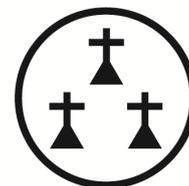


We are an inclusive church, called to be caring, loving and welcoming to all.

Parish of
Harpenden



Harvest Thanksgiving 26 September 2021

Services in the Parish

- 8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas**
President & Preacher- Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
- 9.30am **All Age Eucharist at St Nicholas**
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- 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 **Creation Season Worship Service at All Saints' and on Zoom**
leader - Pauline Gilbert; Preacher - Jacquie Hibbert (Reader)
See All Saints' Church Notices for details on joining via Zoom or telephone
- 11.30am **Morning Praise with Holy Communion at St Nicholas**
- 6.30pm **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
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Collects, Readings, Psalm, Gospel and Post-Communion Prayer

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 for ever.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain* for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6.6-10

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: *Transforming Communities:* the work of the Probation Service

Those being baptised at St Nicholas: Matilda Edwards, Milo Baynham-Herd, Oliver Wood

Those getting married at St Nicholas: Hannah Keen & Luke Annan; Luke Allen Moon & Natalie Helneder

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

The Recently Departed:

PSALM 23 with responses

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my | shepherd: therefore can I | lack | nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green | pastures : and leads me be|side still | waters. **R**

3 He shall refresh my | soul :and guide me in the paths of righteousness | for his | name's sake.

4 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. **R**

5 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.

6 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. **R**

GOSPEL Matthew 6.25-33

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, 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, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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

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.

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.

HARVEST in OUR PARISH, Sunday 26th September: Please bring your non-perishable goods to donate to our local foodbanks and to some of our families. We can also use toiletries. We will have a retiring offering for the Bishop's Appeal: Water is Life (for the Democratic Republic of the Congo).

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.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

MONDAY- FRIDAY

SATURDAYS (manned by volunteers)

10.00am-2.00pm

..... 9.30am-11.30am

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY QUIZ – SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 7PM FOR 7.30PM: We are delighted to announce that we are planning to go ahead with the Children's Society Quiz for 2021 in St Nicholas' Church Hall. However, because of Covid guidance and with due concern for everyone's safety and enjoyment, we are restricting numbers to 8 tables with teams of 6 people. No food will be provided but you are very welcome to bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. This year the ticket price will be £15 which includes £5 worth of raffle tickets. All this is subject to sufficient interest but we would love to see you there! Please contact either 01582 460100 or 01582 762284.

CLERGY REFERENCES (CHURCH FORMS) FOR APPLICATIONS TO ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL FOR ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2022: 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@parishofharpenden.org) **by Monday 4 October 2021:**

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 4 October 2021 and may be collected from the parish office by parents/guardians on **Friday 8 October 2021 between 10.00 and 12.00 noon**. Please contact the parish office by email at office@parishofharpenden.org or on telephone number 01582 765524 if you have any queries or difficulties in sending documents by email.

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. For applications this year (children in year 6) a record of attendance in September 2021 is required, so please bring your attendance record to a service for stamping if you have not already done so.

St Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC TODAY

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Setting: Scarborough Fair

Hymns: 270 Come ye thankful people, come 254 For the fruits of his creation
275 We plough the fields and scatter

Anthem: Thou visitest the earth (Greene)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Introit: Fair waved the golden corn

Responses: Rose

Setting: Sumsion A

Anthem: The heavens are telling (Haydn)

ST NICHOLAS – ONLINE SERVICE is on FACEBOOK: Online services will normally 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.

Due to image consent concerns and related matters, we will NOT be live streaming the 9.30am All-Age Harvest Service this week. There will be a link to a national live streamed service on our social media.

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

St Mary's Church Notices



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

TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION: 5th & 19th October.

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.

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

DETAILS FOR JOINING 10AM HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE BY COMPUTER:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9844516010?pwd=czhodStsdyszTERvL3FTcUdnT2dsdz09>

or <https://zoom.us> and enter the meeting ID and password as below.

JOIN BY ZOOM APP (smartphone or tablet):

Meeting ID: 984 451 6010

Password (case sensitive): HarvestJoy

JOIN BY PHONE:

Dial any of these London numbers (your usual call charges apply):

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0203 901 7895

When asked for Meeting ID, press 984 451 6010 followed by #

When asked for Participant ID just press #

When asked for Password, press 0726 491 862 followed by #

SEASON OF CREATION : 26th September is the culmination of our celebration of this season to consider God's creation with our Harvest Festival. Please bring non-perishable gifts which will be passed on to 'The Kings' Pantry' - the food bank run jointly by the Salvation Army and Bethany Church. There will also be a retiring collection for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal—'Water' to benefit people in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

SUNDAY CLUB Our Sunday morning children's groups have now restarted. 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 are pleased to be together in the building too.



What's on This Week

Monday 27 September

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Tuesday 28 September

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

5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Mary's; also live-streamed on St Mary's facebook page

Wednesday 29 September St Michael and All Angels

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas; also live-streamed 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

5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas; also live-streamed on St Nicholas facebook page

Thursday 30

A link to a recorded service of Morning Prayer will be posted on [facebook.com/pg/allsaintsharpenden](https://www.facebook.com/pg/allsaintsharpenden)

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

3.00pm Funeral of Aymeric Jenkins at St Nicholas

A link to a recorded service of Evening Prayer will be posted on All Saints' facebook page

Saturday 2 October

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

Sunday 3 October **The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas**
President & Preacher- Revd Canon Dennis Stamps

9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas**
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9.30am **Family Worship at St Mary's**
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Also accessible via parish website or email sent to St Mary's Members

10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints' and on Zoom**
President- Revd James Brown; Preacher - Roy Mutlow (LMDT)

11.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Mary's**
President—Revd Sally Goodson

11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas;** speaker - Sarah Crew

4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Nicholas**

6.30pm **Choral Evensong at St Nicholas**

Readings:

GENESIS 2 18-24

HEBREWS 1.1-4, 2.5-12

MARK 10.2-16