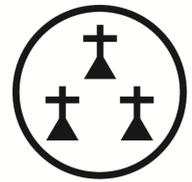


# The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity 8 September 2019

Parish of  
Harpenden



## Services and Preachers in the Parish Today

### St Nicholas Church

8.00am Holy Communion	Revd James Hadley (Assistant Curate)
9.30am Sung Eucharist	Revd James Hadley
11.30am Morning Praise	Mike Thomas
3.00pm Holy Baptism of Montgomery Moore & Sebastian Bachman	
4.00pm Holy Baptism of Jemima Jackson	
6.30pm Choral Evensong	

### All Saints Church

9.30am Holy Communion	Revd Janet Spicer
11.00am Worship Service	Revd Janet Spicer

### St Mary's Church—St Mary's Patronal Festival

9.30am Family Communion	Revd Sally Goodson (Associate Vicar, St Mary's)
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#### SERVICE INFORMATION

*giftaid it* **A collection will be taken during the Offertory Hymn.** If you are a UK taxpayer, please use the pink 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.

**'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.

#### CONNECT, BELONG, SHARE, GROW

*Our mission is to build connections, encourage belonging, and share an appealing faith that grows a vibrant Christian community at every stage of life.*

**We are an inclusive church, called to be caring, loving and welcoming to all.**



# Collects, Readings, Gospel and Post-Communion Prayer

## **COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

## **ADDITIONAL COLLECT**

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30.15–20**

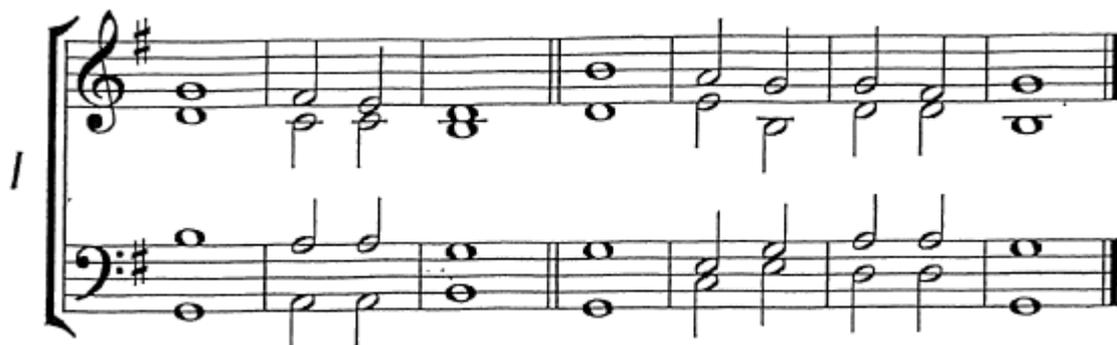
See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

## **SECOND READING Philemon 1–21**

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as

you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

## PSALM 1



Blessed are they who have not walked in the 'counsel . of the ' wicked, : nor lingered in the way of sinners,\* nor sat in the ass-'embly 'of the 'scornful.

Their delight is in the 'law of . the 'Lord : and they meditate on his 'law 'day and 'night.

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season,\* with leaves that 'do not

'wither, : whatever they 'do, 'it shall 'prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not 'so with 'them; : they are like chaff which the 'wind 'blows a'way.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to 'stand in . the' judgement, : nor the sinner in the Congre-'gation 'of the 'righteous.

For the Lord knows the 'way of . the 'righteous, : but the 'way of . the 'wicked . shall ' perish.

**Glory to the Father and 'to the 'Son: and 'to the 'Holy 'Spirit;  
as it was in the be-'ginning is 'now : and shall be for 'ever. 'A - 'men.**

## GOSPEL Luke 14.25-33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

## POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week:** *Making new disciples: For all who lead and attend Youth Clubs*

**The Sick:** Sheila Beck

**The Recently Departed:** Jayne Nathan, Margaret Bolton, Mary Gater

**First Anniversary of Death:** Graham Thomas

## Parish Notices

**THE NEXT PARISH FIRST COMMUNION COURSE** for children who will be over 7 years old before 1 September, will commence on Sunday 29 September. If you have not received an invitation and your child would like to attend please contact the Parish Office for details and an application form. Please approach a member of the clergy team if you would like more information. All application forms must be completed and returned to the Parish Office by **Friday 13 September**.

