

Sunday 11 October 2026
The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity
Services in the Parish

- 8am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher – Michael Parker
This service will be live streamed on [facebook.com/
StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)
- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**
President & Preacher - Revd Nick Goulding
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10am **Holy Communion at All Saints'**
Leader & Preacher – Revd Patrick Moriarty
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet
- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas'**
Leader – Elizabeth de Jong; Preacher - Revd Michael Parker
- 3pm **Holy Baptism at St Nicholas'** Tabitha Connie Yemm; Luke Meaden
- 4pm **Holy Baptism at St Nicholas'** Alba Durkin; Finn Orlando Smith

**No Choral Evensong today as there is a
Deanery Evensong at 5pm at
St John The Baptist, Markyate. Everyone welcome**

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You can also find information on www.parishofharpenden.org

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 10AM TO 2PM



Collects, Readings, Psalm, Gospel and Post-Communion Prayer

COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose miracles never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

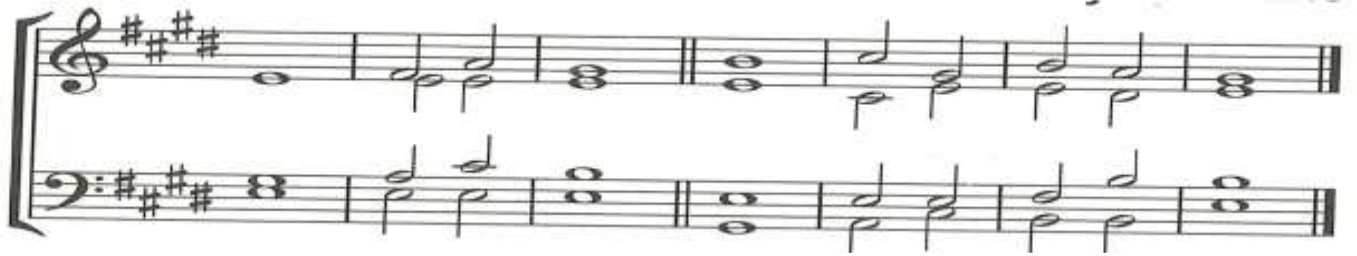
FIRST READING Isaiah 25.1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

SECOND READING Philippians 4.1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

PSALM 23



The Lord ' is my ' shepherd; ♦ therefore ' can I ' lack ' nothing.

He makes me lie down in ' green ' pastures ♦ and leads me be'side ' still ' waters.

He shall re'fresh my ' soul ♦ and guide me in the paths of righteousness ' for his ' name's ' sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will ' fear no ' evil ♦ for you are with me; your ' rod and your ' staff, they ' comfort me.

You spread a table before me, in the presence of ' those who ' trouble me ♦ you have anointed my head with oil ' and my ' cup shall be ' full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me, all the ' days of my ' life, ♦ and I will dwell in the ' house of the ' Lord for ' ever. GLORIA

GOSPEL Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

POST COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan Topic for the Week: Making new disciples; for children who share their faith

The Sick: Rosemary Hill, Heather Richards, Doreen Liley, Henry Malcolm-Brown, Linda Oakes

The Recently Departed: Harry Davis (*Homedell*), John Chambers, Frances Hallybone, Loretta Ramswell

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THANK YOU FROM SALLY AND KELVIN Last Sunday was very special, thank you for a wonderful send off, and for the many gifts, cards and messages we have received. We look forward to retirement near Winchester, but we leave with good memories of our time in Harpenden.

HEALTHCARE AND MEDICINE IN VICTORIAN HARPENDEN Henry Loweth and Dr Alan Stranders will be giving a talk on Medicine in Victorian Harpenden on Saturday 10 October at 10.30am in St Nicholas' Church Hall. Henry will present items from the St Nicholas' Parish Magazines and other sources that describe health care in Victorian Harpenden and Alan will give a medical practitioner's perspective on the limited medical treatments that were available at that time. Do come along and join them.

PINTS OF VIEW At the Queen's Head, 8pm on 22 October.

FRIDAY STUDY GROUP INVITATION Study of the Parables following a 12 week course using the 'Lifebuilder ' Study guide. Meetings are in St Nicholas' Church Hall on Fridays 10.30am–12noon and include coffee, fellowship, prayer and study. This long established group would be pleased if you would join us. Contact Ann Halstead ann@athalstead.co.uk or call the Parish Office.

BIBLE GROUP STARTING ON TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER in St Nicholas' church hall, coffee served from 2.15pm. Do join us for an 8-week small group video series created by 24-7 prayer founder, Pete Greig and co-host Poppy Williams. Designed for both new and experienced believers, the course uses the Lord's Prayer as a foundational framework to help individuals unpack different ways of engaging with God. Feel free to contact Kirsteen Say 07941 480917 or Sarah Sewell 07746 070443 or just come along. Everyone welcome!!

TEA CAKE & CHAT Monday 19 October All Saints' Church Hall - 3.00-4.15pm. Come along to enjoy conversation and home-made cake; why not bring a friend. Lifts can be provided - please contact Chris Powell on 01582 764930 or on pastoralcare@parishofharpenden.org.

GRUESOME TALES IN THE GRAVEYARD Saturday 31 October at 9pm at St Nicholas' Church. Wrap up warm and gather round the fire as we tell Biblical stories of ghosts, mysteries and the undead. For Ages 12 plus, £5 per person. Tickets available [here](#)

CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS PARISH SERVICE Thursday 29 October at 2.15pm St Nicholas' Church. Please come along, whether a grandparent or not, to give thanks and reflect on this important role. Please join us for refreshments in the church hall after the service. Mothers' Union will be selling good value and good quality greetings cards.

