epiphany

St Nicholas

- 8.00am Holy Communion Revd Canon Dennis Stamps (Rector)
9.30am Sung Eucharist Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
11.30am Morning Praise Mike Read

All Saints

- 9.30am Communion Service Revd Linda Williams (Associate Vicar, All Saints)
11.00am Worship Service Revd Linda Williams
6.30pm Ecumenical Evening Worship on theme of Justice in
the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

St Mary's

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

Readings:

Isaiah 62.1-5

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

John 2.1-11