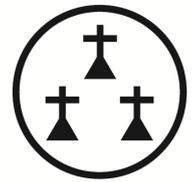


Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

16 September 2018

Services and Preachers in the Parish Today

Parish of
Harpenden



St Nicholas' Church

8.00am Holy Communion	Revd James Hadley (Assistant Curate)
9.30am Sung Eucharist	Revd James Hadley
11.30am Morning Praise	Richard Palmer (Reader, St Andrew's Woodside)
3.00pm Commemoration of the Battle of Britain	Gill White (Reader, St Nicholas)

All Saints Church

9.30am Holy Communion by extension	Heather Richards (Reader, St Nicholas)
11.00am Worship Service	Heather Richards
6.30pm Parish Evening Worship	

St Mary's Church

9.30am Sung Eucharist	Nina Featherstone (LLW)
4.30pm Simply Worship	Revd Sally Goodson (Associate Vicar, St Marys)

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-12noon



Collects, Readings, Psalm, Gospel and Post-Communion Prayer

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 forever.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50.4-9a

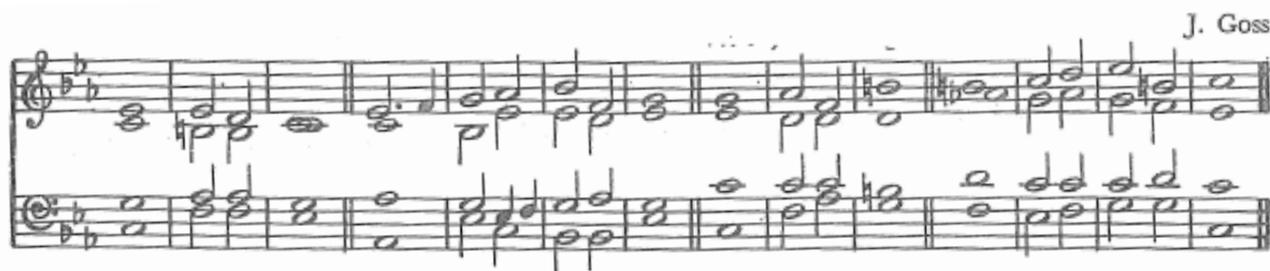
The servant of the Lord said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

SECOND READING James 3.1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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.

PSALM Psalm 116.1-9



I AM ' well ' pleased : that the Lord hath ' heard the ' voice of my ' prayer;
That he hath inclined his ear ' unto me : therefore will I call upon ' him as ' long as I ' live.
The snares of death compassed me ' round a'bout : and the pains of ' hell gat ' hold up'on me.
I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the ' Name of the ' Lord : O Lord I
be'seech thee de'liver my ' soul.

Gracious is the ' Lord and ' righteous : yea ' our ' God is ' merciful.

The Lord pre'serveth the ' simple : I was in ' misery ' and he ' helped me.

Turn again then unto thy rest ' O my ' soul : for the ' Lord ' hath re'warded thee.

And why? Thou hast delivered my ' soul from ' death : mine eyes from tears ' and my ' feet
from ' falling.

I will walk be'fore the ' Lord : in the ' land ' of the ' living. **GLORIA**

GOSPEL Mark 8.27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

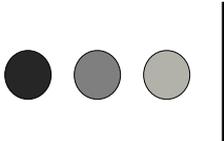
Parish Outreach: *Living God's Love: Transforming Communities:* the work of the Probation Service

The Sick: Simon Thomas, Harold Gill, Tim Hunter, Margery Boorman, Angela, Margaret Barker, Mary, Anna Inglis

The Recently Departed: Beryl Vuolo, Denis Crabb

First Anniversary of Death: Rosemary Hearle, Lillian Martin, Margaret Le Fevre





Parish Notices for all three churches

COME TO CHORAL EVENSONG! Starting TODAY and almost every Sunday at 6.30pm, except the third Sunday of the month, there is Choral evensong at St Nicholas Church. It is a beautiful service of wonderful music sung by our fine choir and reflective prayer. A wonderful way to end a busy weekend. All are welcome.

MONDAYS, EVENING PRAYER: Beginning 10 September, there will be evening prayer at St Nicholas Church at 5pm every Monday. Service lasts about 20 minutes. Join us for the time of quiet reflective prayer.

SAS: Our parish youth group for children in school years 6-9 meets next meets on Sunday 30 September 5-7pm in All Saints Church Hall for a chill out. New members very welcome. If anyone is interested in helping to run this group, please speak to Sally Hart, Pete Lovell or Sally Goodson. We do need more leaders. Thank you.

