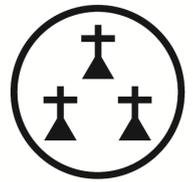


# The Second Sunday of Lent

## 17 March 2019

Parish of  
Harpenden



## Services and Preachers in the Parish Today

### St Nicholas Church

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Sung Eucharist  
11.30am Morning Praise

Rachel Wakefield (Reader, St Nicholas)  
Rachel Wakefield  
Richard Palmer

### All Saints Church

9.30am Worship for Annual District Church Meeting and Re-Mandating of Local Ministry Development Team (followed by the ADCM)  
6.30pm Parish Evening Worship for Lent

### St Mary's Church

9.30am Family Communion  
4.30pm Simply Worship with Communion

Adrian Whalley (Christian Aid)  
Revd Sally Goodson

#### 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, Gospel and Post-Communion Prayer

## COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

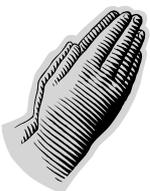
Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way may we come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## FIRST READING Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

## SECOND READING Philippians 3.17 - 4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Parish Outreach:** *Living God's Love: Going Deeper into God:* All who lead Bible Study Groups

**The Sick:** Simon Thomas, Harold Gill, Angela, Mary, Gwenda Harvey, Terry McLoughlin, Baby Alice, Baby William

**The Recently Departed:**

**First Anniversary of Death:** Josephine Jenkins, Gerald Williams

## PSALM 27



THE Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then ' shall I ' fear : the Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then ' shall I ' be a'fraid?

When the wicked even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat ' up my ' flesh : they ' stumbled ' and ' fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart ' be a'fraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I ' put my ' trust in ' him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord which I ' will re'quire : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord ' and to ' visit his ' temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me ' in his ' tabernacle : yea in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up up'on a ' rock of ' stone.

And now shall he lift ' up mine ' head : above mine ' enemies ' round a'bout me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with ' great ' gladness : I will sing and speak ' praises ' unto the ' Lord.

Hearken unto my voice O Lord, when I cry ' unto thee : have ' mercy up'on me and ' hear me.

My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ' ye my ' face : Thy face ' Lord ' will I ' seek.

O hide not thou thy ' face ' from me : nor cast thy ' servant a-way in dis'pleasure.

Thou hast ' been my ' succour : leave me not neither forsake me O ' God of ' my sal'vation.

When my father and my ' mother for'sake me : the ' Lord ' taketh me ' up.

Teach me thy ' way O ' Lord : and lead me in the right ' way be'cause of mine ' enemies.

Deliver me not over into the ' will of mine 'adversaries : for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and ' such as ' speak ' wrong.

I should ' utterly have ' fainted : but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the ' Lord in the ' land of the ' living.

O tarry thou the ' Lord's ' leisure : be strong and he shall comfort thine heart, and ' put thou thy ' trust in the ' Lord. **GLORIA**

### **GOSPEL Luke 13.31-35**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

### **POST COMMUNION**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



# Parish Notices

## **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

**FRIENDLY TEA GROUP FOR THE BEREAVED** meets next Sunday at 3.00pm in St Nicholas Church Hall. All welcome.

**CHURCH OF ENGLAND LENT AND EASTER REFLECTIONS.** 2 sets of daily reflections are available, Lent -Easter, and Easter -Pentecost. Each daily reflection has a short Bible Reading, an invitation to pray, and a suggestion as to how you might respond to the challenge to live out our faith: reflections can be accessed in booklet form, by downloading the App, or by email to your phone. See website for more details.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/pilgrim>

**DON'T BET ON IT:** You are invited to hear Bishop Alan speak about the campaign for tougher regulation on FOBTs and online gambling on Monday 25 March at 8pm at All Saints (**Please note change of venue from that previously advertised**). Refreshments from 7.45pm. Organised by Wheathampstead Deanery Synod.

**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? **For Adults:** 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. **For young people:** There will be 7 to 8 one hour sessions to be arranged on day and time to suit young people. Please contact the Rector if interested or have questions.

**12TH HARPENDEN ST NICHOLAS BEAVER SCOUTS NEED YOU!** We are desperately seeking volunteers to help us support our Beavers Colony on a [Monday evening](#) from [5-6pm](#) in the Church Hall, during term time only. The children are aged between 6-8. We're a very friendly group and would welcome the additional adult involvement to enable us to deliver a fun and varied programme to the young people in our community.

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

**SAS** next meets on Sunday 24 March at All Saints, 5—7pm, for litter picking followed by games.

**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.

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

**SCAMS** are a constant bane of all our lives and may arrive on the doorstep, by post, via the telephone or the internet. Please be on your guard and don't be rushed into giving any information or bank details to someone you're not sure of. For advice or to ask for help from Trading Standards please call the Citizens Advice Helpline on 03454 040506. To report frauds and cyber crime to the Police, contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. For more advice on scams generally and to become a Friend Against Scams go to <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/>

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR ELECTORAL ROLL FORMS:** We need the forms back by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Please do fill one out and return.

**DEANERY SYNOD: We need FOUR persons to represent the parish at Deanery Synod.** Please consider becoming involved. It meets three times a year to discuss deanery and diocesan matters of importance for our mission and ministry. Please consider standing. Nomination forms from Parish office.

**PARISH WARDENS:** Every year we elect for one-year Church Wardens to serve the parish. Tony Gilbert and Michelle McCulloch are both willing to serve for one more year. However, if you are interested in standing this year, do pick up a nomination form from the parish office. Feel free to ask any questions.

## St Mary's Church Notices



**FETE 2019:** Lou Fraser would be delighted to hear from others to help with the organisation of this years Fete on 15 June.

