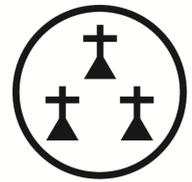


# The Fourth Sunday before Lent 10 February 2019

Parish of  
Harpenden



## Services and Preachers in the Parish Today

### St Nicholas Church

8.00am Holy Communion	Revd Canon Dennis Stamps (Rector)
9.30am All-Age Eucharist	Cubs and Scouts
11.30am Morning Praise	Harry Smith
6.30pm Choral Evensong	

### All Saints Church

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

### St Mary's Church

9.30am Family Communion	Revd Nick Goulding (Associate Clergy, St Mary's)
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#### SERVICE INFORMATION

**A collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn.** If you are a UK taxpayer, 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.

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**'No cash? You can still make a donation to the Church today. Text Giving is simple, quick and convenient.'** From your mobile phone, just type CHURCH followed by an amount of up to £20 and text to 70085, to donate to the Parish. For example, text CHURCH 10 to donate £10. For every text sent, you will be charged the amount you have chosen to give plus your standard network rate.

**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.

**All our churches are fitted with an induction loop.** Those wearing a hearing aid should switch to "T" in order to benefit from it.



**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-FRIDAYS**

**Saturdays (Staffed by Volunteers)**

**10.00am-2.00pm**

**9.30am-12noon**



# Collects, Readings and Gospel

## COLLECT

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15.1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**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 138

I WILL give thanks unto thee O Lord, with my ' whole ' heart : even before the gods will I sing ' praise ' unto ' thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy Name, because of thy loving'kindness and ' truth : for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy ' word a'bove ' all things.

When I called upon ' thee thou ' heardest me : and enduedst my ' soul with ' much ' strength. All the kings of the earth shall ' praise thee O ' Lord : for they have ' heard the ' words of thy ' mouth.

Yea they shall sing in the ' ways of the ' Lord : that great is the ' glory ' of the ' Lord.

For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect ' unto the ' lowly : as for the proud, he beholdeth ' them a'far ' off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt ' thou re'fresh me : thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy ' right ' hand shall ' save me.

The Lord shall make good his loving'kindness ' toward me : yea thy mercy O Lord endureth for ever, despise not then the ' works of thine ' own ' hands. **GLORIA**

## GOSPEL Luke 5.1-11

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

## POST COMMUNION

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Parish Outreach:** *Living God's Love: Making New Disciples:* Student Faith Groups

**The Sick:** Simon Thomas, Harold Gill, Angela, Mary

**The Recently Departed:** Norah Price

**First Anniversary of Death:**

**FUNERAL** for Norah Price (widow of the late Revd Dawson Price) will take place on Monday 11 February in the Winchester area. Please contact Rosemary Hill, 761322, for more details or if you are planning to attend and would be able to offer her transport. Thank you.



## Parish Notices for all three churches

### ELECTORAL ROLL FULL REVISION:

Notice is hereby given that the Electoral Roll of the Parish of Harpenden will be revised by the PCC beginning on Sunday 17 February and ending on Sunday 31 March. **This year there is a full revision of the ER which means everyone who is currently on the roll comes off and we start again from scratch.**

***What is the Electoral Roll?*** The ER is basically a membership list for the Parish. It's a declaration of you belonging, being part of and committed to a particular church. Legally, it is the list of names and addresses of every person who can vote at a parish's Annual Meeting (and any special or extra church meetings). ***Who can be on it?*** Any lay person (i.e. not ordained clergy) who is baptised and over 16 years old, provided they **live in the parish or have worshipped at the church regularly for at least six months.** It's important for the Parish to record as accurately as possible our worshipping community so we would encourage all of you who worship regularly (or would do so if not prevented from for whatever reason) to sign up. ***When can I join?*** The revision period starts on Sunday 17 February. Forms will be available in all churches from that date. If you have any questions please speak to your ER officer: St. Nics – Liz Keen; All Saints – Sue Whetherly; St. Mary's – Ro Marriott

**OBERAMMERGAU 2020:** Every ten years this town puts on one of the most famous passion plays. Do consider going. The Rector is leading a group, 8-15 June 2020, with McCabe pilgrimages. It will include time before hand exploring the ancient pilgrims' way, Jacobsweg, in the beautiful Austrian countryside. If interested, contact [laura@stalbanpilgrimages.org.uk](mailto:laura@stalbanpilgrimages.org.uk) or the Rector.

**A STUDY OF THE PASSION NARRATIVES**, led by the Rector; Dates: Tuesdays 5 Mar – 9 Apr (excl. 26 Mar), 8.00-9.45pm, at the St Albans Cathedral Adult Learning Centre. Price: £60. The passion and resurrection narratives are the climax of the four Gospels. This course will explore the passion and resurrection narratives in order to discern the distinctive message in each Gospel and the common themes found in all four Gospels.

**SAS** meets on today at All Saints from 5pm—7pm for a Chill Out Session with games.

**LENT GROUPS** in the period from March 11 to April 14 using material entitled "The Mystery of God" (see [www.ctbi.org/lent](http://www.ctbi.org/lent)). Please consider signing up when details are available. Would you like to lead or host a Lent Group? Please let one of the clergy or parish office know.

