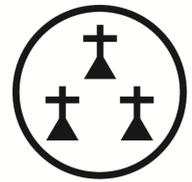


Seventh Sunday of Easter 13 May 2018

Parish of Harpenden



Services and Preachers in the Parish Today

St Nicholas' Church



Revd Canon Dennis Stamps (Rector)

8.00am Holy Communion

Heather Richards (Reader, St Nicholas)

9.30am All Age Eucharist

Revd Canon Dennis Stamps

11.30am Morning Praise with Holy Baptism of Rae Harmer and Cordelia Rake

3.00pm Holy Baptism of Alys Richards and Verity Clear

6.30pm Choral Evensong

All Saints Church

Revd Tim Vickers (Curate, St Mary's Redbourn)

9.00am Communion Service

Revd Tim Vickers

10.30am Worship Service

Jacquie Hibbert (Reader)

3.00pm Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

St Mary's Church

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Revd Sally Goodson (Associate Vicar, St Mary's) and Richard Hurst (LLW)

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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



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)

CLOSED THIS WEEK



Collect, Reading, Psalm and Post-Communion Prayer

COLLECT

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

OLD TESTAMENT READING , Ezekiel 36.24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1, 15-17,21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

PSALM Psalm 1

BLESSED is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat . in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law will he exercise him'self ' day and night

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water'side : that will bring forth his fruit in ' due season.

His leaf also ' shall not ' wither : and look, whatsoever he ' doeth ' it shall ' prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not ' so with ' them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth a'way . from the ' face of the ' earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to ' stand . in the ' judgement : neither the sinners in the congre'gation ' of the ' righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the ' way . of the ' righteous : and the ' way of . the un'godly shall ' perish. **GLORIA**

GOSPEL John 17.6-19

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parish Outreach: *Living God's Love: Transforming Communities:* All who support the frail and vulnerable

The Sick: Simon Thomas, Scott Barber, Vera Gidley, Gwen Banks, Margaret Little

The Recently Departed: Lorna Halsey, Barbara Sanders, Margaret Brooks

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



Parish Notices for all three churches

BIBLE READING NOTES MAY – AUGUST 2018. 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.

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/>

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

THE PARISH OFFICE will not be open this coming Saturday morning, 19 May. Normal open hours resume next week.

FOOD BANK: FEED, one of the organisations to which our donations are passed on, is running very low on pasta sauces, UHT milk, toilet roll, laundry and cleaning products, baby wipes and squash. It would be much appreciated if you were able to contribute any of these products as a priority. Thank you.

SAS meets on today for a bowling trip. All in school years 6 - 9 very welcome. Please contact Sally Hart sallyhart11@yahoo.co.uk for further details.

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE for those who have died will be held on Sunday, 13 May, 3pm, at All Saints. All are welcome. You are welcome to put a name on a list to be remembered at the back of church or on the noticeboard.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you would like prayer for yourself or a 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.

HOLIDAY AT HOME, 20-23 AUGUST. Watch this space! We are hosting a week for those over 75s who never get a holiday. We shall need lots of helpers that week, so if you are around and would like to know more and help, contact Chris Powell. There are now application flyers available in each of the three churches for you to give to anyone you think might qualify.

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. **Cornelia's training sessions** will be held on Friday 18 May, Saturday 9 June and Tuesday 19 June. 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.

THY KINGDOM COME CELEBRATION-Worship and Prayer, Saturday, 19 May, 6.30pm, will be held at Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban, with the Archbishop of Canterbury and Soul Survivor Worship Group. From 4pm the Abbey will be open for prayer stations and activities. All welcome.

THY KINGDOM COME: THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S OCTAVE OF PRAYER from Ascension Day to Pentecost. There will be three prayer meetings in our parish this week. Monday, 14 May, 8pm at All Saints Church; Tuesday, 15 May, 8pm, at St Nicholas Church; Wednesday, 16 May, 8pm at St Mary's Church. All are welcome to come to one, all three, for a brief time or for the hour. See flyer/poster on noticeboards for details of prayer events at other town churches.

A FRIENDLY TEA GROUP FOR THE BEREAVED next Sunday 20 May at **3pm** in St Nicholas Church Hall, all welcome.

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

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://parishofharpندن.org/all-saints/> & <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsharpندن/>

THY KINGDOM COME, as part of the week of prayer, there is a prayer meeting at All Saints on Monday 14 May at 8pm, when we will pray both for those we have contact with and for those in positions of leadership.