**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.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP,** we would like 1 or 2 volunteers, who could offer help with setting up, hosting etc, regularly on a Tuesday afternoon once per month. Please contact Jenny Evans.

**HARPENDEN HISTORY WEBSITE:** You may be interested to see the new pages about St Mary's on this website, under 'recent additions' on the homepage.

**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.

# **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:** We have another person who has offered to be a sidesperson at 9.30am, as well as one extra person at 11am. Thank you to them both. Now, how about you??

**LENT GROUP** begins tomorrow at 8pm and for the next 5 weeks. Materials provided.

## **SUNDAY 17 MARCH:**

**9.30am Worship** including the re-mandating of our Local Ministry Development Team by the Rural Dean and Lay Chair of this Deanery.

**10.30am Annual Church Meeting**– papers available today. The agenda includes a presentation by the Rector on the future appointment of a clergy person. Refreshments and cake will be served throughout the meeting.

**SUNDAY 19 MAY** there will be one joint special service at 11am of Thanksgiving and blessing for the Baptistery windows and to mark the end of our Golden Jubilee Projects.

**SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2019, CHURCH OUTING TO KNEBWORTH:** Note the change of date and please continue to save the new date.

**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.

**ALL SAINTS REPRESENTATION:** We have 3 vacancies on our District Church Council, which helps run our church. We have 3 vacancies on the Parish Council which runs the parish. We have 2 vacancies at Deanery Synod, which helps run our area. It is important that All Saints is fully represented-especially in a time of vacancy. Please consider offering to be on one of these committees. Ask if you would like more info on what's involved.

**GWEN BANKS RIP:** Gwen's funeral & memorial service will be on Thursday 21 March at 1.45pm with refreshments in the hall afterwards.

**CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2020:** 16 takers so far. Please continue to fill in your interest and place forms in the flowery box at the back of church by 24 March at the very latest. As in previous years, we will be fundraising to help subsidise costs and there will be activities for children all weekend.

**MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY 29 MARCH 6pm-8.30pm.** If you are in either XStream or YNotes you are invited to a Movie night at All Saints on the 29 March. It will be a chance to get together, have fun, watch a film and eat popcorn. It will be great to see you all there. Any questions you have please speak to either Gemma Moss or Trudy Freeman.

**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)**

# St Nicholas Church Notices

## MUSIC TODAY

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Setting:

New English Folk Mass

Anthem:

He came singing love (Gibson)



**ST NICHOLAS QUIZ:** Tickets are almost completely sold out for the quiz on Saturday 30 March, but Eunice would love **two volunteers to help in the kitchen** for the evening. Please let the Parish Office or Rachael Threlfall know if you are able to help. For those with tickets, doors open 7pm, dinner and table rounds from 7.30pm and main rounds from 8pm. Ploughman's dinner provided, BYO drinks. Desserts and raffle in the interval. If you would like to **organise the very small, fun raffle** please let Rachael know.

**ST NICHOLAS ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING** will be on Tuesday 23 April with refreshments from 7.30pm for an 8pm start.

**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).

**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.

**MOTHERS' UNION** has produced an ethical-gift catalogue for Mothering Sunday to raise money for its programmes for parenting, literacy, and business skills in the UK and around the world. "*Make a Mother's Day*" catalogues are on the Welcome table at the back of St Nicholas church.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**There are two vacancies on the District Church Committee** which is a group of members of the congregation who help to make decisions about the life and practical running of the church. We only meet six times a year. If you are interested, feel free to ask questions and/or ask the Rector or Parish office for a nomination form. The role is filled at the Annual District Church Meeting on 23 April, 8pm. **We also need Two District Wardens or individuals** willing to work as a group for this role. If you want to know more or are interested speak to the Rector or present wardens, Rachael Threlfall and Chris Powell.

**There is one vacancy from St Nicholas to serve on the PCC** which is a group of members that act as trustees for the parish and set policy and practice for the whole parish. It meets six times a year. If you are interested, feel free to ask questions and/or ask the Rector or Parish office for a nomination form. The role is filled at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 29 April, 8pm.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES:** Approximately 300 of these are required, and if anyone would like to assist with this task on Saturday 30 March in St Nicholas Hall from 9.30am onwards you would be most welcome - just turn up. Also required greenery and small flowers to accompany the daffodils which will be supplied. Thank you.

## **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.

# What's on This Week

## March

### Monday 18

- 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  
8.00pm Prayer Meeting for St Nicholas Church and parish in the Lady Chapel at St Nicholas. All welcome

### Tuesday 19 **Joseph of Nazareth**

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

### Wednesday 20

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas  
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas  
8.15pm Mothers' Union in St Nicholas Church Hall, Cunningham Room:  
Lent Meditation - Revd Sally Goodson; refreshments in Cornelia's from 7.45pm.

### Thursday 21

- 9.00am Toddler Time in St Nicholas Church Hall  
9.30am Busy Bunnies in All Saints Church Hall  
10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints  
1.45pm Thanksgiving for the life of Gwen Banks at All Saints

### Friday 22

- 2.00pm Funeral of Ian Fulton at St Nicholas  
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

### Saturday 23

- 10.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas followed by Prayers for Healing

### Sunday 24 **The Third Sunday of Lent**

#### **St Nicholas**

- 8.00am Holy Communion Andrew Marsh (Reader, St Nicholas)  
9.30am Sung Eucharist Andrew Marsh  
11.30am Morning Praise Harry Smith  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

#### **All Saints**

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

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

- 9.30am Family Communion Revd Diane Fitzgerald-Clark

#### **Readings:**

**Isaiah 55.1-9**

**1 Corinthians 10.1-13**

**Luke 13.1-9**