THE PILGRIMAGE, CREED COURSE – SIGN UP PLEASE: Tuesday evenings, 8pm, St Nicholas Church Hall, beginning 18 September to 23 October. Led by the Rector & others. Explores Christian belief in greater depth by looking at the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds. Open to anyone! Sign up at back of our three churches (to help us order books).

ALPHA COURSE: An ecumenical Alpha Course starts 20 September, 8pm. To register contact High Street Methodist or www.harpendenalpha.church.

ALPHA COURSE HELPERS NEEDED: If you have been on an Alpha course recently or in the past or helped in the past, might you help again? If so, contact David Thompson on: info@harpendenalpha.church

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

HARVEST COLLECTION this year will be for the Bishop's appeal, 'Give Peas a chance'. A retiring collection will be taken at all our Harvest services for the Christian Aid project, growing peas in southern Malawi.

BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID— There will be a collection for BHA during the weekend of 29-30 September. Donated goods (see LINK magazine for full list of required goods) can be left in the Cunningham Room, St Nicholas Church Halls, between 10am and 3pm on the 29th. Money donations can be made after each service on the 30th. The donated goods will be collected by BHA before the 9.30am service on the Sunday. For further information please contact either Anne Harper, 769213, or Margaret Hewitt, 761008.

THE QUIZ NIGHT in aid of **The Children's Society** will be on Saturday 20 October 2018 in St. Nicholas Church Hall, 7 for 7.30 pm. £15 including Supper, bring your own drinks (glasses provided). For tickets call: 01582 460100.

SONGS OF PRAISE AT HOMEDELL HOUSE: Wednesday 19 Sept at 3pm; do come and join in the singing and stay for tea.

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

LADIES—NEED SOME WORSHIP TIME AWAY FROM YOUR BUSY LIFE? It can be hard to devote time to reading and listening to the Word and giving God your praise in the busy lives we lead. If you are interested in taking a couple of days out to become immersed in his love with 7,000 other Christian women of all ages please join Jenny Britt who is organising a group from the Harpenden Parish to travel to Cherish Women's Conference at Leeds Arena from 5.45pm **Thursday 30 May 2019 to 6pm Saturday 1 June 2019**. Tickets are £60 via Jenny (a discounted rate). Prepare to laugh, cry and be changed. **Contact Jenny on jenny.britt@yahoo.com or 07736 849720 for more details.** Also see details (& videos of last year's event (can you spot Jenny in the audience?) on the conference website: <https://www.lifechurchhome.com/conferences/cherish/#videos>. There is also a one-off Cherish evening event in London at 7.30pm on **Friday 26 October**, which costs £15 (buy tickets direct from the website: <https://www.lifechurchhome.com/cherisheurope/>). This is a good chance to try it out closer to home to see if this type of even suits you. Let Jenny know if you're coming so we can all go together.

GENTLEMEN – READ THE ABOVE & FEELING LEFT OUT? DON'T!

There is also a similar conference for men, called XCEL, which is 5.30pm **Friday 9th to 7.30pm Saturday 10th November 2018**. Cost is £40. See website for details: <https://www.lifechurchhome.com/conferences/xcel-mens-conference-2018/>. Any volunteers to organise a group to go?

SOUND AND LIGHT UPGRADE AT ST NICHOLAS : St Nicholas Church will be inaccessible from Monday through to Friday from 8 October to 30 November. Wednesday services will take place in the Church Hall. There will be no Friday Holy Communion Service during this period. The parish office will be open as usual. Please bear with during this time.

LOOKING FOR A CARING HOME for a lonely, good natured cat whose owner has just died. Please contact Jean Kassanis 715739.

X:SiTE Saturday 29 September. The first X:Site Children's event of the new term at High Street Methodist Church. This event is for children in school years 3- 6. PLEASE NOTE: At the start of a new academic year, every child will need a new form completed regardless if they have attended in a previous academic year. Please download the form via the website harpندنxsite@gmail.com to let them know you want to attend, and don't forget your £2.

St Mary's Church Notices



NICK GOULDING celebrates 20 years of ordination to the priesthood this year. There is a service of Evensong at St Albans Cathedral for all those celebrating anniversaries of ordination. Nick and Jenny would be delighted if friends from St Mary's would like to attend the service with them: 5.00 p.m. Wednesday 19 September 2018.

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.

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/>

URGENTLY NEEDED someone to manage our hall bookings as Derek Hotchkiss steps down from this role at the end of August. Contact Derek or one of the district wardens to find out more or to volunteer.