**THE BISHOP HAS GRANTED THE RECTOR EXTENDED STUDY LEAVE** (sabbatical). He will be away from 1 September to 30 November. September he will be scholar in residence at Vanderbilt Divinity School in the USA. Then he will be researching at King's College London. His study projects are to update his New Testament studies and to do a research project on the spirituality of St Paul. Revd. Sally, Revd. James and the Parish Wardens will handle all matters in his brief absence.

**APPOINTMENT for ALL SAINTS:** Please pray as we have to re-advertise in September for a new Associate Vicar for All Saints. We hope to interview in early October.

**SCHOOL PASSPORTS:** School passports can be signed at any of our Sunday services in any of our three churches, or at our Midweek or Saturday morning services of Holy Communion. Passports will not be signed at services of Morning or Evening Prayer. If you attend church whilst away on holiday, bring a signed pew sheet from that church to add to your passport. There are new passports available in each of the three churches for school years 2019/20 & 2020/21.

**SAS YOUTH GROUP:** Sundays 8 and 22 September @ All Saints 5-7pm. 8 September will be a chill out session with games, and food in the hall at All Saints. September 22 programme to be confirmed. SAS is for youngsters in school years 6-9. Contact Revd Sally Goodson [associate.vicar@stmarys.parishofharpenden.org](mailto:associate.vicar@stmarys.parishofharpenden.org)

**PRAYER MEETING** for St Nicholas and the Parish in St Nicholas Nativity Chapel, at 8-9.30pm on Monday 16 September.

**THE LARDER LOUTS: Simple, Fun Cookery Classes for Senior Men in Harpenden this Autumn.** Following the success of our previous cookery classes, and with support from The Harpenden Trust Community Grant and St Nicholas Church, we are holding further cooking classes in Cornelia's Coffee Shop on 25 September, 2 October, 9 October, 16 October and 23 October 2.00 - 4.00pm. We are keen to attract men who have not attended our classes before, however previous participants can sign up as well. We are a friendly, welcoming bunch and no previous skills or experience needed! The cost is £10 per class, including all ingredients, equipment, & recipes. At each class we will teach you to make two dishes to feed at least 2 people. The dishes can be adapted for most food allergies and intolerances if we know in advance. To book onto one or more of the classes, or if you have any questions, please call Sarah Cripps or Jane Todd at The Kitchen Front on 07899 751211 or 07973 383607 and leave your phone number or your email address or email us on [hello@thekitchenfrontcookery.co.uk](mailto:hello@thekitchenfrontcookery.co.uk). We will then get back to you to confirm your place and details of how to pay. If you are interested but cannot make these sessions, we will be running further courses in the run up to Christmas so do let us know so we can keep you informed.

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

**HARPENDEN CHURCHES TOGETHER ARTS FESTIVAL (CULTIVATE) JUNE 2020.** Our parish needs a rep or reps for this. Any volunteers? Simply need to attend planning meetings when they start in autumn and communicate plans to clergy, and with clergy help to promote participation by our parish. They are hoping in 2020 to have another big event as they did a couple years ago. We need someone or a couple persons from the parish.

**'FEED' FOODBANK AT THE VINEYARD ST ALBANS, CURRENTLY NEEDS:** Coffee/UHT milk/sugar (no tea), Fruit juices/squashes, Biscuits, Tinned meat/pies/fish/vegetables, Rice/noodles, Pasta or curry cooking sauces Spaghetti/ravioli/macaroni cheese, Tinned desserts/fruit, Jams/spreads, Baked beans, Pot noodles, Cans of soup, Breakfast cereals (not porridge), Toilet Rolls, Laundry detergents/softeners, Shavers/shaving foam/toilet roll, Deodorant/shower gel/shampoo, Nappies: 4+, 5+, 6+ and baby wipes. Donations can be left at the back of St Nicholas Church or in Cornelia's Coffee Shop. Many thanks for your donations.

