

Harvest Thanksgiving 27 September 2020

Services in the Parish Today

- 8.00am Said Holy Communion service **in St Nicholas' Church**
President—Revd Canon Dennis Stamps; Preacher—Revd James Hadley
- 9.30am Holy Communion **in St Mary's Church**
President & Preacher— Revd Sally Goodson
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 Pauline Gilbert
- 11.00am St Nicholas' **Zoom** (Holy Communion) service; Also live streamed on [St Nicholas Church, Harpenden - Home | Facebook](#)
President—Revd Canon Dennis Stamps; Preacher—Revd James Hadley
- 6.30pm Evensong at St Nicholas: see church notices

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

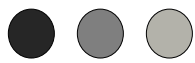
CONNECT, BELONG, SHARE, GROW

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, parishofharpenden.org



Collects, Readings, Gospel and Post-Communion Prayer set for Harvest

COLLECT

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 forever.

READING Deuteronomy 8.7-18

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

READING 2 Corinthians 9.6-15

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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 Luke 12.16-30

Then Jesus told them a parable -'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 65

Praise is due to you, O ' God, in ' Zion; ♦ to you that answer ' prayer shall ' vows be ' paid.
To you shall all flesh come to confess their ' sins; ♦ when our misdeeds prevail against us, ' you will ' purge them a'way.
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your ' courts to ' dwell there. ♦ We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, ' even . of your ' holy ' temple.
With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of ' our salvation, ♦ O hope of all the ends o the earth and ' of the ' farthest ' seas.
In your strength you set ' fast the ' mountains ♦ and are ' are girded a'bout with ' might.
You still the ' raging . of the ' seas, ♦ the roaring of their waves and the ' clamour ' of the ' peoples.
They shall pour forth the story of your a'bundant ' kindness ♦ and ' joyfully ' sing . of your ' righteousness.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble ' at your ' marvels; ♦ the gates of the morning and ' evening ' sing your ' praise.
You visit the ' earth and ' water it; ♦ you ' make it ' very ' plenteous.
The river of God is ' full of ' water; ♦ you prepare grain for your people, for ' so you provide . for the ' earth.
You drench the furrows and ' smooth out the ' ridges; ♦ you soften the ground with ' showers and ' bless its ' increase.
You crown the ' year with your ' goodness, ♦ and your paths . overflow with ' plenty.
May the pastures of the wilderness ' flow with ' goodness ♦ and the ' hills be ' girded with ' joy.
May the meadows be clothed with ' flocks of ' sheep ♦ and the valleys stand to thick with corn that ' they shall ' laugh and ' sing.



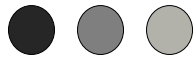
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: *Going Deeper into God:* church choirs, organists and musicians

The Sick: Judy Smart, Joy Allcock, Richard Sewell, Betty Russell

The Recently Departed:

First Anniversary of Death: Sheila Beck



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.parishofharpenden.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.

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@parishofharpenden.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 4th October.

HARVEST SUNDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER: All three churches are celebrating Harvest today. Your Harvest donations are needed for Foodbanks. Bring donations to one of our three churches and leave in the porch. Sunday morning: St Mary's 9.30 to 11am; All Saints, 10am to 11.30am; St Nicholas, 8am to 12noon.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, 5th October, 8pm. Venue to be All Saints, also streamed on Zoom. Open to everyone. Only those on Electoral Roll can vote. Electing Parish Wardens and PCC members. Open question time.

ELECTORAL ROLL UPDATE: If you would like to check your electoral roll entry you may contact the parish office or your district electoral roll officer (St.Nics - Liz Keen, All Saints - Sue Whetherly, St.Mary's - Ro Marriott). Also hard copies of the new electoral roll will be available to check at Sunday services in all three churches from Sunday 27th September.

DONATIONS NEEDED for BIKE'nHIKE- Make cheques payable to: 'Beds and Herts Historic Churches' Trust', which helps to fund maintaining our church. Post into Parish Office post box or post to Parish Office, Church Green, Harpenden, AL5 2TP. Or give to Vicky/Rhodri Platt who cycled 61k seeing 21 churches: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janeandjamesjohnson> **THANKS** to everyone who participated (including Vicky and Rhodri Platt and Jane and James Johnson (<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/janeandjamesjohnson>) and thanks to all those who sponsored our participants this year n the Bike'nHike.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO MONTE AND DOREEN COPAS on the celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary on the 23rd September.

RACHEL WAKEFIELD IS TO BE ORDAINED DEACON to serve at St Francis of Assisi, Welwyn Garden City, on Saturday, 26th September at 10am at the Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban. We remember her in our prayers as well as her family and the congregation of St Francis as she is ordained and continues in ministry there. The ordination service can be seen on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheDioceseofStAlbansSaintAlbans>

Simply Worship service available on St Mary's Facebook page, on our website, or by following this link: <https://youtu.be/MPS0DVSy02Q>. Thank you as always to Jenny and Nick Goulding for their time and expertise in preparing this month's video.

