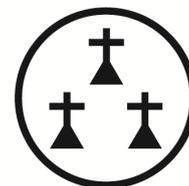


We are an inclusive church, called to be
caring, loving and welcoming to all.

Parish of
Harpenden



The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

12 September 2021

Services in the Parish

- 8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas**
Preacher & President - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas Church ;**
Live streamed on [facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)
You can also join by telephone: 02034815240, enter ID#: 81402722773,
followed by # (no password needed).
President & Preacher - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
Followed by coffee served from Cornelia's—weather permitting
- 9.30am **Holy Communion at St Mary's**
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
Also accessible via parish website or email sent to St Mary's Members
- 10.00am **Season of Creation at All Saints' Church and on Zoom**
Revd. James leads us and Tony Gilbert preaches as we consider the place of
lament in relation to the climate crisis.
Join via Zoom [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9844516010?
pwd=M0xpcCtURVlaRndQaDMvWWJmbnllQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9844516010?pwd=M0xpcCtURVlaRndQaDMvWWJmbnllQT09)
Please use a recognisable name so you can be let in from the waiting room.
(Password: Repentance)
Or join on the phone 0203 481 5237 (Meeting ID: 984 451 6010,
Passcode: 4765351845)
- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas:** speaker - Katherine Crew
- 3.00pm **Civic Service in St Nicholas' Church**
No Choral Evensong at St Nicholas

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.*

Please contact the parish office on :
01582 765524, office@parishofharpenden.org
You can also find information on www.parityofharpenden.org



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

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

ADDITIONAL COLLECT.

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Isaiah 50.4–9a

The servant of the Lord said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

SECOND READING James 3.1–12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

PSALM 116.1-8



I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my `suppli`cation; ♦ because he inclined his ear to me on the `day I ` called to ` him.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of ` hell took ` hold of me; ♦ by grief and ` sorrow ` was I ` held.

Then I called upon the ` name . of the ` Lord: ♦ `O Lord, I ` beg you, de`liver my ` soul.'

Gracious is the ` Lord and ` righteous; ♦ our ` God is ` full of com`passion.

The Lord watches ` over the ` simple; ♦ I was brought very ` low ` and he ` saved me.

Turn again to your rest, ` O my ` soul, ♦ for the ` Lord . has been ` gracious to ` you. For you have delivered my ` soul from ` death, ♦ my eyes from ` tears . and my ` feet from ` falling.

I will walk be`fore the ` Lord ♦ in the ` land ` of the `living.

Glory to the Father and ` to the ` Son: ♦ and ` to the ` Holy ` Spirit; as it was in the be`ginning is ` now :♦ and shall be for ` ever. `A `men.

GOSPEL Mark 8.27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. ♦

POST COMMUNION

Keep O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful. And lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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

The Sick: Joy Allcock, Chris Lee, Ray Huggard, Alan Fox, Brad Burrow, Christopher Grenside, Ruth

The Recently Departed:

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.

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COMING BACK TO CHURCH SAFELY in our THREE CHURCHES: *There are many members, yet one body... if one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.* (1 Corinthians 12) With the lifting of covid restrictions we are delighted to be singing together in church again. However, we still have a duty to care for one another by limiting transmission with reasonable practices. Our online service streaming will continue for those joining from home. And while we cannot require it, we strongly encourage those coming to the church building to continue to wear face masks and maintain sensible spacing as we worship together. Hand sanitiser will be available as well.

DAILY PRAYER-MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER IN THE PARISH FROM SEPTEMBER. Here is our pattern and you are welcome to join us in church for these services of prayer. Monday, 9.15am at All Saints; 5pm at St Nicholas. Tuesday, 9am at St Mary's; 5pm at St Mary's. Wednesday, 9am at St Nicholas; 5pm at St Nicholas. Thursday, 9am at All Saints; 5pm at All Saints. Services on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday can be watched online on the respective church's Facebook page.

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



TEXT GIVING is a simple, quick and convenient way to give on a one-off or occasional basis. 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.

