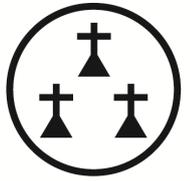


The Second Sunday of Epiphany

14 January 2018

Parish of
Harpenden



Services and Preachers in the Parish

St Nicholas' Church

8.00am Holy Communion	Revd Sally Goodson (Associate Vicar, St Mary's)
9.30am Sung Eucharist	Revd Sally Goodson
11.30am Morning Praise	Jacque Hibbert (Reader, St Nicholas)
3.00pm Holy Baptism of Joseph Bennett-Baggs and Hector Singer	
6.30pm Choral Evensong	Jean McIntosh

All Saints Church

9.00am Communion Service	Revd Canon Dennis Stamps (Rector)
10.30am Worship Service	Revd Canon Dennis Stamps

St Mary's Church

9.30am Sung Eucharist	Revd Linda Williams (Associate Vicar, All Saints)
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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

Saturday (Staffed by Volunteers)

10.00am—2.00pm

9.30am—12.00noon



Collect, Reading, Psalm and Post-Communion Prayer

COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3.1-10

The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

SECOND READING Revelation 5.1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

PSALM Psalm 139.1-5, 12-18



O LORD thou hast searched me ' out and ' known me : thou knowest my
down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my ' thoughts ' long be'fore.
Thou art about my path and a'bout my ' bed : and ' spiest out ' all my ' ways.
For lo there is not a word ' in my ' tongue : but thou O Lord ' knowest it ' alto'gether.
Thou hast fashioned me be'hind and be'fore : and ' laid thine ' hand up'on me.

2nd Such knowledge is too wonderful and ' excellent ' for me : I ' cannot at'tain unto ' it.

Part For my ' reins are ' thine : thou hast covered me ' in my ' mother's ' womb.
I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and ' wonderfully ' made :
marvellous are thy works, and that my ' soul ' knoweth right ' well.
My bones are not ' hid from ' thee : though I be made secretly, and ' fashioned be'neath in the ' earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance yet ' being un'perfect : and in thy book
were ' all my ' members ' written;

2nd Which day by ' day were ' fashioned : when as yet ' there was ' none of ' them.

Part How dear are thy counsels unto ' me O ' God : O how ' great is the ' sum of ' them!
If I tell them, they are more in number ' than the ' sand : when I wake up ' I am ' present
with ' thee. **GLORIA**

GOSPEL John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

POST COMMUNION

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parish Outreach: *Living God's Love: Transforming Communities:* Street Angels and Street Pastors

The Sick: Jim Hill, John Martin, Katy, Tomas Fox, Debra Shrine, Simon Thomas, Anna Edwards

The Recently Departed:

First Anniversary of Death: Fiona Latham, Maureen Laming



Prayers & Parish Notices for all three churches

PRE NUMBERED ENVELOPES FOR 2018 are available to collect from the back of each church. 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).

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

SAS YOUTH GROUP (school years 6-9) next meets on 28 January from 5pm-7pm, for a film night and dominoes at 86 Tuffnells Way . There is no meeting this evening. Contact Rev Sally Goodson, associate.vicar@stmarys.parishofharpenden.org or Sally Hart, if you need further information.

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 a private prayer list.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held at St John the Baptism, Harpenden, Sunday, 21 January, at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome. There will be no other evening service in our parish that evening.

PROPOSES DEVELOPMENT ON SALISBURY AVENUE: Jarvis Homes Ltd have submitted a planning application for two blocks of flats on 2 Salisbury Avenue and the adjoining plot at the corner of Rothamsted Avenue. The blocks will be three storeys high and contain 11 flats. There will only be one car parking space for each flat, plus one single space for all visitors to the two blocks, so cars and vans from the flats are likely to park on Salisbury Avenue and the surrounding Avenues. There may also be an increase of traffic in the Avenues. This could all make it more difficult to park for people who attend St Nicholas Church, St Nicholas School and Our Lady of Lourdes. Full details can be found by logging onto the St Albans Council planning website using the planning application reference 5/2017/3424. The website can be used for submitting comments to the Council. For any additional information please speak to Henry Loweth.

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

CLEANER AVAILABLE: Joy Olesi, a mature student at Youth With A Mission in the Oval in Harpenden, who attends St Nicholas church, is training for the next two years. In order to help her pay for living expenses she is willing to offer cleaning services on Wednesday afternoons, 2 to 5pm, £12 per hour. You can contact her on 07523749984.

X-SITE: Saturday 27 January from 6pm—8pm at High Street Methodist, school years 3-6.

A 'HUG HARPENDEN' UPDATE: At our December meeting Audrey and I pooled all the 9 patch squares people had sewn to date. We have over 40 "9-Patch squares" done by new, young, and slightly older more seasoned needlewomen. Already well on our way to having 4 Quilts ready to patch together & quilt!

We aim to hold a Saturday morning workshop to both make more 9 patches (come and learn; it is not too late) and to sew together those already made. Sign up when you see the notice.

I thought it would be a good idea to sell at least one quilt to raise the funds to finish all the others. Whatever happens we will show completed quilts and those still in progress at the Art Show at the end of June.

Janet Spicer and Audrey Went

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.

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/>

SERVICE TIME CHANGES; please continue to pray and reflect upon the movement of Sunday service times to 9.30am Holy Communion and 11am Worship. Please ensure that you have received a questionnaire and return to the red postbox or Linda's pigeonhole by 31 January. Those in Sunday Club & Ynots are also welcome to fill one in. Revd Linda.

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.

ANN GURR: John and I would like to say a big thank you to all our friends at St Mary's for their cards, prayers and great kindness over recent weeks during and since my time in hospital. I am now making a steady recovery.

ST MARY'S QUIZ, our annual quiz will be on Sat 3 March, do put the date in your diaries.

SIMPLY WORSHIP, the first Simply Worship of the new year is on Sunday 21 January at 4.30pm.

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

St Nicholas Church Notices



CHILDREN'S SOCIETY RECYCLED CARDS: Fenella will be selling recycled cards in St Nicholas Church Hall today, after the 9.30 service, and would be delighted to receive from you any greeting cards (but most definitely not Christmas cards), with which to make more. Please do NOT cut down the fold in the card, but leave at least 2cms of the back attached to the front of any cards.

BIBLE READING NOTES JAN - APRIL 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.

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



What's on This Week

Monday 15

- 9.00-11.45am Chat Monday in Cornelia's Coffee Shop. All welcome
- 9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints
- 8.00pm St Nicholas and Parish Prayer Meeting in the Lady Chapel, St Nicholas Church

Tuesday 16

- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Wednesday 17

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

Thursday 18 Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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

Friday 19

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

Saturday 20

- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
- 7.15pm Inter-church Quiz at Roundwood Park School

Sunday 21 The Third Sunday of Epiphany

St Nicholas Church

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| 8.00am | Holy Communion | Dr Edmund Marshall (Reader, St Nicholas)
Or Revd Canon Dennis Stamps (Rector) |
| 9.30am | Sung Eucharist | Dr Edmund Marshall |
| 11.30am | Morning Praise | Mike Read |

All Saints Church

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| 9.00am | Communion Service | Pauline Gilbert (Reader, All Saints) |
| 10.30am | Worship Service | Pauline Gilbert |

St Mary's Church

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| 9.30am | Sung Eucharist | Nina Featherstone |
| 4.30pm | Simply Worship | Revd Sally Goodson & Jenny Goulding (Reader, St Mary's) |

St John the Baptist Church, Harpenden

- 6.30pm Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity

Readings:	Genesis 14.17-20	Revelation 19.6-10	John 2.1-11
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