

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 8 October 2017

Parish of
Harpenden



Services and Preachers in the Parish

St Nicholas' Church

8.00am Holy Communion	Revd Canon Dennis Stamps (Rector)
9.30am Sung Eucharist	Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
11.30am Morning Praise	Benedict Bird
3:00pm Holy Baptism of Jacob Thomas Godefroy & Georgia Rose Hepplewhite	
6.30pm Choral Evensong	Jacque Hibbert (Reader, St Nicholas)

All Saints Church

9.00am Holy Communion	Revd Linda Williams (Associate Vicar, All Saints)
10.30am Worship	Roy Mutlow

St Mary's Church

9.30am Sung Eucharist	Bishop Robin Smith
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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.



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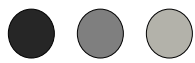
PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday—Friday
Saturday (Staffed by Volunteers)

10.00am—2.00pm
9.30am—12.00noon

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



Collect, Reading, Psalm and Post-Communion Prayer

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us in yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

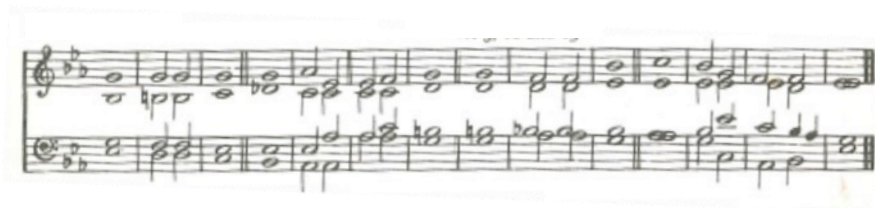
FIRST READING Isaiah 5.1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting: he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

SECOND READING Philippians 3.4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

PSALM Psalm 80.7-14



Turn us again thou ' God of ' hosts : shew the light of thy countenance
' and we ' shall be ' whole.

Thou hast brought a vine ' out of ' Egypt : thou hast cast ' out the ' heathen
and ' planted it.

Thou ' madest ' room for it : and when it had taken ' root it ' filled the ' land.
The hills were covered ' with the ' shadow of it : and the boughs thereof
were ' like the ' goodly ' cedar-trees.

She stretched out her branches ' unto the ' sea : and her ' boughs ' unto the
' river.

Why hast thou then broken ' down her ' hedge : that all they that go ' by
pluck ' off her ' grapes?

The wild boar out of the wood doth ' root it ' up : and the wild ' beasts of
the ' field de'vour it.

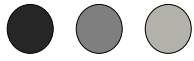
2nd Part Turn thee again thou God of hosts, look ' down from ' heaven : be'hold and '
Part visit this ' vine: **GLORIA**

GOSPEL Matthew 21.33-46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

POST COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prayers & Parish Notices for all three churches



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parish Outreach: *Living God's Love: Transforming Communities:* Those who work for CRUSE

The Sick: Jean Harris, Lesley, Jim, Jeff Hatton, Margaret Barker, Anne Sinfield, Marjorie Sinfield

The Recently Departed: Michael Elliott

First Anniversary of Death: David Pearson

PASSPORTS: Applications for church schools - clergy references. The clergy and parish wardens recently reviewed procedures for preparing clergy references for applications to church schools. As a result of the review, the parish has adopted a 'passport' record of attendance for families with effect from 1 October 2017. "All children required to record their attendance for applications to St Nicholas and St Georges school will need to collect a passport from the back of church and get it signed/stamped at the end of the service. The children will need a stamp/signature for each month of the application period regardless of whether or not they attend a Sunday Club.

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

ST LEONARD'S (SANDRIDGE) ANNUAL HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL: 'Journeys and Adventures'. Last chance to visit this afternoon!.

BIKE 'N' HIKE: Please give sponsor money and forms to Jean McIntosh **by 10 October**.

ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL OPEN DAYS will be on Friday 13 October at 9.30am, Wednesday 22 November at 1.15pm and Tuesday 9 January at 9.30am. If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you will need to apply for a Reception class place by Monday 15 January 2018. For more information contact the school 623620 or admin@stnicholasce.org

PARISH WALK - SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER STARTING AT 12 NOON. St.Mary's are going on a walk and we'd love you to join us. We're meeting at East Hyde and heading up towards Peter's Green and back again. It's approx. a 7 mile walk open to all in the Parish and we should be back between 3.00-3.30pm. We'll be stopping along the way for a picnic lunch so come prepared. Contact Maureen Lamburn if you have any questions (maureen.lamburn@lamburnandturner.co.uk)

DEANERY EVENSONG, SUNDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 6.30pm, at St Helen's Wheathampsted. Combined Deanery Choir. All welcome. All other evening services in the parish cancelled so do attend this service.

TEA CAKE & CHAT - Friday 20 October 3.00-4.30pm at All Saints Church Hall. Lifts can be arranged, please contact Chris Powell 764930 or chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk If anyone would like to help with lifts, please let Chris know - it would be great to have some new people to help with this very much appreciated bi-monthly event." Please extend invitations to non-church friends - they would be most welcome."

MOZART REQUIEM concert, plus Lux Aeterna by Lauridsen, to be performed by Music Makers Choir of Harpenden with the Burley Ensemble, at the High Street Methodist Church on Saturday 14 October. Tickets (including refreshments afterwards) £17 on the door, or £15 in advance from Lucia (07887 968 063) or e-mail harpdenmusicmakers@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY RECYCLED CARDS: Fenella thanks you for excellent recent sales at St Nicholas' but would love to receive more greetings cards, anything but Christmas cards, with which to make more! Do please leave cards in the parish office. If removing the backs of the cards, please do not tear off along the fold, but cut off, leaving 1 - 2 cms of the back still attached to the front.