THE NEXT PARISH FIRST COMMUNION COURSE for children who will be over 7 years old before 1 September will commence on Sunday 26 September. If you have not received an invitation and your child would like to attend please contact the Parish Office for details and an application form. Please approach a member of the clergy team if you would like more information. All application forms must be completed and returned to the Parish Office by **Friday 17 September**.

LINK MAGAZINE-Editor Needed: We thank Perry and Sujata for their excellent time as editors of LINK. As they step down, anyone interested in becoming editor, please contact the Parish Office or the Rector.

REQUEST FOR FOODBANK DONATIONS: Please leave your contributions at St Nicholas in the green crates next to the font, or in the porch, when church is open for services or private prayer. They will be collected for delivery to Salvation Army and FEED at the Vineyard Church as usual. Donations are still very much needed and your contributions are gratefully received. Thank you.

CORNELIA'S CAFÉ – opening hours are Wednesdays & Saturdays, 10am till noon both days. Fridays 8.45am till noon. We will remain well ventilated with doors and windows open, and the majority of our seating is in the beautiful garden. Hand sanitiser is provided and face coverings are encouraged whilst ordering.

CORNELIA'S VOLUNTEERS – we are in the process of pulling together our volunteer schedule for the next academic year, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday mornings. If you would like to join the team, please email rachaelthrelfall@btinternet.com. Volunteers work in pairs, and help just one morning a month. It is an excellent way of meeting new people, and a very pleasant way to spend a morning.

FANCY AN HOUR READING PEACEFULLY? Join church watch! Once a month, for an hour, call Vickie Paczek, 07968 089165. For the wonderful people still on the rota, the new rotas are either coming out on email, or there is a hard copy in the Parish Office. For those thinking of joining us, and those who are on the rota, and really anyone connected or who would like to be, come for a coffee, 1 Moreton Place AL5 3UF on **Wednesday 15th September**, 10.00am-12noon. Let me know if you are coming, 07968 089165.

LATERAL FLOW TEST KITS: We are trialling distributing test kits, which are now available at all three of our churches. Please help yourself from the back of church or contact the parish office.

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION IN THE PARISH FROM SEPTEMBER. First and Third Tuesdays of the month, 10am, at St Mary's, Book of Common Prayer. Every Wednesday and Saturday, 10.30am, St Nicholas. First and Third Thursdays of the month, 10am, at All Saints. Everyone welcome.

RECORD OF CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL

APPLICATION: Please remember to bring your 'passport' to church and get it stamped at least one Sunday a month, starting from September. Children in Year 6 will need a stamp for September. You can pick up a new copy of the passport from the back of church. See following page for general notice re applications to St George's.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

MONDAY- FRIDAY

SATURDAYS (manned by volunteers)

10.00am-2.00pm

..... 9.30am-11.30am

St Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC TODAY

10.00am Holy Communion

Setting: Thorne
Hymns: 578 Stand up, stand up for Jesus; 398 Christ triumphant
558 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Anthem: Tu es Petrus (Pearsall)

ST NICHOLAS – ONLINE SERVICE is on FACEBOOK: All online services will be live streamed on Facebook (and available as recorded afterwards). You DO NOT NEED to be signed up to Facebook to watch. We are a public Fb page. Here is our link that takes you directly to the page. <https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden> Any problems, please do contact us.

THOSE WORSHIPPING AT HOME (St Nicholas): If you will be worshipping regularly at home, you might wish to obtain hymn book (contact us if we can help) and have the worship booklet. We are happy to send you the worship booklet either by email or post a hard copy to you-contact the parish office for this.

SUNDAY COFFEE: Now coffee after the 9.30am service is resuming, we need more people prepared to help with this. Please contact Jean McIntosh on 761362 if you could volunteer.

