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Sunday 1 November 2026
All Saints Day

Services in the Parish

8.00am **Holy Communion** *at St Nicholas'*
President & Preacher – Rev Patrick Moriarty

9.30am **Sung Eucharist** *at St Nicholas'*
President & Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty
Live streamed on facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden

9.30am **First Sunday** *at St Mary's*
Leader - Revd Nick Goulding; Speaker - Jenny Goulding
Live streamed on facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen

10.00am **Holy Communion** *at All Saints*
President – Revd James Brown; Preacher – Revd Mark Rodel
Zoom details available in the weekly pew leaflet email

11.30am **Morning Praise** *at St Nicholas'*
Led by Jane Parker; Preacher - Revd Michael Parker

4.30pm **Simply Worship** *at St Nicholas'* – Revd Mark Rodel

6.30pm **Evening Prayer** *at St Nicholas'* - (No Choral Evensong)

Contact Details

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You can find more information on our website - ***www.parishofharpenden.org***

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK : *MON to FRI 10AM TO 2PM*

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

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

ADDITIONAL COLLECT

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Revelation 7. 9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

SECOND READING 1 John 3. 1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

PSALM 34. 1-10



I will bless the ‘ Lord at ‘ all times; ◊ his praise shall ‘ ever be ‘ in my ‘ mouth.
My soul shall glory ‘ in the ‘ Lord; ◊ let the ‘ humble ‘ hear and be ‘ glad.
O magnify the ‘ Lord with ‘ me; ◊ let us ex’alt his ‘ name to’gether.
I sought the Lord ‘ and he ‘ answered me ◊ and de’livered me from ‘ all my ‘ fears.
Look upon him ‘ and be ‘ radiant ◊ and your faces ‘ shall not ‘ be a’shamed.
This poor soul cried, and the ‘ Lord ‘ heard me ◊ and ‘ saved me from ‘ all my ‘ troubles.
The angel ‘ of the ‘ Lord ◊ encamps around those who ‘ fear him ‘ and de’livers them.
O taste and see that the ‘ Lord is ‘ gracious; ◊ blessed is the ‘ one who ‘ trusts in ‘ him.
Fear the Lord, all ‘ you his ‘ holy ones, ◊ for those who ‘ fear him ‘ lack ‘ nothing.
Lions may lack and ‘ suffer ‘ hunger, ◊ but those who seek the Lord lack ‘ nothing ‘ that is ‘ good.

GOSPEL Matthew 5.1–12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan Topic for the Week: Making new disciples: For courage too speak of our faith

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

The Recently Departed: Loretta Ramswell, Nita Cragg, Angela Thomas

Parish Notices

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.

TUESDAY BIBLE GROUP in St Nicholas' church hall, coffee served from 2.15pm. The next set of dates are Tuesday 10 November, Tuesday 24 November and Tuesday 8 December. 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!!

TOWNSEND CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL is currently consulting on proposed changes to its Admission Arrangements for the 2028/29 academic year. Further information, consultation documents and the online response forms can be found on their website: Admissions Arrangements Consultation 2028/29

MORE HELPERS WANTED FOR TODDLER TIME AT ST NICHOLAS' Wednesday mornings term time 9 - 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.

MOTHERS UNION - THE TRAVELLING CRIB Will be making its way around the Parish, stopping at a new home each night, from Advent Sunday, 29 November, until Christmas Eve. Overnight resting places required for our child-friendly, knitted Mary, Joseph and Donkey! All ages/groups are welcome to host. Please contact Pamela Woodford-Smith, Tel.764368, pamelaws@btinternet.com; or Emily Taylor emilykatytaylor@gmail.com; or St. Nicholas' Parish Office.

PARISH GIVING If you **do not** already make a regular donation to the Parish, please consider doing so. It is easier than ever to set up a Direct Debit with The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).