SENIORS FAIR Thursday 12 October Harpenden Public Hall 10.30 am – 2 pm Free entry. 35 stands representing a wide range of clubs etc. Refreshments by W.I. in aid of Herts Air Ambulance. Organised by Harpenden Seniors Forum.

SAS: Games night. All Saints Church Hall, 5pm—7pm today, years 6-9.

CARITAS HARMONY CHOIR presents an evening of entertainment in support of Harpenden charity, the A-T Society. Saturday 21 October, 7pm at Rothamsted Conference Centre, Harpenden, AL5 2JQ. The programme includes a medley of popular songs from musicals such as South Pacific and Kiss Me Kate, as well as other familiar pieces including Rhythm of Life and Bridge Over Troubled Water. Tickets £10 available from: Parker and Vine, Box Office 01582 599520, or www.atsociety.org.uk/caritas

ANNUAL SERVICE FOR UNITED NATIONS DAY, 6.30 pm Sunday 29 October 2017, at St Nicholas Church. Special speaker: Marcus Armstrong, from Christian Peacemaker Teams, on the theme of Building Peace in Iraq. The service will be followed by refreshments. All welcome

BE PART OF A GENEROUS SIZED PATCHWORK QUILT FOR THE HARPENDEN CHURCHES TOGETHER ARTS FESTIVAL IN JUNE 2018. Are you good with a needle? Do you have spare scraps of material (100% cotton) we could use? All ages welcome to join this project. This enormous patchwork needs to get underway now as there are only six months to complete it. You can make one patch or as many as you like. Instructions are at the back of each church. Workshops are planned to help you get started. Watch this space and the November LINK magazine. If you would like further information or to register your interest, call or text, Janet Spicer, 07961 327 782 or Audrey Went 01582 712 693 (answerphone).

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/>

MISSING-Red Sack Trolley- has anyone seen this trolley or borrowed it since the beginning of August when last seen in the church hall being used to transport kitchen materials? If you have it please return it to the church asap.

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2018: Church membership forms may be collected from St George's School at the Open Evening. Please see Revd Linda if you would like her to sign one, noting the admissions criteria which are available on the school website.

FAMILY CHILL-OUT at All Saints Church 12-2pm, Sunday 22 October: bring a packed lunch and stay after the 10.30am service for picnic, games and chat in the hall. The idea is to give toddlers, children and teenagers from all the different groups a chance to enjoy spending time together. Please put the date in your diary.

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

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

St Nicholas Church Notices



FAIRTRADE STALL: No stall this week or next.

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2018 : The Rector will be available to discuss church membership forms with parents on **Saturday 14 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. Details of the school's admissions criteria may be found on the school website.

ST NICHOLAS FESTIVAL: Saturday 9 December 10am—1pm in the church, save the date.

CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY HELP: If you can spare a few hours over the next two months Rachael and Sue would love your help arranging publicity for Christmas services and events – crafting words for newsletters, putting up banners/posters, co-ordinating leaflet printing etc. Please give us your ideas and a few hours.

MOTHERS' UNION: Coffee and cake stall after 9.30am service today.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING after the Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion on 18 October.

St Mary's Church Notices



A LITTLE LUNCH: Our lunch club, called A Little Lunch, is in its second year and so far has been a great success. A Little Lunch is held once a month on a Monday and is open to everyone who is over 75 years young and lives alone. Guests are picked up at 12 and brought back home about 2pm after having a two course home cooked meal. Our next dates are 6 November and 4 December for our Christmas lunch. If you would like to come along for some great food and company, or know someone that does, please get in touch. For those of you who wish to help, we are looking for drivers and helpers on the day. Please contact Maureen Lamburn on 07946 620183.

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2018: Church membership forms may be collected from St George's School at the Open Evening. Please see Revd Sally Goodson if you would like her to sign one, noting the admissions criteria which are available on the school website.



What's on This Week

Monday 9

- 9.00am-11.45am Chat Monday in Cornelia's Coffee Shop. All welcome
- 9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints
- 6.00pm Supper Club (for members) in Cornelia's

Tuesday 10

- 2.00pm St Mary's Afternoon Group: The Holocaust - my experience - Kitty Hart Moxon
- 5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Wednesday 11

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
- 2.30pm Julian Group at St Mary's
- 5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

Thursday 12

- 9.00am Toddler Time in St Nicholas Church Hall
- 9.30am Busy Bunnies in All Saints Church Hall
- 2.30pm Bible Reading Fellowship (Daylight) Group at 6 Timbers Court, 715739.

Friday 13

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

Saturday 14

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

Sunday 15 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

St Nicholas Church

- 8.00am Holy Communion Revd Canon Dennis Stamps (Rector)
- 9.30am Sung Eucharist Rachel Wakefield (Reader, St Nicholas)
- 11.30am Morning Praise

All Saints Church

- 9.00am Holy Communion John Grace (Reader, St Helen's)
- 10.30am Worship with baptism of Sophia Lily Bradham Walters John Grace

St Mary's Church

- 9.30am Sung Eucharist Dr Edmund Marshall (Reader, St Nicholas)
- 4.30pm Simply Worship Hilary Pask

St Helen's, Wheathampstead

- 6.30pm Parish Deanery Evensong - see Notice

Readings:

Isaiah 25.1-9

Philippians 4.1-9

Matthew 22.1-14