**CHRISTIAN FAITH: Want to learn more about the Christian faith?** Come along to the Churches Together in Harpenden Alpha Course which meets at High Street Methodist church, Thursday evenings, 7.30/45pm starting on 18 September. If interested contact the Parish office or go to [highstreet.church/groups/alpha](http://highstreet.church/groups/alpha) to register your interest.

**BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID:** There will be a collection for BHA on Saturday 28 September. 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 29 September. For further information please contact either Anne Harper tel: 769213 or Margaret Hewitt tel: 761008.

**ST LEONARD'S SANDRIDGE FLOWER FESTIVAL** 4-6 October 2019; the organisers of this annual event would like to invite anyone who wishes to do so to participate, both experienced flower arrangers or first-timers; groups, families and individuals. You can produce something with a very simple floral element plus props and accessories. The theme is 'Saints and Heroes'. Setting up will be on 2 & 3 October, any time between 9am and 9pm. Please contact Christine Nutton on 01727 831623 or [Christine@nutton.org.uk](mailto:Christine@nutton.org.uk)

**HARPENDEN CHURCHES TOGETHER 'IMPACT' PRAYER MEETING** to pray for our town and nation, Sunday, 29 September, 6pm, St George's School Hall.

**MAGIC VOICES CHOIR CONCERT** Saturday 14 September in St Nicholas Church in aid of AT Society. Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on the door, available from [www.atsociety.org.uk/events/magic](http://www.atsociety.org.uk/events/magic) or call 01582 760733. Door & bar open 7pm. Pop classics and songs from musicals and shows.

**X-SITE:** Saturday 28 September at High Street Methodist Church. **The first X-Site children's event of the new term, for children in school years 3-6.** Please note 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 [harpendenxsite.org.uk](http://harpendenxsite.org.uk) and email to [harpendenxsite@gmail.com](mailto:harpendenxsite@gmail.com) to let them know you want to attend, and don't forget your £1.

**THE RECTOR'S STUDY LEAVE:** Want to keep up with what Dennis is up to on his study leave? You can follow his postings on twitter @revstamps or on instagram at 'dlstamps'. He'll be posting photos and comments occasionally.

**COME AND SING 'FEEL THE SPIRIT'** with Music Makers Choir, 12 October afternoon, St George's school. If you have followed up the advert in September's LINK, you will have found that the original poster sent to the editor gave the wrong contact phone number - which should read 'Maria 07947 800153'. Or find a flyer for this fun day at the back of the church. It would be helpful if you could register by 20 September to allow for score hire - but you can also phone later on to say you're coming

## 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 11.00am Worship Service

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

**WE HAVE STARTED PRAYING** for the recruitment of a new Associate Vicar for All Saints and also for the vacancy and for whoever the new vicar will be. If you would like to join us please contact Rosemary Hill 01582 761322 or [hillros@aol.com](mailto:hillros@aol.com). The meetings need not be long and can be held whenever and wherever is convenient for participants. Lifts can often be arranged.

**BIKE 'N HIKE** on Saturday 14 September (see below for more details). Sponsor forms available from Pete Lovell. And Mandy Gaines would love to hear from you if you can help to welcome visitors to All Saints. You can be sponsored for this as well.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:** Saturday 28 September—Harvest Hoe Down (Barn Dance), 6.30pm (early start so families can attend at least the 1st half); Sunday 29 September - Worshipping Together with Harvest Thanksgiving, 11am (one service only)  
Tickets for the Hoe Down (including a ploughman's supper) will shortly be available from Roy Mutlow; price yet to be determined. Do bring friends, neighbours and family; members of other churches also very welcome.

## St Mary's Church Notices



**SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER:** St Mary's 150 year anniversary - 2.30pm -4.30pm. We need your help with: 'Refreshments', please contact Jenny Evans or Jill Horn if you could help; 'welcoming' or 'setting up chairs', please contact Sally.

