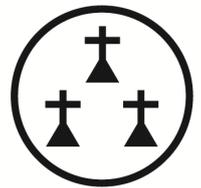


We are an inclusive church, called to be caring, loving and welcoming to all.

Parish of Harpenden



The Second Sunday of Epiphany

16 January 2022

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11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas'**

Leader - Suzanne Rose; Speaker - Pauline Gilbert (Reader)

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

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

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

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole of creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Isaiah 62.1–5

The LORD says this: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12.1–11

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Psalm 36.5-10



Your love, O Lord, reaches ' to the ' heavens ♦ and your ' faithfulness ' to the ' clouds.
Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice like the ' great ' deep; ♦ you,
Lord, shall ' save both ' man and ' beast.
How precious is your loving ' mercy, O ' God! ♦ All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the ' shadow ' of your ' wings.
They shall be satisfied with the abundance ' of your ' house; ♦ they shall drink from the ' river of ' your de'lights.
For with you is the ' well of ' life ♦ and in your ' light shall ' we see ' light.
O continue your loving-kindness to ' those who ' know you ♦ and your righteousness to ' those who are ' true of ' heart.

GOSPEL John 2.1-11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

POST COMMUNION

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: *Transforming communities: Street angels and street pastors*

The Sick: Chris Lee, Brad Burrow

The Recently Departed: Robert Bowman-Clarke, Doris Daniels, David Derby, Peggy Ives, Michael Clark

First Anniversary of Death: Phyllis Mottram

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.

● ● ● | Parish Notices

FACE MASKS ARE NOW LEGALLY REQUIRED IN ALL PLACES OF WORSHIP. We continue to maintain a duty of care for one another by various measures: sanitise hands entering and leaving, providing seating space for distancing when possible, provide online streaming for those wishing to join from home. Please help us by cooperating and respecting others. Thank you.

VERGERS NEEDED URGENTLY!! We provide a service at funerals and weddings which includes at least one verger, ideally two, to help with setting up the church as needed, greeting people, and with the sound. It is a fairly easy role to learn but very important; training offered. You are paid a small fee for each service. PLEASE, if you can help, contact the Parish Office ASAP.

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 is delighted to announce that it is able to **distribute £6,000 to the following charities.** This is a fantastic amount which will hopefully be well received by the charities. A huge thank you to all customers and volunteers.

- £500 Citizen's Advice Bureau (Harpenden)
- £1,000 The 267 Project
- £500 JUMP
- £500 STEP
- £1,000 Open Door (St Albans)
- £500 Orphans Know More
- £500 Rennie Grove Hospice
- £1,000 MIND in Mid Herts
- £500 Mercy Ships

CORNELIA'S CAFÉ is open Wednesday: 10-noon, Friday: 8.45-noon and Saturday 10-noon. All are welcome. Wrap up warm as we remain well ventilated with doors and windows open. We will monitor the Friday morning early starts and will decide whether to adjust to a 10am opening if the demand for the earlier session is not currently there from customers.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT GOD AND CHRISTIANITY? The **Alpha course** held at the High Street Methodist church is designed for people like you! It starts on **24th February** and has weekly sessions on Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9.15pm. Each week, after a meal you watch a 30 minute film then join a small group for discussion. All for no charge at all! (donations are welcome). You will meet people with a variety of backgrounds and beliefs, and hopefully find some answers in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Why not give it a try? For more information or to register interest go to highstreet.church/alpha

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.

CAN YOU HELP WITH HOUSING? Lucy Kileo, a member of All Saints church, is looking for assistance with accommodation in Harpenden. She works with YWAM and relies entirely upon peoples donations. Her current lodging is with somebody for whom she offers practical care in exchange for housing. This is coming to an end on January 22nd. In a new arrangement she would be able to make contributions to paying for utilities and help her host with some work. If you or anyone you know might be able to assist then please get in touch cindalk@gmail.com 07747431008.

St Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC TODAY

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Setting: Thorne

Hymns: 585 The church's one foundation; 418 Father, Lord of all creation;
474 Immortal, invisible

Anthem: Agnus Dei (Missa in Simplicitate - Langlais)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: Darlington

Setting: Bairstow Eb

Anthem: Brightest and Best (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.

COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 9.30AM EUCHARIST. At the moment we are not serving coffee after the service, because of Covid restrictions. We will need volunteers once we start again, so do offer your services to me and I will contact you when you are needed. Watch this space!! Jean McIntosh tel: 761362, email: jeanmcintosh10@virginmedia.com

SERVERS NEEDED for 9.30am service. We need a number of new volunteer servers to help with our 9.30am service to carry the cross (crucifer) and the candles (acolytes). There is a rota so you only serve occasionally. It is a small, but important part of our service. Young (generally 11+) and old (under 80) welcome to serve. Can you help? Contact Parish Office or Neil Hewitt.

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

BUSY BUNNIES CANCELLATION : Our toddler group will be starting later in the term than planned due to what our volunteers can manage in the current covid situation. We are going to keep an eye on things over the next week or two, reassess, and keep you up to date. We look forward to meeting with little ones later in the year!

DCC SECRETARY : All Saints' Church Council is looking for someone to help as its secretary to help by taking minutes and sending out communications for our meetings (approx 6 times a year) and assisting with our Annual District Church Meeting. You would not need to currently be on the DCC to take this on. If you think you might be able to help then please get in touch with James.

associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org

St Mary's Church Notices



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

TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION: 18th January

HALL BOOKINGS: Sue Grout is standing down from this role at Easter, having done a fantastic job. Our thanks to Sue for looking after our hirers and bookings really well.

We need a new volunteer to take on this role from Easter 2022 please. There is the opportunity to work alongside Sue for a while before she stands down.

For more details about this role, do contact Sue, or ask Sally.

COME TO BETHLEHEM: Thank you to all who loaned items for "Come and Visit Bethlehem". It was good to re-use, and re-purpose almost all of the props needed for this event. There are some items still to be collected, please do collect your items when you are at St Mary's. Thank you.



What's on This Week

Monday 17

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints

Tuesday 18 - **Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

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

10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's

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

Wednesday 19

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

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

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

Thursday 20

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

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Readings:

NEHEMIAH 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 CORINTHIANS 12.12-31A LUKE 4.14-21