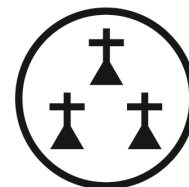


We are an inclusive church, called to be caring, loving and welcoming to all.

Parish of Harpenden



Christ the King 21 November 2021 Services in the Parish

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- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas'**; leader - Chris Powell; preacher - Christie Monson
- 4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Mary's** led by Revd Sally Goodson & Jenny Goulding
- 6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

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.parishofharpenden.org

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

MONDAY- FRIDAY
SATURDAYS (manned by volunteers)

10.00am-2.00pm
9.30am-11.30am



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

COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the church in the unity of Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

FIRST READING Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

SECOND READING Revelation 1.4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: Making New Disciples: parents teaching their children to pray

The Sick: Chris Lee, Alan Fox, Brad Burrow,

The Recently Departed: Egon Catterfeld, Angela Coleman, Harold Gill, Edna Harris, Christopher Grenside, Iris Kenningham, Andrew Oglivie, James Steele, Christine Wright

First Anniversary of Death: Michael Ouston, Betty Russell



PSALM 93

The musical score for Psalm 93 is presented in two systems. The first system includes a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es." A "link to verses" text is located to the right of the lyrics. The second system continues the piano accompaniment.

The Lord is king and has put on glorious ap/parel; the Lord has put on his glory and girded him/self with / strength.

He has made the whole world so / sure that it / cannot be / moved. **R**

Your throne has been established from of / old; you are from / everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their / voice; the floods lift up their / pounding / waves. **R**

Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the / sea, the Lord on / high is /mightier.

Your testimonies are very / sure; holiness adorns your house, O / Lord, for/ever. **R**

GOSPEL John 18.33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

POST COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously brining forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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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.

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.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED LEAVING A LEGACY IN YOUR WILL? Each year our churches benefit by donations left to us by legacies. If you might be able to leave a legacy in your will, please pick up a leaflet at the back of church to help you do this (available soon). Or contact the parish office to have them send you a leaflet.

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.

RED CURRANT JELLY is available to buy in aid of parish funds. Prices from £2 - £3 per jar. Please contact Hilary Hunter 761711. I'm happy to deliver.

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.

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.

ST NICHOLAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL is holding Open Days for those applying for a reception place starting in September 2022. You are most welcome to attend on the dates below. We will be providing school tours as well as a question and answer session at the end. Please contact the school office on 01582 623620 or email admin@stnicholasce.org to book a place for the tour on Saturday 11th December at 10.00am

FREE LOCAL CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY FOR THE ELDERLY: Harpenden District Cubs are delighted to once again offer a free Christmas card delivery service for the elderly in 2021. This service allows elderly residents to post cards to others in Harpenden, Batford and Redbourn only. The post boxes will be available from Sunday 7 November until Thursday 9 December in the Parish Office, St Mary's Church and All Saints' Church. Please contact Jackie Agg (769680) if you have any questions.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: The annual Christingle service organised by the Harpenden Committee of The Children's Society will take place at St Nicholas' Church on Sunday 5th December at 4.30 pm. The service is for children of all ages and their parents and carers. Each child will receive a Christingle, which is an orange, decorated with sweets, dried fruit, red ribbon and a candle. The Children's Society is a national charity that runs local projects helping children and young people when they are at their most vulnerable and have nowhere left to turn. The service will last for approx. 50 minutes. Donations will be invited for the work of the charity.

ADVENT SERMONS at WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION, ST NICHOLAS CHURCH: Join us at 10.30am on Wednesdays in Advent for a series of sermon reflections for Advent. We'll be looking at characters for Advent: Elizabeth, Zachariah, Joseph and Mary.

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SHOP A number of people have been asking about the Cards for Good Causes Charity Christmas card shop that has run for many years at the URC in Vaughan Rd. I am sorry to say that the impact of covid restrictions means that it will not be possible to open the shop in Harpenden in 2021, and likewise it has not been possible to open in St Albans this year. Cards are available through the CfGC website www.cardsforcharity.co.uk where it is possible to search by Charity and/or type of card.
Helen Mellor

PICTURING ADVENT: Each Sunday afternoon of this season join Revd. James as we explore the themes of Advent in conversation with scripture and great works of art from across the centuries. 3pm-4pm Sunday 28th Nov, 5th, 12th, 19th Dec. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87309582749?pwd=NUZ6U0RrRG9nVk5CRi9USEd5ZmI5QT09>
Meeting ID: 873 0958 2749 / Passcode: 909530