**BIKE 'n' HIKE 'n' DRIVE** on Saturday 14 September. Time to get out the **bike, walking shoes, and sat nav.** to take part in this annual sponsored fund raising event on behalf of the Beds & Herts historic churches trust. Half of all money raised comes back to St Mary's. Car drivers are also welcome to take part. Sponsor forms and information available from **Olive Hayward tel. 769606** or in the church

**BANNERS:** Several of our banners have been replaced: If you would like to sponsor one of the banners costing £15, please speak to Ro, Maureen or Lindsey.

**A DRINK IN THE FOX:** Sally & Kelvin will be in The Fox on Thursday 19 September from 8pm. Do come and join us— a chance to chat.

**HARVEST SUPPER:** Saturday 5 October. We need your help: Someone to run a game (material's provided) speak to Ro; young people to wash up—speak to Jill Horn.

**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.

# St Nicholas' Church Notices



## **MUSIC TODAY**

### **9.30am Sung Eucharist**

**Setting:** Shephard

**Anthem:** Beati Quorum Via (Stanford)

### **6.30pm Choral Evensong**

**Responses:** Smith

**Setting:** Stanford Bb

**Anthem:** Like as the Hart (Howells)

**BIKE 'N HIKE on Saturday 14 September:** People needed to welcome visitors to St Nicholas church, 9am -5pm, please contact Jean McIntosh tel: 761362.

### **SAVE THE DATE: St Nicholas Festival Saturday 7 December 2019: 10am to 1pm**

Please make a note of this event in your diaries now! It is a wonderful family day with lots of festive activities, live music, stalls, café and Santa's grotto . If you would like to help on the day, and/or to set up on Friday afternoon, please get in touch with me. Liz Curtis (07818 276264)

**QUIZ NIGHT:** Advance notice of a Quiz in aid of The Children's Society St Nicholas' Church Hall Saturday 5 October 7.30pm. Tickets £16 to include ploughman's supper from Delia Bonner Telephone 01582 460100

**BIBLE READING NOTES SEPTEMBER -DECEMBER 2019** The next set of Bible Reading Notes for September to December 2019 is ready for collection from the window ledge at the back of the church. Jenny Clark

**HARVEST:** We will be having a bring & share Harvest tea at 3.00pm on Sunday 6 October and would like to encourage people from all of our services to attend. Please let us know what you can bring on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church or email Jen McGrandle at [j.mcgrandle@btinternet.com](mailto:j.mcgrandle@btinternet.com).

**GEORGE AND HEATHER** (Richards) thank everyone for their kindness, good wishes, cards and gifts, and for the special surprises on Sunday morning to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Thank you all so much.

### **ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

Children intending to apply to St George's Secondary School are advised to submit a clergy reference form with their application. The school gives priority to children with a clergy reference.

To ensure this can be given, a Record of Attendance should be completed for 2 years before application . The School website provides further details of the admissions criteria. The school will consider applications without a clergy reference but through a separate admissions category.

# What's on This Week

## **Monday 9**

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints

## **Tuesday 10**

9.15am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

## **Wednesday 11**

10.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

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

## **Friday 13**

5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas

## **Saturday 14 Holy Cross Day**

10.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

7.30pm Magic Voices Choir (AT Society) at St Nicholas Church

## **Sunday 15 The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

### **St Nicholas**

8.00am Holy Communion

Revd Nick Goulding (Associate Clergy, St Mary's)

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Revd Nick Goulding

11.30am Morning Praise

Mark Williams

### **All Saints**

9.30am Holy Communion

Revd Geoff Lackey

11.00am Worship Service

Revd Geoff Lackey

### **St Mary's**

9.30am Family Communion

Revd James Hadley (Assistant Curate, St Nicholas)

4.30pm Simply Worship

Jenny Goulding and Nina Featherstone

### **Readings:**

Exodus 32.7-14

Timothy 1.12-17

Luke 15.1-10

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

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

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)