



## The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 13 September 2020

### Services in the Parish Today

8.00am Said Holy Communion service **in St Nicholas' Church**  
Revd Canon Dennis Stamps will preside and Revd James Hadley will preach

9.30am Holy Communion **in St Mary's Church**  
Revd Nick Goulding will preside and preach  
This will also be live-streamed on [facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)  
You can also access it from the parish website or via email sent to St Mary's Members

10.00am Worship service **in All Saints' Church and on Zoom;**  
Led by Philip Le Riche: Preacher - Revd Paul Manuel

11.00am St Nicholas' **Zoom** (Holy Communion) service; Also live streamed on [St Nicholas Church, Harpenden - Home | Facebook](#)

Revd Canon Dennis Stamps will preside and Revd James Hadley will preach

For links, meeting IDs, passwords and telephone access numbers for zoom services, please consult your emails or contact one of the clergy. You are welcome to join any of the above services, whichever church you might normally attend

### **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.**

**Please contact the parish office on:**

**01582 765524, [office@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:office@parishofharpenden.org), [parishofharpenden.org](http://parishofharpenden.org)**



# Collects, Readings, Gospel and Post-Communion Prayer set for 13 September

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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**

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **FIRST READING Genesis 50.15–21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

## **SECOND READING Romans 14.1–12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**CLERGY AND MINISTERS CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOU AND FOR THE PRAYER LIST** for the parish. If you have anyone you would like to add to the prayer list, contact the parish office or the clergy.

## **GOSPEL Matthew 18.21-35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

## **POST COMMUNION**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **PSALM 103.1-13**

Bless the Lord, ' O my ' soul, ♦ and all that is within me ' bless his ' holy ' name.  
Bless the Lord, ' O my ' soul, ♦ and for'get not ' all his ' benefits;  
Who forgives ' all your ' sins ♦ and ' heals all ' your in'firmities;  
Who redeems your ' life . from the ' Pit ♦ and crowns you with ' faithful ' love . and  
com'passion.  
Who satisfies ' you with ' good things, ♦ so that your ' youth is re'newed . like an ' eagle's.  
The Lord ' executes ' righteousness ♦ and judgement for ' all who ' op'pressed.  
He made his ways ' known to ' Moses ♦ and his ' works . to the ' children of ' Israel.  
The Lord is full of com'passion and ' mercy, ♦ slow to anger ' and of ' great ' kindness.  
He will not ' always ac'cuse us, ♦ neither will he ' keep his ' anger for ' ever.  
He has not dealt with us ac'cording . to our ' sins, ♦ nor rewarded us ac'cording ' to our '  
wickedness.  
For as the heavens are high a'bove the ' earth, ♦ so great is his ' mercy . upon ' those who '  
fear him.  
As far as the east is ' from the ' west, ♦ so far has he ' set our ' sins ' from us.  
As a father has com'passion . on his ' children, ♦ so is the Lord merciful to'wards ' those  
who ' fear him.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week:** *Going Deeper into God:* those who act as 'soul friends' and their supervisors

**To be baptised at St Nicholas:** Luca Chainey

**The Sick:** Judy Smart, Joy Allcock, Richard Sewell, Atalie Gaines

**The Recently Departed:** Mary McKenna

**First Anniversary of Death:** Tim Hunter





## Parish Notices

**WE ARE OPENING OUR CHURCHES FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP SERVICES.** *New restrictions do not impact public worship services.* Please see the notice on the parish website ([www.parihofharpenden.org](http://www.parihofharpenden.org)). It is important you read this if you are interested in attending a service in our church buildings. PLEASE NOTE THAT FACE MASKS ARE NOW REQUIRED. Online services will continue as usual for the foreseeable future.

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:** Saturdays, 10am to 12noon and Wednesdays, 10am to 12noon.

**\*CORNELIAS' CAFÉ IS OPEN WEDNESDAYS,** 9am to 11.45am **AND SATURDAYS,** 10.30am to 1pm. Come have a cuppa with a friend.