HARVEST FLOWER FESTIVAL, ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, SANDRIDGE, 2nd, 3rd and 4th October. Theme: A Harvest of Words; pictures online for those who cannot visit.

ALPHA is BACK: A new Alpha Course starts on 1st October, online. A course about the basics of the Christian faith. If interested, contact, Harpenden Alpha on this email: info@harpendenalpha.church

AUTUMN ONLINE THEOLOGY READING GROUP: 2 books, 2 months, 2 evening sessions. Join us in reading a book in October and November, followed by an online presentation of the topic and discussion. October's book: Ghost Ship: Institutional Racism and the Church of England (2020) available on Amazon. November's book: Fratelli Tutti (Sisters and Brothers All) - Pope Francis' encyclical on environmental and economic justice. Available Oct 5 for free online. The zoom meeting will be on Tuesday 27 October at 7.30pm; hosted by St Benet's, Kentish Town; link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82002520620>

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).

COULD YOU HELP RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY? Recent research by The Children's Society has revealed the extent to which children and young people have been affected by the pandemic and there is real concern that there will be a huge increase in the number of children and young people suffering from poor mental health in the coming months as a result. This is just one reason why the work of the Society is needed more now than ever but, with the cancellation of many fundraising events both local and national since the start of the year, funding this work has become a challenge. We, the Harpenden Fundraising Committee of the Society, are very keen to do what we can to help. We often receive donations of items, which are too "good" to sell at a jumble sale or something similar and far more suited to sale on Ebay or other online shopping site. We are looking for someone with experience of selling things in this way (or someone with a willingness to learn) to help us with this. If you are interested, would like to know more about what is involved or have something you would be able to donate, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Jo (joanneacook@yahoo.co.uk) or Claire (homesteve1@virginmedia.com).

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 or telephone 01582 765524, leaving a message on the answerphone if necessary.

CLERGY REFERENCES

(FOR APPLICATIONS TO ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL FOR ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2021)

In order that the parish may deal with requests for clergy references in a Covid-secure manner, we ask that parents / guardians send the following documents **by email** to the parish office (office@parishofharpندن.org) **by Monday 5 October 2020**:

1. Completed 'Request for Clergy Reference Form' (available for download from the Parish website or from the parish office by email); and
 2. scanned colour copy of your child's completed record of church attendance ('passport').
- Clergy reference requests will be processed by the parish office during week commencing 5 October 2020 and may be collected from the parish office by parents/guardians on **Saturday 10 October 2020 between 10.00 and 12.00 noon**. Please contact the parish office by email at office@parishofharpندن.org or on telephone number 01582 765524 if you have any queries or difficulties in sending documents by email.

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

THANK YOU to everyone who sent photographs to be used in a powerpoint during our service on Sunday. At the time of writing we are still uncertain whether it will be technically possible to show it, but I'll think about whether there is another way to share them. We certainly have some green-fingered members of our congregation, and plenty of evidence of God's bounty. Thanks also to the flower team who produced the beautiful posies in the wall outside the church. Do take the chance to admire them if you are in the vicinity.

THANK YOU to everyone for my get well and birthday cards. I'm now home and well. Thank you for your prayers. Bless you all, Ellen.

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.

ANYONE IS WELCOME to spend some time weeding and trimming (especially hedges) and doing any other general tidying in the church garden and car park. Just remember to stay socially distanced and not to gather in groups more than six. We want the grounds to look good for when James is installed on 18th October.

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

11.00am Holy Communion

Setting Mass of St Thomas (Thorne)
Hymns Come, ye thankful people, come
To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
Anthem: The eyes of all wait upon thee (Harris)

LIVE EVENSONG 27th 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

ST NICHOLAS ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, 27th Sept, 7.30pm, following live sung evensong at 6.30pm (not on Zoom). You may attend in church with social distancing. You may also attend the meeting via Zoom. We hope everyone will be able to vote if on electoral roll.

NOTE: Electing two District Wardens; One vacancy for District Council; Need a DCC Secretary. : Join by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89562176822> Meeting ID: 895 6217 6822 For ADCM Papers, go to Parish Website (www.Parishofharpenden.org), click at the top on St Nicholas, look for ADCM button, click and the page with the papers should be there.



St Mary's Church Notices

THE NEXT TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) will be on 6th October .

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

Monday 28

7.30pm PCC Meeting via Zoom; joining details will be sent to members via email

Tuesday 29 **St Michael and All Angels**

9.00am Live streaming of Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)

8.00pm Live streaming of Night Prayer on [facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)

Wednesday 30

9.00am Live streaming Morning Prayer on [St Nicholas Church, Harpenden - Home | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)

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](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)

Thursday 1

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9.00pm Live streaming Night Prayer on [St Nicholas Church, Harpenden - Home | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)

Saturday 3

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

Sunday 4 **The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

October

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Readings:

ISAIAH 5.1-7

PHILIPPIANS 3.4B-14

MATTHEW 21.33-46