NEXT SUNDAY we will have one morning service with Holy Communion for Pentecost. Parish Choral Evensong at 6.30pm will also be held at All Saints.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – SUNDAY 13 – SATURDAY 19 MAY. Were you on the All Saints team of collectors in 2017? Did you find my note left in your pigeonhole on Friday 20 April? If not, could you please check a.s.a.p and let me know whether you will be available this year. If you were not on the team last year, but feel that this is the year you might take your turn, please contact me at abgaines@hotmail.co.uk or 01582 715270.

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.

FETE: Thank you to all who helped to make our fete a success. Our particular thanks to Sue Grout and John Holder for all their hard work to make it happen.

THY KINGDOM COME, as part of the week of prayer, there is a prayer service at St Mary's on Wednesday 16 May at 8pm.

MATTHEW CUSHING, today we celebrate the anniversary of Matthew's baptism.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, please pray for our collectors as they knock on doors in our district this week.

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

St Nicholas Church Notices



OUR 800TH YEAR OF WORSHIPPING ON THIS SITE. The first church built on this site was started in 1217 and as best we can account for worship started in 1218. We will be celebrating this anniversary this year. If you have any suggestions how we might do so, please contact the Rector or one of the wardens. Also ALL GROUPS are asked to consider how they might 'celebrate' our anniversary at one of their meetings/events this year.

AFTERNOON TEA PARTY: Please save Sunday 17 June for an 800th birthday tea party. All Church groups are invited be involved. Please let Sue Bentley, Jane Todd or Rachael Threlfall know what you are planning to do. The new tile artwork will be unveiled at the party.

BY POPULAR DEMAND BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST BACON BUTTIES will be served between the 9.30 and 11.30 services today. Help to celebrate 800 years of worshipping on this site at a birthday breakfast!

ST NICHOLAS QUIZ: Thank you to all those who helped and attended a very enjoyable evening. A fantastic £700 was raised to be shared between our local Samaritans and the sound and light project.

MOTHERS' UNION CAKE STALL after the 9.30am service today (13 May), in the church hall

CHRISTIAN AID: Please ignore this message if you have already been contacted about the Christian Aid collection this May. Every year St Nicholas Church participates in the Christian Aid house-to-house collection, together with other churches in the town. This year the collection is from 13 to 20 May 2018. The following roads allocated to St Nicholas' need collectors:- Connaught Road, Southdown Road to Crabtree lane, Arden Grove, Leyton Green, Oakhurst Avenue, Delcroft Way, The Forresters, Claygate Avenue, Bloomfield Road, Sauncey Avenue, Jamieson Road, Clarendon Road, Harpenden Rise, Kipling Way, Bowers Way, Townsend Lane 60-96. If you are willing to collect from one of the above roads please contact:- Zoe Pulver (zoe-alec@toucansurf.com), or Claire Gillies (mrscgillies2@hotmail.co.uk), Many thanks in advance.

THY KINGDOM COME, as part of the week of prayer, there is a prayer service at St Nicholas on Tuesday 15 May at 8pm.

ALL CHURCH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

All children intending to apply to St George's and St Nicholas Schools need to complete a Record Of Attendance in order to assist with the preparation of clergy references. The Record of Attendance needs to be completed for the duration of the following periods **prior to date of application:** 2 years for St George's and 1 year for St Nicholas. Please see the schools website for further details of the schools' admissions criteria including both the relevant period of attendance and frequency of attendance required by both St George's and St Nicholas schools. Any queries regarding the admissions criteria should be directed to the schools' admissions officers.

What's on This Week

Important
DATE!

Monday 14 St Matthias the Apostle

- 9.00- 11.45am Chat Monday in Cornelia's
9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints
6.00pm Supper Club in Cornelia's (for members)
8.00pm Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Meeting at All Saints

Tuesday 15

- 9.15am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas
8.00pm Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Meeting 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
8.00pm Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Meeting at St Mary's
8.00pm Mothers' Union in St Nicholas Church Hall; Cunnigham Room: Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi - Revd Dennis Stamps, Jean McIntosh & Chris Powell

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

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

Saturday 19

- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
6.30pm Thy Kingdom Come Celebration Worship and Prayer in St Albans Cathedral—see Parish Notices

Sunday 20 Pentecost

St Nicholas

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

All Saints

- 10.30am Worship Service with Communion Revd Nick Goulding (Associate Clergy, St Mary's)
6.30pm Parish Choral Evensong

St Mary's

- 9.30am Sung Eucharist Revd Sally Goodson (Associate Vicar, St Mary's)
4.30pm Simply Worship Revd Sally Goodson & Richard Hurst

Readings:

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Acts 2. 1-21

John 15.26-27, 16.4b-15