**PET SERVICE AND BLESSING:** 12 September - 11AM - in the church garden. Approximately 40 minutes. As the church celebrates Creationtide please join us for a short Family Friendly service in which we give thanks for the natural world and consider our duty to care for God's creation. Socially distanced, with music. Cornellia's Coffee Shop will be open. Some chairs will be provided, feel free to bring your own. Rain or Shine (within reason). Do bring your animal friends great and small!

**BIKE 'N HIKE:** Sponsored Bike 'n Hike Ride for Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust is going ahead on Saturday 12 September 9am -5pm. A fun day out visiting as many churches as possible by car, bike, mobility scooter, or on foot. Get sponsored to raise money for this worthy cause, half the money raised comes back to the participant's church so our parish benefits too! Sponsor packs are available from Pete Lovell at All Saints tel: 765390; Olive Hayward at St Mary's tel:769606 and Jean McIntosh at St Nicholas tel: 761362.

**NOMINATE A CHARITY for OUR MISSION GIVING:** As a parish we give to local and national charities in order to support the mission of the church within and beyond our parish. Presently we give up to £10,000 (amount always under review). We invite you to nominate a charity to the Giving Committee to consider. Please send it to the parish office by email ([office@parihofharpenden.org](mailto:office@parihofharpenden.org)) or by post (Parish Office, Church Green, Harpenden, AL5 2TP). Please name the charity and give up to 200 words why you are nominating them. Please send in by 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday, 5 October, 8pm at All Saints (limited numbers may attend due to social distancing). Meeting will also be on Zoom, link to be given nearer the date. There will be notices about vacancies on the PCC. Do join the electoral roll or update your details. Election of two Parish Wardens.

**NEW ASSOCIATE VICAR FOR ALL SAINTS:** We are pleased to announce that the Reverend James Brown, Assistant Curate at Harpenden St John, has been appointed as Associate Vicar (with special responsibility for All Saints Harpenden) in the benefice of Harpenden. Please remember James and his wife Lan in your prayers as they prepare for their move. His installation service will be on 18th October (details forthcoming).

**COLLECTION OF FOODBANK DONATIONS:** Please note that donations for the foodbanks (Salvation Army and FEED) can be dropped off your donations either a) to the crate in the porch at St Nicholas in the hours it is open for private prayer on a Wednesday or Saturday, or on a Sunday at any of our three churches; or directly to The Salvation Army, Leyton Green (there are tables in the lobby, front entrance) between 9am and 12pm Monday to Friday. Thank you all for your generous donations to date and please keep contributing if you can - it is much appreciated and still much needed. Please do not leave them at Browning Road.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who supported The Children's Society by purchasing a washable face mask from Di Borthwick. Having raised £1000 for them, she has now switched to raising funds for RNLI. If anyone wants her contact details to purchase a mask, please contact the parish office.

**BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID:** Due to the current Covid crisis and new regulations in the Ukraine, no aid has been sent since the beginning of March. Due to lack of storage space and the difficulties of holding such events, our September collection has been cancelled. BHA do hope to send some aid soon to the Ukraine, and we are intending to have our usual collection at the end of February 2021 if at all possible. In the meantime BHA would welcome any monetary donations, that could assist the continuance of the charity. Thank you all for your support

Margaret Hewitt & Anne Harper

**THE PARISH OFFICE** is still closed apart from staff use, but you can contact us via email [office@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:office@parishofharpenden.org) or telephone 01582 765524, leaving a message on the answerphone if necessary.

**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. You can do this as many times as you wish. For every text sent, you will be charged the amount you have chosen to give plus your standard network rate. If you would like to give in other ways please contact Claire Petevinos (e: [giving.recorder@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:giving.recorder@parishofharpenden.org) or ring the parish office for her telephone number).

## 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.

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

**ADCM.** Date for your diaries - **Tuesday 22 September** at 8pm via Zoom. Copies of the annual report have been emailed to those in the directory. If you haven't found it in your inbox, please check spam etc. There are a few hard copies available in church for those who need one.

