



The Baptism of Christ

10 January 2021

Services in the Parish

9.30am	St Mary's recorded service of Holy Communion President - Revd Sally Goodson; preacher - Hilary Pask Available on facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen You can also access it from the parish website or via email sent to St Mary's Members
10.00am	All Saints' Zoom (Holy Communion) service President - Revd James Brown; Preacher – Roy Mutlow
11.00am	St Nicholas' Zoom (Holy Communion) service. Also live streamed on St Nicholas Church, Harpenden – Home/Facebook President and Preacher - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
Links, meeting IDs, passwords and telephone access numbers for zoom services will be sent by emails later in the week or contact one of the clergy. You are welcome to join any of the above services, whichever church you might normally attend	

Please contact the parish office on:

01582 765524, office@parishofharpenden.org

You can also find information on www.parishofharpenden.org

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

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son :may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

FIRST READING Genesis 1.1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

SECOND READING Acts 19.1-9

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

He entered the synagogue and for three months spoke out boldly, and argued persuasively about the kingdom of God. When some stubbornly refused to believe and spoke evil of the Way before the congregation, he left them, taking the disciples with him, and argued daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.

GOSPEL Mark 1.4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ♦ ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦ worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; ♦ the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ♦ the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ♦ the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ♦ and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ♦ the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; ♦ in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; ♦ the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; ♦ the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: Making New Disciples: *Churches that are normally open all day for prayer and initiatives to support those wanting to pray during the lockdown*

Local Issues: those who are particularly isolated in this latest lockdown and our efforts to stay in touch and support them

The Sick: Judy Smart, Joy Allcock, Richard Sewell, Guy Sheppard, Sarah, Derek, Joyce Mellody, Sue Eastwood, Peter Norwood

The Recently Departed: William Anderson, Ros Portsmouth

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.

Parish Notices



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH IS NOW CLOSED FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: For the safety and well-being of our community, congregation and volunteers, we have closed the church for private prayer. [Prayer resources for praying at home are available on the parish website.](#)

OUR THREE CHURCH BUILDINGS are closed for public worship for the safety and well-being of our community, congregation and volunteers. The PCC and Clergy have agreed this until the end of February. Worship and prayer for all three churches continues online and we are in contact by post with those who are not connected to the internet.

DURING THIS NEW LOCKDOWN please let us know if we can assist you in any way. Contact the clergy or parish office for any assistance or to request a phone visit by the clergy or pastoral care team.

THE PARISH OFFICE is now closed and staff are working from home during lockdown. If you need to speak to someone you may ring our administrator on 07957 208771 or contact us via email – office@parishofharpenden.org

FEED, The Vineyard Church, St Albans. At the current time contributions are needed more than ever. Tinned goods (meat, fish, beans and veg), pasta & rice, tea/ coffee/hot chocolate, long life milk and fruit juice, biscuits / puddings / treats as well as toiletries and nappies are all appreciated. For the time being whilst church is closed you can drop off donations at **4 Browning Road**, in the crate to the left of the garage. Any queries or if you would like donations to be collected from you, please call Lucy on 01582 760475. Thank you.

CORNELIA'S CAFE will be closed until further notice due to Tier 4 restrictions.

MAYOR'S CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT Friday 22 January, 8pm. Minimum donation £5 per household for the Mayor's Charities, The Human Milk Foundation and the Daylight Club. For details of how to donate and enter, visit

www.harpenden.gov.uk

St Nicholas' Church Notices



ST NICHOLAS COFFEE and CHAT, happens every Tuesday at 11am. Join for a brief time of social conversation with others. Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84120163895> Meeting ID: 841 2016 3895

We NEED a new DCC Secretary, can YOU HELP?

CAN YOU HELP with a DONATION for NEW CHOIR ROBES: Our choir needs new and more choir robes. Would you consider sponsoring a robe or making a donation? Please contact Marie, our Director of Music at music@parishofharpenden.org to make a donation.

St Mary's Church Notices



COFFEE AND CHAT by Zoom on Sunday 10th January at 11am, and Wednesday 13th January at 11.30am. Links will be sent by email.

TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES will restart as soon as it is safe to do so.

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

ALL SAINTS' QUIZ: This is advanced notice of a friendly quiz that we will have to stay connected and to stay cheery in these wintery, lockdown days. Join us for a fun quiz put together by Sarah Lovell on Saturday 16th, 4.30pm. Zoom details in next week's email.

ALL SAINTS IS NOW ON TWITTER: Our new Twitter account is now up and active. For those that use Twitter please follow us and spread the news.

www.twitter.com/AllSaintsAL5

ALL SAINTS' INSTAGRAM : As well as Facebook and Twitter, All Saints' church now has an Instagram page. If you use instagram, then please follow us and spread the news. <https://www.instagram.com/allsaintsharpenden/>

What's on this Week

Tuesday 12

- 9.00am Live streaming of Morning Prayer on
facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 8.00pm Live streaming of Night Prayer on
facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen

Wednesday 13

- 9.00am Live streaming Morning Prayer on St Nicholas Church, Harpenden -
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- 8.00pm Live streaming Morning Prayer on St Nicholas Church, Harpenden -
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Thursday 14

- 9.00am Live streaming Morning Prayer on St Nicholas Church, Harpenden -
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Sunday 17 The Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 9.30am **St Mary's** recorded service of Simply Worship: "Jesus – Birth to
Baptism" – led by Jenny Goulding
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access it from the parish website or via email sent to St Mary's
Members
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Leader and preacher – Revd James Brown
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Leader – Christy Monson; Preacher – Jacquie Hibbert

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Readings 1 Samuel 3.1-10 Revelation 5.1-10 John 1.43-51