**NEW ALPHA COURSE:** Want to learn about the Christian faith with others who have questions. A new course run by Harpenden Churches Together starts on Thursday, 28 Feb, 7.45pm to 9.45pm with a meal to begin at High Street Methodist. Register on [harpendenalpha.church](http://harpendenalpha.church) or just show up.

**WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TRAINING TO LEAD A SMALL GROUP?** Great training on Saturdays, 9 March or 18 May, 10am to 3pm, run by Cell UK at 8 Highfield Oval, Harpenden. £20 per person. Parish may pay, discuss with clergy.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES, 6 March:** There are three services in the parish for you to attend for Ash Wednesday. 10.30am at St Nicholas; 8pm at All Saints and St Mary's. Do begin Lent with one of these reflective services with ashing.

**PRAYER MEETING FOR ST NICHOLAS AND PARISH** on Monday 18 February at 8pm in St Nicholas Church Lady Chapel. All welcome.

**TEA CAKE & CHAT** 15 February - All Saints Church Hall 3-4.15pm. All welcome. Flyers to give to anyone who may be interested are at the back of each church. Lifts can be arranged - please contact Chris Powell 764930 or [chris.powell51@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris.powell51@hotmail.co.uk) If anyone would like to offer their services as a driver or to help serve tea and/or bake cakes, please also contact Chris. Thank you.

**BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID:** There will be a collection for BHA on **SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY**. Donated goods (see LINK magazine for full list of required goods) can be left in the Cunningham Room at the Church Hall between 10am and 3pm. Money donations can be made after each service on Sunday 24 February. For further information please contact either Anne Harper tel: 769213 or Margaret Hewitt tel: 761008.

**VISIT HEROD'S TEMPLE AT YWAM HARPENDEN:** Many key events in the life of Jesus took place in or near the Temple in Jerusalem. Take a 30 minute tour of an extensive new model with its brilliant sound & light effects, plus a giant-screen presentation. Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 February. Sessions starts at 11am, 12 noon, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. Attendance and refreshments both free. At the Chapel, Highfield Oval, Harpenden AL5 4BX. Contact details [kjohnson@oval.com](mailto:kjohnson@oval.com)

**PARENTING 0-10 YEARS CHILDREN?** A 5 week **Parenting Course** may interest you. This Holy Trinity Brompton course is taking place at All Saints Church, Station Road on Tuesdays 26 February, 5, 12, 19 and 26 March 7.45 for 8pm. The course material consists of talk on DVD, discussion with other parents in groups and delicious refreshments. Contact Linda Williams to book or for more details. 01582 713007.

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

**PCC MINUTE SECRETARY:** Please could you contact the Rector or Parish Office if you are able to take on the important role of PCC Minute Secretary. You would need to attend six PCC meetings a year, and make an accurate recording of the business discussed. [office@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:office@parishofharpenden.org)

**HAPPY MONDAY AND THURSDAY TRIP OUT:** There will be another opportunity to enjoy a Happy Monday and a Thursday Trip out this August. Please save the dates of Monday 19 August and Thursday 22 August if you are interested in this initiative for those seniors on their own who maybe stay in Harpenden during the Summer. If interested, further details from Jill Horn at St Mary's, Chris Powell at St Nicholas, Revd Linda at All Saints.

**CONFIRMATION AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH: 6.30pm 7 July 2019** Want to be Confirmed in your own parish this year? Have you thought about making your Christian commitment yourself as an adult or young person? Maybe all the family might like to be Confirmed together? Maybe you'd like to re-affirm your Confirmation? There are 6 'Going Deeper into God' sessions for adults to get ready to be Confirmed by the Bishop when he visits St Nicholas in July. Sessions are for 90 minutes one evening a week and begin on 20 May (missing out half term). Contact any clergy person to take part and save the date now.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** services are Friday 1 March at St John's, Southdown at 10.30am and St Mary's Kinsbourne Green at 7.45pm. All are warmly invited.

**Please follow & interact with our Parish via twitter or facebook,**

You can also access them through the church website: [www.parishofharpenden.org](http://www.parishofharpenden.org)

If you have anything to go on our sites please email :

[digital.media@parishofharpenden.org](mailto: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

**Emergency Prayer Chain:** [jenny.britt@yahoo.com](mailto:jenny.britt@yahoo.com)

## **WANTED:**

**1) Sidespersons for 9.39 and 11am services.** One person cared enough to help our worship and offered to be a sidesperson. Thank you to them. Can we have a few more please.

**2) an All Saints Women's World Day of Prayer representative.**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who had a **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY box** last year. The total raised by All Saints when they were emptied recently came to £390.

**CHURCH OUTING 2019:** By popular demand we'll be visiting Knebworth again in the Summer. Look out for the date and details soon.

**PROPOSED ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY FOR 2020.** Very few flyer questionnaires have been returned! If you would like this weekend away to go ahead to the planning stage, please fill out your questionnaire and return it to the 'daffodil' letter box at the back of church by the end of February.

**ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING** 17 March at 9.30am after Worship. **Annual meeting reports** booklet needs to be ready 2 weeks before the meeting on 3 March. Please write a short report of your group's activities (including numbers, funding, activities in 2018) and pass to Sue Whetherly, preferable electronically by the end of February please.

**LOCAL MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT TEAM MANDATING:** The team who focus on worship at All Saints have reached the end of their 4 year term of office. The team has permission from the Diocese to re-mandate for a further term of 4 years. This will take place during the 9.30am worship on 17 March as we begin a new year in the life of our church.

**DCC** All Saints DCC represents you and needs to be representative of all the groups in the church. We have three vacancies at present going into 2019-but any number of people can stand and be elected to DCC or PCC or Deanery Synod. Make sure your interests are represented and stand for DCC on 17 March. Speak to any member of the DCC or Wardens if you want to know more.

**LENT STUDY GROUP AT ALL SAINTS:** 'The Mystery of God' Lent Group takes place 8-9.30pm at All Saints Church on 5 Mondays 11 March to 8 April. Sign up today. Materials provided.

## **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 pressure for entry at secondary school level than for the Primary school.

# St Nicholas Church Notices

## MUSIC TODAY

### 6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Setting:** Murrill in E  
**Responses:** Byrd  
**Anthem:** O Sing Joyfully (Batten)



**MOTHERS' UNION CAKE STALL** after the 9.30am service today.

**ST NICHOLAS QUIZ:** Saturday 30 March. Doors open 7pm. Dinner and table rounds from 7.30pm, main rounds from 8pm. Tickets available from the Parish Office. Tables of up to 8 people. £10 a head, to include a ploughman's dinner. BYO. Desserts and raffle in the interval. If you're not keen on quizzes but would like to join the evening, we would love two volunteers to help Eunice in the kitchen.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH** The cleaning team are low in number and we need a boost of volunteers to be able to continue to keep the church clean. We are happy to have a variety of volunteers in terms of frequency and nature of cleaning, so please consider what contribution you can make and get in touch with Jenny Britt ([jenny.britt@yahoo.com](mailto:jenny.britt@yahoo.com), 07736 849720).

**THANK YOU** to Callum for being our **Junior Warden** for his Duke of Edinburgh volunteering. His help in the baptism preparation crèche, setting up for events, distributing Christmas leaflets around town shops, sweeping church gutters, manning a stall at the Christmas fayre etc, etc has been invaluable.

**BAKERS:** Would you be able **to bake one a cake** a month for Cornelia's? We are looking for a team of 4 or 5 people to provide home baked cakes for the coffee shop. The costs of ingredients would be reimbursed. Please contact Rachael Threlfall or Chris Powell if you are able to help.

**CORNELIA'S:** If you are able to spare **one Monday morning a month** 9am till 11.45am, we have a vacancy on the Cornelia's rota. Full training given. Please contact Rachael Threlfall or Chris Powell if you are able to help.

**CAFÉ CHURCH:** On 17 February, 'A trip to the Holy Land in Images, Music and the Word' will be presented at 11.30am Café Church in the Church Hall. All are warmly welcome to attend.

## St Mary's Church Notices



**COFFEE ROTA:** We would love more people to join the coffee rota please.

**WELCOMERS:** With numbers increasing at Simply Worship, we would like some people to assist with welcoming at these services, once a month at 4.30pm. The service lasts less than an hour, please speak to Jenny Goulding or Sally if you could help with this.

**FETE 2019:** It might seem a long way off, but we need a team to take on the planning for our fete. This is a joint event with Scouts, Sue Grout is standing down from organising and new volunteers are needed. Please give this careful thought, it is our main fundraising event each year, could you be part of the team?

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

# What's on This Week

## February

### Monday 11

- 9.00-11.45am Chat Monday in Cornelia's Coffee Shop. All welcome  
9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints  
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

### Tuesday 12

- 9.15am Morning Prayer at St Mary's  
2.00pm St Mary's Afternoon Group:  
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

### Wednesday 13

- 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 14

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

### Friday 15

- 3.00-4.30pm Tea, Cake and Chat in All Saints Church Hall - see Parish Notices  
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

### Saturday 16

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

### Sunday 17 **The Third Sunday before Lent**

#### **St Nicholas**

- 8.00am Holy Communion Revd James Hadley (Curate, St Nicholas)  
9.30am Sung Eucharist Revd Canon Dr Dennis Stamps (Rector)  
11.30am Morning Praise - Café Church in the Hall Roger Hawkins

#### **All Saints**

- 9.30am Communion Service Revd Linda Williams (Associate Vicar, All Saints)  
11.00am Worship Service Revd Linda Williams  
6.30pm Parish Evening Worship

#### **St Mary's**

- 9.30am Family Communion Revd Sally Goodson (Associate Vicar, St Mary's)  
4.30pm Simply Worship Revd Sally Goodson

#### **Readings:**

**Jeremiah 17.5-10**

**1 Corinthians 15.12-20**

**Luke 6.17-26**

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