**HALL BOOKINGS MANAGER:** A big thank you to Kirsty Hollywood who has continued to manage our hall bookings during lockdown (mostly arranging refunds!). We consider the hall to be part of the outreach of the church to the community and this role is fundamental to allowing this to continue. We are therefore looking for a member of the congregation who could take over this responsibility as Kirsty has been wanting to relinquish the role since she started a new job last year. If you think that this could be you, please contact one of the wardens, Elizabeth, Pete or Goetz who can give you more details. It would be great to have someone for when we are able to resume bookings. The wardens will assist with negotiations re groups coming back.

**DURING THIS TIME OF SOCIAL DISTANCING, if we can be of help to you, please, please let us know: Tel: 765524 (Parish Office), or 07957 208771 (Sara Payne), or 712202 (Rector).** Even if you have not needed help until now, please be assured that support is available to you.

## St Nicholas' Church Notices

### MUSIC TODAY

|                               |                |                                      |
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| <b>11.00am Holy Communion</b> | <b>Setting</b> | Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)           |
|                               | <b>Hymns</b>   | Through the night<br>Praise my soul  |
|                               | <b>Anthem:</b> | Turn thy face from my sins (Attwood) |



**BIKE 'N HIKE RIDE** sponsor packs are in St Nicholas church. Please encourage friends and family to take part and sponsor them. *See parish notice above*

**LIVE EVENSONG 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**, 6.30pm at St Nicholas Church, with limited choir (no congregational singing). Limited seating for social distancing, Face masks required. Annual meeting will follow at 7.30pm. Conditional as we assess new restrictions.

**ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING:** Sunday, 27 September at 7.30pm, following a live evensong at 6.30pm. Hopefully the meeting will also be on Zoom, link to be given nearer the date. There are the usual reports that will be available soon. There is also the election of two District Wardens. There is ONE VACANCY for District Church Council, contact parish office or Rector if interested.

## St Mary's Church Notices



**THE NEXT TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)** will be on 15<sup>th</sup> September .

**THE NEXT ZOOM COFFEE MORNINGS** will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 11.30am; the link will be sent out by email.

**ADCM:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10.50am. You can either come back into church following the 9.30am service, or join on zoom at home; a link will be sent nearer the time. Copies of the Annual Report are available in church, or you can request an email copy from Jenny Clark, or ask for a paper copy to be posted for those not on email who require one.

### **Special note about school forms and church attendance.**

St George's has stated that once public worship is resumed families will need to attend once a month. Harpenden Churches Together (most churches in Harpenden) have agreed that we have NOT yet resumed normal public worship. A few churches have started limited public worship in their church buildings but there is not scope in number of services or the number of people allowed to attend to ensure everyone can attend. We will notify St George's when normal public services begin. So please do not worry about church attendance for school forms yet. But do join our services online! It is a healthy option to be still for an hour or less and worship God. Many of our services can be viewed at your convenience.

# What's on This Week

## **Tuesday 15**

- 9.00am Live streaming of Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](https://facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 8.00pm Live streaming of Night Prayer on [facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](https://facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)

## **Wednesday 16**

- 9.00am Live streaming Morning Prayer on [St Nicholas Church, Harpenden - Home | Facebook](#)
- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas' : church open from 10am until 12noon
- 8.00pm Live streaming Night Prayer on [St Nicholas Church, Harpenden - Home | Facebook](#)

## **Thursday 17**

- 9.00am Live streaming Morning Prayer on [St Nicholas Church, Harpenden - Home | Facebook](#)
- 9.00pm Live streaming Night Prayer on [St Nicholas Church, Harpenden - Home | Facebook](#)

## **Saturday 19**

- 10.00am-12.00noon St Nicholas' Church open for personal prayer

## **Sunday 20 September**

### **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

- 8.00am Said Holy Communion service **in St Nicholas' Church**  
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The service will be taken by Revd Sally Goodson & Nina Featherstone  
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### **Readings:**

**JONAH 3.10—4.11**

**PHILIPPIANS 1.12-30**

**MATTHEW 20.1-16**