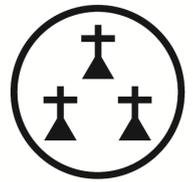


Third Sunday of Easter 15 April 2018

Parish of
Harpenden



Services and Preachers in the

St Nicholas' Church

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Combined Eucharist
- 12 noon Annual District Church Meeting
- 1.00pm Lunch in the hall

Revd Canon Dennis Stamps (Rector)
Revd Canon Dennis Stamps



All Saints Church

- 9.00am Communion Service
- 10.30am Worship Service
- 6.30pm Parish Choral Evensong

Roy Mutlow (LMDT)
Roy Mutlow

St Mary's Church

- 9.30am Family Communion
- 11.00am Annual District Church Meeting
- 4.30pm Simply Worship

Revd Sally Goodson (Associate Vicar, St Mary's)
Jenny Goulding & Revd Sally Goodson

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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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 Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by the risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

ALTERNATIVE COLLECT

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

OLD TESTAMENT READING EXODUS ZEPHANIAH 3.14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

NEW TESTAMENT READING ACTS 3.12-19

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

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

PSALM 4



HEAR me when I call O ' God of my ' righteousness : thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble, have mercy upon me and ' hearken ' unto my ' prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blas'pheme mine ' honour : and have such pleasure in vanity and ' seek ' after ' leasing?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the ' man that is godly : when I call upon the ' Lord ' he will ' hear me.

Stand in ' awe and ' sin not : commune with your own heart, and in your ' chamber ' and be ' still.

Offer the ' sacrifice of ' righteousness : and ' put your ' trust . in the ' Lord.

There be ' many that ' say : Who will ' shew us ' any ' good?

Lord ' lift thou ' up : the light of thy ' counte'nance up'on us.

Thou hast put gladness ' in my ' heart : since the time that their corn and ' wine and ' oil in'creased.

2nd I will lay me down in peace and ' take my ' rest : for it is thou Lord

Part only that ' makest me ' dwell in ' safety.

GLORIA

GOSPEL LUKE 24:36B-48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

POST COMMUNION

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parish Outreach: *Living God's Love: Making new disciples:* All who work as Street Evangelists

The Sick: Simon Thomas, Scott Barber, Andrew Laughray, Vera Gidley, Annette, Lorna Halsey

The Recently Departed: Henry Lamb

First Anniversary of Death: Linda Millins, Marjorie Sibley

Prayers & Parish Notices for all three churches

THE GENERAL DATA [PROTECTION REGULATION ('GDPR')

We need your help to carry out a Data Audit for the Parish of Harpenden

WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

Data Protection in the UK is changing in May 2018. The new law will give us all more rights over how information about us is stored and used by all sorts of organisations – including churches. In particular, organisations have to tell people what they are doing with the information they are storing and using.

HOW DOES IT APPLY TO THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND?

In practice, most church groups will be storing and using some personal information. So, if you run a group or have a role in the Parish which involves holding information about people (such as their name, address, phone number, email address, age or family details), then this DOES apply to you. Databases, spreadsheets, lists and paper documents are ALL included.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Right now, what we need to do is to carry out a Data Audit – basically, to build a comprehensive picture of who is holding what data. If you lead a group and receive a Parish Data Audit Form, please complete it as soon as possible, and return it to the Parish Office, or one of us, by Friday 27 April. If you don't receive a form, but you are holding information about people in the Parish, then please ask for one.

THANK YOU

The GDPR Action Team (Tony Gilbert, Sally Goodson, Michelle McCulloch and Sara Payne)

OUR ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) will be held on Monday, 23 April, 8pm at All Saints Church. Refreshments at 7.45pm. We will be discussing 'Resourcing our Parish'. Draft Agenda and minutes from 2017 are posted in each church for your information.

PARISH WARDENS are elected annually at the APCM. There is a vacancy this year as Michelle McCulloch steps down. Tony Gilbert is willing to stand again. Nomination forms are available from the parish office. If you wish to discuss the role, contact the Rector.

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

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) NEEDS YOU! Please consider standing to be a PCC member to help us in our mission and ministry and our charity duties. PCC Representatives needed for all three churches. **All Saints** needs **2** new reps. **St Mary's** needs **2** new reps. **St Nicholas** needs **6** new reps. PCC meets six times a year. If you have questions about the role contact me or Sara Payne (PCC Secretary). Nomination forms are available from the parish office.

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

TEA CAKE AND CHAT – Friday 20 April All Saints Church Hall 3.00-4.30pm. Lifts can be arranged – please contact Chris Powell 764930 or chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk

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 or Revd Linda Williams.

SONGS OF WAR AND REMEMBRANCE - a concert arranged by Harpenden Music Foundation raising funds to support local young musicians. Saturday 21 April, 7.30pm at St Nicholas Church Harpenden. Tickets available from www.harpendenmusicfoundation.org , by calling Beth Fagg on 01727 854480 or on the door, £18 for adults, under 16s free entry. Featuring soprano Rebecca Howard, mezzo soprano Catherine Denley, tenor Peter Martin, bass Joseph Edwards and piano Susanna Stranders.