9.30 SUNDAY CLUB follows the Scripture Union syllabus with a variety of activities planned each week for school years reception through to year 6. Please drop your child at the church hall at 9.25am; they will re-join their families in church prior to Holy Communion. At the end of the service, children in years 4 & 5, should get their passport stamped at the 'Welcome Table' if planning to apply to St George's school; year 6 also need a stamp for September. Sunday Club will run on the following dates this term: 5, 12 & 19 September, 3 & 10 October, 7, 14 & 28 November, 5 & 12 (with Christmas crafts) December. We look forward to welcoming your children.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with periodic changing of the Altar Cloths. If interested, please contact Andrea Stranders by email at: andreastranders@hotmail.com

I HAVE SIGNED UP TO CYCLE this Saturday for our local Historic Churches Trust. Rhodri and I will start from St Nicholas and hope to cycle as far as Ware, via Welwyn and Hertford – ticking off churches as we go. If you would like to support and sponsor us please go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Vicky-Platt3>

I promise a photographic account to all sponsors!

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.

To ensure this can be given, a Record of Attendance should be completed for 2 years before application. 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.

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

HOME COMMUNION: If you would value receiving Home Communion from either James or Pauline, then please get in touch and we can arrange to do so. We will of course continue to take Covid19 very seriously but would love to offer this ministry. Please contact James on 01582 363789 or associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org

SEASON OF CREATION : Each Sunday throughout September, we will join many around the world in celebrating this season to consider God's creation and our place within it. There will be special services to explore this theme, which will culminate in Harvest Festival on the final Sunday in September.

SUNDAY CLUB STARTS AGAIN - 19TH SEPTEMBER: Our Sunday morning children's groups will restart on 19th September . Children and teenagers of all ages welcome to come and explore faith with stories and activities specific to their age groups. We will continue to send activities for those joining via Zoom but look forward to being together in the building too.

BUSY BUNNIES TODDLER GROUP : This friendly and welcoming toddler group has begun again. We will be open in the All Saints' hall every Thursday in term time , 9.30am-11.30am. Small donations taken. Please pass on the news to any with pre-school aged children who might like to join.

St Mary's Church Notices



COFFEE (ETC) will be available after the 9.30am Sunday morning service.

TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION: 21st September .

9.30 EXPLORERS ACTIVITIES: Activities for children are now up and running as part of our 9.30 am service. On the first Sunday of the month, children stay in church so that we can all worship together. On all other Sundays the children are in church for the beginning of the service and then have their own activities and prayers, rejoining us to receive communion or a blessing.

HARVEST PICNIC AND QUIZ SHEET: We celebrate Harvest on Sunday 26th September, at our 9.30am service. We will then gather at 12 noon for a picnic, do bring your own food and a cup or glass, join us outside on the grass. Drinks will be provided. A quiz sheet will be available to raise funds for Jeel-al Amal.



What's on This Week

Tuesday 14 September

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's; also live-streamed on St Mary's facebook page

A link to recorded service of Evening Prayer will be posted on St Mary's facebook page

Wednesday 15 September

A link to recorded service of Morning Prayer will be posted on St Nicholas facebook page

9.00-10.30am Toddler Group in St Nicholas' Church Hall

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas' Open for private prayer 10-11.30am

A link to recorded service of Evening Prayer will be posted on St Nicholas facebook page

Thursday 16

9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints; also live streamed on facebook.com/pg/allsaintsharpenden

9.30-11.30am Busy Bunnies in All Saints' Church Hall

10.00am Holy Communion in All Saints' Church

5.00pm Evening Prayer at All Saints; also live streamed on All Saints' facebook page

Saturday 18

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

Sunday 19 September **The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas**
President - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps; Preacher - Brenda Marshall (Reader)

9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas**
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9.30am **Holy Communion at St Mary's**
President - Revd Nick Goulding; Preacher—Richard Hurst (LLW)
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
Also accessible via parish website or email sent to St Mary's Members

10.00am **Holy Communion in Creation Season at All Saints' and on Zoom**
President - Revd Iain Lane; Preacher - Pauline Gilbert (Reader)

11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas;** speaker - Liz de Jong

4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Mary's** led by Jenny Goulding & Revd Sally Goodson

6.30pm **Choral Evensong at St Nicholas**

Readings:

ISAIAH 50 4-9A

JAMES 3.1-12

MARK 8.27-38