Scan the QR code from your mobile or follow this link:

www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/harpenden-st-nicholas-st-albans

Any queries can be sent to Claire Petevinos: giving.recorder@parishofharpenden.org

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CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL The traditional craft stall returns to St Nicholas' Church this year as always - but in a slightly different way. **Preserves** will be on sale at Cornelia's on 25, 27, 28 November (normal opening hours) and between the 9.30 and 11.30am services on 29 November. **Craft items** will be on sale at Cornelia's on 5 and 12 December (accompanied by the Brass Band) and between 9.30 and 11.30am services on 6 and 12 December. The stall is a true Harpenden institution, offering products made with love and skill, and run by John & Ann Harper and Neil & Margaret Hewitt. Proceeds are split 50/50 between the Church and the Cornelia's charities. Please put the dates in your diary and come and support!

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 YOU AND FOR THE PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you have anyone you would like to add to the prayer list, contact the Parish Office or one of the clergy.

St Nicholas Church Notices

www.stnicholasharpenden.org



TODAY'S MUSIC

9:30am **Parish Eucharist**

Gradual: 277 All for Jesus, all for Jesus
Setting: Thorne - Mass of St Thomas
Hymns: 383 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, 232 For all the saints, 467 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

6.30pm **Evening Prayer** at St Nicholas **(No Choral Evensong)**

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 facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden. If you have any problems, do contact us.

MORNING PRAISE OCTOBER There are cards at the back of church with details of services in November.

SIMPLY WORSHIP AT ST NICHOLAS' – SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 4.30PM There is a Simply Worship service on Sunday 1 November at 4.30pm at St Nicholas' to celebrate All Saints' Day. The service is suitable for all ages and there will be a craft activity for children. Newcomers are always warmly welcome. Stamping of St George's passports will take place after the service in Cornelia's Café in the church hall.

ST NICHOLAS' SUNDAY CLUB A reminder that the 9.30am St Nicholas Sunday Club, for primary school age children, takes a break for half term. We will not run on Sunday 25 October or Sunday 1 November, returning on Sunday 8 November.

All Saints Church Notices



www.allsaintsharpenden.org

Emergency Prayer Chain - jenny.britt@yahoo.com

CHANGE OF SERVICES We will having an additional Holy Communion this month as this Sunday, which would normally be a Worship Service is All Saints Day. We are joined by our guest preacher Revd Mark Rodel and the service will be followed by lunch.

FUNERAL – LORETTA RAMSWELL Everyone is welcome to attend the funeral of the late Loretta Ramswell on Monday 9 November at 11am.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP The bible study group will restart from Monday 16 November at 2.30pm in the Gordon Facer room for a period of 5 weeks. All are welcome.

St Mary's Church Notices



www.stmarysharpenden.org

SERVICE ON FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH From November, there will be only one service on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30am. This will be our 'First Sunday' service.

MORNING PRAYER There will be **no** services of morning prayer currently at St Mary's. We will advise in the Missive and also the pew leaflet when the services will recommence.

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

Tuesday 3 November

10.00am **Holy Communion** *at St Mary's*

Wednesday 4 November

9.00am **Morning Prayer** *at St Nicholas'*

10.30am **Holy Communion** *at St Nicholas'*

Thursday 5 November

10.00am **Holy Communion** *at All Saints'*

Saturday 7 November

10.30am **Holy Communion** *at St Nicholas'*

Sunday 8 November Remembrance Sunday

8.00am **Holy Communion** *at St Nicholas'*
President & Preacher – Rev Patrick Moriarty

9.30am **Sung Eucharist** *at St Nicholas'*
President - Revd Michael Parker
Live streamed on facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden

9.30am **Family Communion** *at St Mary's*
President: Revd Patrick Moriarty; Preacher – Geoff Payne
Live streamed on facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen

10.00am **Holy Communion** *at All Saints*
President & Preacher – Revd James Brown
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10.45am **Ecumenical Remembrance Service on Church Green**

11.30am **Morning Praise** *at St Nicholas'*
Leader - Revd Michael Parker; Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty

3.00pm **Holy Baptisms** *at St Nicholas'*: Archie Peter Beardon, Isla Emilia McKenzie

6.30pm **Choral Evensong** *at St Nicholas'*

Readings

Wisdom 6.12-16
1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
Matthew 25.1-13