SAS next meets on Sunday 22 April, 5-7pm in All Saints Church Hall for a chill-out (games, food & worship). All in school years 6 - 9 very welcome.

CORNELIA'S is a small community run, beautiful coffee shop appreciated by many within the church and beyond. Open weekdays 9am-11.45am and Saturdays 10am – noon. Come and try our Fairtrade coffee and homemade cakes in a picturesque atmosphere with a very warm welcome;

Would you like to join the **Cornelia's volunteer team for just 3 hours each month?** We are looking for a few more volunteers for next academic year. If you would like to find out more please let Sue Bentley or Rachael Threlfall know, or leave your details at the Parish Office. No previous experience is required. Full training will be given for this relatively gentle, worthwhile volunteering role;

We are also looking for a coordinator to assist in opening **Cornelia's over the summer holidays**. Last summer the coffee shop opened on Wednesday and Saturday mornings throughout the holidays, which was very much appreciated by all. To open again this summer holiday we need someone to coordinate volunteers. It is only about 12 sessions, so hopefully not a huge task. Please let Sue Bentley or Rachael Threlfall know if you are able to help.

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

BERYL GOLDSTONE RIP: Beryl's funeral will be on Tuesday 17 April at 11.30am at All Saints Church.

DCC/PCC/DEANERY SYNOD representatives of All Saints All Saints is missing out on full representation in the District, the Parish and the Deanery -- which means our voice is not strongly heard. At the ADCM you can please offer to serve --on either DCC or PCC or Deanery to represent us all. Wardens Pete, Elizabeth, Goetz or Rev Linda can tell you what's involved.

MRS LEONIE WHITE AND MR GERALD WILLIAMS RIP Nigel and Rev Linda Williams thank you very much for your most kind and supportive condolences, cards, prayers, flowers and wishes sent to us following the recent deaths of both Linda's Mother and Nigel's Father.

NEXT SUNDAY we will have one morning service at **9.30am** followed by our Annual District Church Meeting (with refreshments).

St Mary's Church Notices



PCC: St Mary's needs another representative to join the PCC, please speak to Sally.

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.

ST MARY'S FETE: Saturday 12 May, 12-3pm. Our fete is approaching, please note the date. Offers of help required.

HOMEDELL SONGS OF PRAISE Wednesday 18 April at 3.00pm. Do come and join in the singing and tea afterwards.

TEA, CAKE AND CHAT on Friday 20 April: St Mary's will be providing the refreshments.

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.

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.

ST NICHOLAS QUIZ tickets are now available from the Parish Office or Rachael Threlfall. Saturday 28 April. Tables of up to 8 people. £10 a head, to include a ploughman's dinner. BYO drink. Doors open 7pm. Dinner and table rounds from 7.30pm, main rounds from 8pm. Desserts and raffle in the interval.

CELEBRATIONS: Please save Sunday 17 June for an 800th birthday tea party. All Church groups are invited be involved. Please provide Sue Bentley, Rachael Threlfall or Jane Todd with your ideas. The new tile artwork will be unveiled at the party.

CONGRATULATIONS to Margaret Randall who celebrates her 90th birthday this week.

LOST PROPERTY: Have you lost the sides to your gazebo? Some have been found on the pew near the sound desk at the back of church. Please take a look. They will be rehomed if the owner does not claim them in April.

ON SUNDAY 22 APRIL there will be Laying on of Hands and prayers for healing after the 9.30am service.

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.

*Important
DATE!* **Monday 16**

What's on This Week

- 9.00- 11.45am Chat Monday in Cornelia's
9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints
8.00pm Prayer Meeting for St Nicholas and the parish in St Nicholas Lady Chapel

Tuesday 17

- 9.15am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Wednesday 18

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas
8.00pm Mothers' Union in St Nicholas Church Hall, Cunningham Room: 'Disabled Children of Nepal' - Kathy Lally, Diocesan Development Officer, Trustee and Commissioned Speaker. All welcome. Coffee from 7.45pm in Cornelia's

Thursday 19

- 9.00am Toddler Time in St Nicholas Church Hall

Friday 20

- 8.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
3.00pm Tea, Cake and Chat in All Saints Church Hall - see Parish Notices
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Saturday 21

- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
3.00pm Wedding of Lewis Boyle-Gow and Rebecca Hebington at St Nicholas
7.30pm Concert by Harpenden Music Foundation in St Nicholas Church - see Notices

Sunday 22 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

St Nicholas

- 8.00am Holy Communion Revd Canon Dennis Stamps (Rector)
9.30am Sung Eucharist followed by Prayers for Healing Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
11.30am Morning Praise with Prayer Stations
6.30pm Choral Evensong

All Saints

- 9.30am Communion Service followed by Annual District Church Meeting

St Mary's

- 9.30am Sung Eucharist with Revd Nick Goulding (Associate Clergy, St Mary's)
Holy Baptism of Finn Thomas Newton-Smith

Readings:

Genesis 8.6-18

Acts 4.5-12

John 10.11-18