AT A RECENT DCC MEETING we decided that as a church we would continue to contribute towards the education of some children in Uganda. We are looking for someone/ a family to be the contact point for this venture, and especially to look into the best way to arrange for money to reach the right place. Any ideas and offers of help with fund-raising events also appreciated.

HARVEST FESTIVAL is on 30 September with one service at 11am.

HARVEST BARN DANCE AND SUPPER on Saturday 29 September 6pm. Come along and join us for music, fun and fellowship. Tickets £10, children £5.

PRAYER MINISTRY COURSE: sessions to be held on 27 September, 4 October and 11 October, using material from Holy Trinity Brompton. Please contact Revd Linda, 713007 for more information or to book a place.

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

St Nicholas Church Notices

BIBLE READING NOTES SEPT – DEC 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.

SOUND AND LIGHT UPGRADE AND MODERNISATION APPEAL: We are needing to replace/improve our sound and light systems. Please take an envelope with all the information and please consider giving generously. Total cost is £76k, thanks to responses so far we now have £66k, so we still need to raise £10k. Please help. Thank you.



ALL SOULS SERVICE Can you help with the catering after this service at 4pm Saturday 3 November? Cakes and 2 volunteers are needed to set out cakes and pour tea for around an hour. There is a sign up list at the back of church, or contact Rachael Threlfall or Chris Powell for more information.

COME TO OUR HARVEST LUNCH, SUNDAY, 7 OCTOBER, after the combined All-age Service at 10.30. Bring a picnic for your family and a pudding to share. Drinks provided. If nice, bring a blanket to eat in the Garden; tables will be available to eat in the hall. Some activities for children and families.

WEEKDAY SERVICES DURING THE WORKS ON THE SOUND AND LIGHT SYSTEMS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. Evening prayer will be in the Nativity Chapel, if possible. Wednesday Holy Communion will be in the hall at 10.30am. There will be no morning prayer before. There will be no Friday morning Holy Communion at 8am. Saturday services will be as usual, 10am Morning Prayer and 10.30am Holy Communion in the church.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES 9.30 SERVICE: Parents are invited to sit at the front of the church with their children. We also offer a Sunday Club. Sunday Club groups are:

- Splash (years Reception to year 3. They will take part in worship and Bible activities in the church hall.
- Xstream (Years 4 & 5) will meet in Class 1 of St Nicholas School.
- Secondary School children (years 6-9) are invited to join 'The Grid' in Cornelia's.

There is a crèche for preschool children who have reached their first birthday. They should be taken to the Cunningham Room in the church hall and will join in with Splash worship, Bible stories and free play. **Children of any age are welcome to stay in church with their families for the whole service should you prefer.** If your children are in Sunday Club and in years Reception through to year 3 please collect them from Sunday Club when the choir goes up to receive communion. If your children are in years 4 onwards they will join the congregation at the Peace and will sit with their families instead of Sunday Club teachers. **All parents and children are welcome to move to the front of church where the children can see what is going on.**

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2019 : The Rector will be available to discuss church membership forms with parents on **Saturday 13 October from 9.15am** at the **PARISH OFFICE**. Church membership forms may be collected from St George's School at the Open Evening. Parents should note the admissions criteria for school entry before presenting church membership forms for completion and bring with them the completed passports as proof of attendance. Details of the school's admissions criteria may be found on the school website.

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

MOTHERS' UNION CAKE STALL after the 9.30am service next Sunday, in the church hall.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER: St Nicholas church will remain **open for visitors until 2.45pm**. Cornelia's will also be open to serve visitors to the church commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. If you are able to be in church during the period to welcome visitors, or to help serve in Cornelia's please sign up at the back of church or speak to Rachael Threlfall or Chris Powell.

What's on This Week

Important
DATE!

Monday 17

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

Tuesday 18

- 9.15am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
2—5 pm Tea, coffee & cake for all Church Watch volunteers and those interested in finding out more at 1 Moreton Place **Check with Vicki this still happening**
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas
8.00pm Pilgrimage Course on the Creed in St Nicholas Church Hall

Wednesday 19

- 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: 16 Days of Activism Presentation, preceded by coffee in Cornelia's at 7.45pm

Thursday 20

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

Friday 21 **Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

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

Saturday 22

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
1.00pm Wedding of Katherine Polley and Alex Lindblom-Smith at St Nicholas

Sunday 23 **The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity** **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
6.30pm Choral Evensong

All Saints

- 9.30am Holy Communion Service Revd Linda Williams (Associate Vicar, All Saints)
11.00am Worship Service Revd Linda Williams

St Mary's

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

Readings: Jeremiah 11.18-20 James 3.13—4.3, 7-8a Mark 9.30-37

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