SILENCE IN ADVENT: Advent is a time for watching and waiting and so please join us at All Saints' for a time of corporate silent prayer and meditation each Tuesday as we prepare for Christmas. **7.30pm on Tues 30th Nov, and 7th, 14th, 21st Dec.** Join in the building or on Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81624146800?pwd=TnlQKzJFTmRTQ1IYV0E1YVVuTTdjQT09> Meeting ID: 816 2414 6800 / Passcode: 920266

DAILY REFLECTIONS IN ADVENT FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND. Sign up at <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/heart-christmas-our-2021-advent-and-christmas>

St Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC TODAY

9.30am All Age Eucharist

Setting: Scarborough Fair

Hymns: We have a king who rides a donkey; 380 At the name of Jesus
601 Thou didst leave thy throne

Anthem: Panis Angelicus (Franck)

6.30pm: Choral Evensong

Responses: Darlington **Setting:** Dyson Cm

Anthem: Rejoice the Lord is King (Archer)

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 Facebook page. Here is our link that takes you directly to the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden> Any problems, please do contact us.

THE 9.30 SERVICE NEEDS A FEW MORE SERVERS!!: Would you like to help with our worship by being a server. We need any one from 11 to 12 years old and older: NO AGE LIMIT. Training given. You are on a rota so usually only once a month or so. Contact Neil Hewitt or Parish Office.

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.

SAVE THE DATE – OUR POPULAR ST NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FAYRE will be returning on Saturday 11th December 10am till 1pm. Everyone is invited. The Church will be beautifully decorated, there will be lots of Carols, festive stalls and a breakfast café. If you would like to run a stall and have not already spoken to Rachael, please email rachaelthrelfall@btinternet.com And we will need lots of help to set up the Festival on the Friday afternoon 1.30pm till 3pm (straight after Soup and Carols). Please come and join in, your help and support would be very welcome.

St Mary's Church Notices



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

TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION: 7th and 21st December– (sorry, there won't be coffee after the service on the 21st)

ST MARY'S MISSIVE: please let Jenny Clark know by 8th December of any notices and dates for the January missive.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP: next meeting on 23rd November at 2.30pm - a talk connected with stamps. The following meeting will be on 14th December for cake, mince pies and a Christmas activity.

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

COFFEE AFTER THE SERVICE We are now having coffee together in the hall after the service. We have planned various measures to keep this as Covid safe as we can. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the team who prepare the drinks each week then please send a message to Elizabeth Card
<elizabethcard@btinternet.com>

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS:

Our plans for Advent and Christmas are coming together. A full list of activities will be available soon but for now here are some ways you can help out contribute to this special time of year. Please contact James
at associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org if you can help.

ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR This year we will be sharing reflections on Christmas / Advent songs or pieces of music that are meaningful to us. Please talk to James if you have a favourite that you would be happy to suggest and maybe even talk / write briefly about for our online calendar.

DELIVERING FLYERS Help us get the word out about our Christmas and Advent events by delivering flyers to your street / streets around you.

FIRE PIT We will be singing carols outside in the All Saints' garden on Wed 22nd Dec with mulled wine and marshmallows to toast. If you have access to a fire pit that we could borrow please be in touch.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY A special nativity scene will be travelling around the homes and schools of the area as we prepare for Christmas. If you would like to host the holy family in the month of December for a short visit, please contact Pauline at office@parishofharpenden.org



What's on This Week

Monday 22 November

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Tuesday 23

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 24

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

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

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

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

Thursday 25

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas and live-streamed on St Nicholas Facebook page

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

5.00pm Evening Prayer live-streamed on St Nicholas' facebook page

Saturday 27

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

Sunday 28 **The First Sunday of Advent**

8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas**
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10.00am **Morning Worship at All Saints' and on Zoom**
Leader - Philip Le Riche; Preacher - Roy Mutlow (LMDT)

11.30am **Morning Praise with Holy Communion at St Nicholas';**

2.00pm Holy Baptism at St Nicholas': William George Finnegan, Lucy Jillian Rose Belk

3.00pm Holy Baptism at St Nicholas': George Albert Brant

6.30pm **Advent Carol Service**

Readings:

JEREMIAH 33.14-16

1 THESSALONIANS 3.9-13

LUKE 21.25-36