ALL SOULS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING for those we love who have died will be held on Saturday, 31 October, 3pm, St Nicholas' Church. Refreshments will be provided following the service. If you'd like a name to be remembered, please sign the sheet at the back of our churches.

PARENTING UNDER PRESSURE An event to give parents some insight into the teenage brain and practical tools to help support their young person through exam season. It is on Thursday 22 October at Verso Vineyard Church, St Albans AL1 5UG with a 7.30pm start. Register via stephanie@stepschoolswork.org.uk Suggested donation £5 on the door.

ST ALBANS & DISTRICT TALKING NEWS A free weekly recording of news from the local press plus features, interviews and more. Online or delivered free by Royal Mail. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in our free service, please contact us on 01727 648878 or sadtn.info@gmail.com More information on www.sadtn.org.uk Leaflets are available just inside St Nicholas' Church.

PARISH GIVING If you do not already make a regular donation to the Parish, please consider doing so. It is now easier than ever to set up a Direct Debit with The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Follow this link <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/harpenden-st-nicholas-st-albans/> or simply scan the QR code from your mobile device. Any queries can be sent to Claire Petevinos: giving.recorder@parishofharpenden.org.



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. *Please note:*

- *The School requires church attendance at least once per calendar month for each of the 24 months prior to the date of application for a school place.*
- *St George's School Governors set the admissions policy, not the Church. Queries about the policy or the process, or about your child's application, should be addressed to the admissions team at the School.*
- *It is parents' responsibility to check the admissions requirements and ensure they meet them*

To ensure we can give this reference, a Record of Attendance should be completed for 2 years prior to date of application (i.e. during school Years 4 and 5). You can pick up a blank copy from any of our three churches. 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.

CLERGY AND MINISTERS CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE ON 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.

St Nicholas' Church Notices

MUSIC

9:30am The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

Setting Thorne – Mass of St Thomas

Hymns 589 The King of love my shepherd is, 482 Jerusalem the golden with milk and honey blest, 453 Great is thy faithfulness

Anthem Bainton – And I saw a new heaven



No Choral Evensong this evening as there is a Deanery Evensong at 5pm at St John The Baptist, Markyate. Everyone welcome.

OUR 9.30AM SERVICE IS NORMALLY LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK (and is available as a recorded service afterwards). We are a public page, and you do not have to sign up to Facebook to access, just keep saying no to joining until you get to the page (<https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden>). Any problems, do contact us.

MORE HELPERS WANTED FOR TODDLER TIME Wednesday mornings termtime 9am – 11am. If you would like to visit to see what goes on for yourself, you would be very welcome. Please contact the parish office if you may be able to help.

BIKE AND HIKE Many thanks to all of you who sponsored Jane and James Johnson for the Bike and Hike this year, in aid of the Historic Churches Trust and St Nicholas church. They raised £630 and would like to thank everyone especially the anonymous donations, whom they have not been able to thank in person. Further details and pictures at [Jane Johnson is fundraising for Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust](#).

MORNING PRAISE OCTOBER There are cards at the back of church with details of services in October. We will explore a dynamic picture Jesus used to describe what he offers. On Sunday 18 October, we welcome His Hon David Turner KC, an excellent and experienced Christian speaker and preacher. A good Sunday to invite others to come along to this less formal contemporary service, '*engaging for young people, with depth for adults*'. The service would be ideal for people who are just curious about spiritual life as well as people who want to know more about Jesus Christ and his relevance to life today.

MISSION ACTION PLANNING AT ST NICHOLAS' We will shortly begin drawing up a new plan for St Nicholas', setting out priorities and hopes for the next 18-24 months as we seek to offer 'welcome, worship, nourishment and service of the town, shaped by the love and call of Jesus Christ'. If you would like to be part of this process - probably a small number of meetings during October - please contact the Rector.

All Saints' Church Notices

Emergency Prayer Chain jenny.britt@yahoo.com



SAVE THE DATE - ALL SAINTS' DAY IS SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER We will have a hot lunch together after a special service that day. Please save the date and look out for more details.

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION 20 October

11AM SERVICE ON FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH From November, there will be only one service on the first Sunday of each month. This will be our 'First Sunday' service which has shown growth in numbers over the last year.

SIMPLY WORSHIP SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER Revd Patrick Moriarty is leading Simply Worship in October, Rachel Beagent will be helping with the craft activity, but Jenny Goulding will be away. If anyone could help with this service as welcomers please let the Parish Office know thank you.

MORNING PRAYER There will be no services of morning prayer during October. We will advise in the Missive and also the pew leaflet when the services will recommence.

THANK YOU to the very many people who helped make Sally's Farewell Celebration last Sunday a wonderful afternoon. We could not have done it without you! The organising team.

SERVICES DURING THE VACANCY Our Sunday morning 9.30am, twice monthly Tuesday morning communions, monthly Homedell communion and monthly Simply Worship services will all run as usual during the vacancy. Where necessary visiting clergy have been booked up to and including Christmas services. Bishop Jane will be leading our worship on 17 January 2027.



What's on this Week

Wednesday 14 October

- 9am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas'
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

Thursday 15 October

- 10am Holy Communion at All Saints'

Sunday 18 October – Luke The Evangelist

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- 4:30pm **Simply Worship at St Mary's**
Leader – Revd Patrick Moriarty; Speaker - Rachel Beagent
- 6.30pm **Choral Evensong at St Nicholas'**
- Readings** Isaiah 35. 3-6 2 Timothy 4. 5-17 Luke 10. 1-9