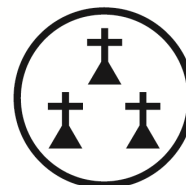


We are an inclusive church, called to be caring, loving and welcoming to all.

Parish of Harpenden



The Fifth Sunday of Easter 15 May 2022

Services in the Parish

- 8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
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- 9.30am **All Age Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
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President & Preacher - Revd Nick Goulding
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints' and on Zoom**
President - Revd James Brown; Preacher - Pauline Gilbert (Reader)
Followed by Annual District Church Meeting
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet or by request from associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org
- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas':** Theme—New Purpose (Philippians 1.12-30)
Leader - Vicky Platt; Speaker - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
- 4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Mary's** led by Jenny Goulding
- 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, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened us to the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING Genesis 22.1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.' The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

SECOND READING Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

PSALM 148. 1-6 (see Hymn sheet for music to be used at St Nicholas' 9.30am)

Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; ♦ praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels; ♦ praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; ♦ praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, ♦ and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, ♦ for he commanded and they were created.

He made them fast for ever and ever; ♦ he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

GOSPEL John 13.31-35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life; grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and forever.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: *Making new disciples: Café Church Groups*

The Sick: Brad Burrow, Andy Wesson, Maureen Randell

The Recently Departed: Eric Bannister, Pat Day, Chris Lee, David Kirby, Kathleen White, Canon Frances Briscoe

First Anniversary of Death:

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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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COACH TRIP TO THE CITY OF WELLS in Somerset on Saturday 30 July 2022. Our choirs from St Nicholas are singing the weekend services at Wells Cathedral. It will be a wonderful day out in Wells with plenty of free time and music at evensong led by our own choir. **The cost is only £30 per seat on the coach.** Leaving Harpenden 9.30 am, lunch and afternoon in Wells, leaving at 7pm after 5.15 evensong.

Please contact music@parishofharpenden.org ASAP if you would like to join us – **DEADLINE Tuesday 17 May**

SATURDAY 21ST MAY - BRAHMS REQUIEM - LEA SINGERS - ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, 7.30PM. The Lea Singers, including two members of our church choir, will be performing Brahms Requiem on 21st May at 7.30pm, at St Nicholas. It lasts just over an hour, and we are presenting it in the chamber version arranged by Brahms himself for two pianists sat at one piano. Tickets are available from the Parish Office. They cost £15 for adults and £5 for under-18s. Hope to see you at the concert. Anne-Marie.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE: 3pm on Sunday 22nd May at St Mary's, followed by tea. An opportunity to remember those who have died in the last two years, who may have had very small funerals during 2020 or 2021.

YOUTH GROUP SAS DATES. Please note the dates for our parish youth group this term. This group is for anyone in years 5-9, runs between 5-7pm on Sunday evenings, and meets in All Saints' church hall. The remaining dates this term are: 22 May, 5 June, 19 June, and 10 July.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) 23rd May, in Person and Zoom: This year it will be held at All Saint's Church. We elect our Parish Wardens, give a financial update, elect officers and members for the PCC, and have open questions from you. Direct link to join via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86009161151?pwd=ZHIObUdBa0JFYzZHZlJ5bCtib3ZMZz09>

Or browse to zoom.us and enter:

Meeting ID: 860 0916 1151

Passcode: STNAPCM22

PARISH CHURCH WARDENS: We elect these each year. We have two persons willing to stand again (Kevin Featherstone and Tim Linacre). If you would like to stand, please contact the Rector for a nomination form.

DEANERY ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – Thursday, 26th May, 8pm AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH (note change of venue). Bishop Michael Hertford is preaching. At this service the Rector will be installed as Rural Dean. The service will be live streamed on [facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden) Light refreshments afterwards. *Everyone in the Deanery is invited to attend.*

PLATINUM PRAISE: 5th June, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Harpenden Common (by the Public Halls) - an evening of Praise and Thanksgiving for our Queens Platinum Jubilee. Come and get involved. We are looking for volunteers for the following roles: **Choir members**- two rehearsals on the 15th & 29th May (Venue to be confirmed) **Readers** - There will be a couple of Bible reading during the event **Stewards/Marshals**- helping the flow of people onto and off the site and making sure things run smoothly and safely. **Manning the information table**- being a point of contact for the event team, and for lost property or lost children. Ideally you will have a current child DBS certificate **Stage assistant**- help ensure each participant is ready and assist them to safely access the stage. For any of the above roles contact John Swain at john.swain@bethanycc.org.uk or phone 07758 652941

WELCOME TO SARA HARVEY, NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Do welcome Sara when you come into the parish office. She began on Tuesday, 3rd May. She has previously been the Parish Administrator at two other churches. She lives in Luton. We are so pleased she has joined us.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEE CRISIS: OUR NEXT STEPS. Following the previous announcements, an information leaflet is now available, outlining how the Parish will support the new diocesan scheme. The leaflet sets out how you may offer help – with financial donations; accommodation; and/or supportive services. There is an application form for those offering accommodation and details of how you may register to offer support (available in Church & on the Parish website). A Parish Support Group has been created, with volunteers from each of our three churches, to aid this process. If you're interested in offering help, you may wish to discuss the matter with members of the Group. Members of the Group are: *St. Nicholas*: Chloe Cooper; Jen McGrandle; Michelle McCulloch; Jackie Agg; *All Saints*: Tony Gilbert; *St. Mary's*: Jacqueline Clayton; Kevin Featherstone, Maureen Lambourn

CORNELIA'S OPENING HOURS HAVE CHANGED to Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10am-noon, and 3-4pm on Wednesdays. Please come and **Eat cake for Charity, or just drink coffee!** With all profits going to charity, eating a cake and having a cuppa can support local and international causes. All are welcome, please join us in a very friendly environment.

TOTAL MONEY RAISED for the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike 'n Hike Ride was £102,669 in 2021. Congratulations to All Saints for raising over £1000, and to St Nicholas for raising over £500. Half the money comes back to the contributing church. This year's event is on Saturday 10th. September More details will follow in June

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.

SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2022 at 5PM - PLATINUM JUBILEE INFORMAL CONCERT by St Michael's Singers of Cambridge (and local friends) at St Nicholas' Church on Saturday 4th June 2022 at 5pm to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Come and enjoy glorious music from important milestone's in the Queen's life including her marriage to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, the Coronation Service and earlier Jubilee celebrations. A retiring collection will be taken in aid of charities including Awards for Young Musicians. For further details please contact Liz Cowan (07776 132197) elizabethcowan1@gmail.com

St Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC TODAY

9.30am

All Age Eucharist

Setting:

Scarborough Fair

Hymns:

There is a redeemer; 380 At the name of Jesus

Shine, Jesus, shine

Anthem:

I give you a new commandment (Aston)

6.30pm

Choral Evensong

Responses:

Darlington

Setting:

Wicks Cherubini Service

Anthem:

O for a closer walk with God (Caesar)

OUR 9.30AM SERVICE THIS WEEK WILL NOT BE LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK (or available as a recorded service afterwards) for reasons concerning image consent. When services are live-streamed you do not have to sign up to Facebook to access as we are a public page (just keep saying no to joining until you get to the page (<https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden>)). Any problems, do contact us.

CHORAL EVENSONG: We are now aiming to provide a simple stream Evensong most Sundays. If you would like to have the Zoom details and password please email or speak with the office. For security reasons we are not publishing the link information widely. The link info remains the same each week.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) VACANCIES: St Nicholas Church has two vacancies on the PCC. We meet about six times a year. It is not an onerous role, but very important to help make decisions for our mission and ministry and to act as a trustee for the parish as a charity. Please ask for nomination form from the parish office or Rector. Any questions do ask the Rector.

JUBILEE TEA PARTY SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 3-5PM. We are planning lots of fun, music and cream teas, please come along and join us. **The helpers list is available at the back of church for sign up.** We need bakers, tea servers, welcomers and people to set & clear up. Please do help with this exciting event. In aid of DEC Ukraine Appeal, Vineyard Care Centre and St Nicholas Church. Contact rachaelthrelfall@btinternet.com with any questions.

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

ANNUAL MEETING. All are welcome to attend our Annual District Church Meeting, which will be held after the service on Sunday 15th May.

NATURE DETECTIVES AND PLANT SWAP. As part of the Sustainability Festival 2022, we are hosting an event to discover what natural wonders we can find with magnifying glasses and fun activities in the church garden. Free refreshments and seedlings for our sunflower growing competition. There will also be a plant swap and so if you have any spare seedlings / plants that you don't need do bring them along and you'll be able to take others away with you. **Saturday 21st May, 10-11.30am.**

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR PETER LALE on Saturday 21st May at 2pm. The family would love as many of those who knew Peter (and Jean) as possible to join them for this celebration of his life, especially as his funeral just before lockdown in 2020 was a very quiet occasion. There will be refreshments served in the Hall afterwards. Do come and please spread the word about this opportunity to pay tribute to Peter and Jean and all they achieved in Harpenden.

SAVE THE DATE FOR JUBILEE EVENTS : Friday 3rd June, 10am-12, we have been invited to join the Batford Methodists for a tea party. **Sunday 5th June, 12.30pm.** Picnic lunch in the church garden, with cake, sparkling wine, and activities for young and old alike. There will also be other ongoing community activities around the time so look out for those in due course.

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION: 17th May

SMALL ADMINISTRATIVE TASK: We need to report the hymns that we use for our services, in order to comply with our livestreaming licence. This is a small task to be completed online each week or possibly monthly. Might you be able to take on this task? Please speak to Jenny Goulding for more details.

RAFFLE FOR FETE: Could you organise the raffle for our fete in September? Ideally we need one or two people to work together to gather in prizes, and run the raffle on the day. If you can help with this, please contact Lou Fraser or speak to Sally.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: St Mary's Quiz, Saturday 18th June
St Mary's Fete, Saturday 24th September



What's on This Week

Monday 16

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Tuesday 17

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 18

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 19

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

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

3.30pm Memorial Service for Ronald David Kirby at St Nicholas'

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

Saturday 21

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

2.30pm Blessing of marriage of Timothy Chisnall and Diana Garzon at St Mary's

Sunday 22 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas'**: Theme—New Attitude (Philippians 2:1-11)
Leader - Liz de Jong; Speaker - Alan Gilliam

3.00pm **Parish Thanksgiving and Remembrance Service at St Mary's**

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

Readings:

EZEKIEL 37.1-14

ACTS 16.9-15

JOHN 14.23-29