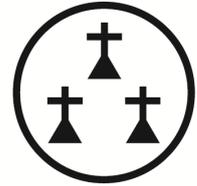


**We are an inclusive church, called to
be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of
Harpenden**



The Ninth Sunday after Trinity 14 August 2022

Services in the Parish

- 8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher- Revd Sally Goodson
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
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 Paul Manuel
- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**
President - Revd Sally Goodson; Preacher - Hilary Pask (Reader)
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints' and on Zoom**
President & preacher - Revd James Brown
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':**
Leader & Speaker: Suzanne Rose; Theme - Pilgrim's Progress
- 3.00pm **Holy Baptism at St Nicholas':** Jack & Lily Ferguson; Edward Hubert Lyon
Lawford
- 4.00pm **Holy Baptism at St Nicholas':** Sebastian William Jakeman-Powne

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 or 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
9.30 -11.30am

●●● | Collects, Readings, Psalm, Gospel and Post-Communion

COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23.23–29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

SECOND READING Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2

By faith the people of Israel passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

PSALM 82

God has taken his stand in the council of heaven; ♦ in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

‘How long will you judge unjustly ♦ and show such favour to the wicked?’

‘You were to judge the weak and the orphan; ♦ defend the right of the humble and needy;

‘Rescue the weak and the poor; ♦ deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

‘They have no knowledge or wisdom; they walk on still in darkness: ♦ all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

‘Therefore I say that though you are gods ♦ and all of you children of the Most High,

‘Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals ♦ and fall like one of their princes.’

Arise, O God and judge the earth, ♦ for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession.

GOSPEL Luke 12.49–56

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’ He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan ‘Living God’s Love’ Topic for the Week: Transforming *communities*: Those who work with Relate

The Sick: John Steele, Ruth Read, Maggie Corley, Ellen Hills, Goetz Richter

The Recently Departed: Garry Robertson

First Anniversary of Death: Albert Davis, Nick Akers, Ray Warren

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

THERE WILL BE NO LED LIVE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER FROM ST NICHOLAS for the month of August. You may find the services said by Church of England on this link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

AUGUST TEA CAKE & CHAT – Friday 19th 3-4.15pm All Saints Church Hall. If you would like to come to this popular afternoon, and you or a friend would like a lift, please contact Chris Powell 764930 or chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk who would be pleased to arrange this for you. The team looks forward to welcoming new and not so new visitors.

ANNUAL GARDEN of REMEMBRANCE SERVICE will take place on Sunday, 4th September 3pm, in the Garden of St Nicholas Church (weather permitting; indoors if raining). Tea, cake and biscuits will be served in the hall following on from the service.

VOLUNTEERS are requested to help with setting out chairs in the Garden of Remembrance for the above service and to clear away afterwards. Also to provide and/or serve refreshments. Please email rachaelthrelfall@btinternet.com if you are able to help with any of this.

CHARITY BRIDGE AFTERNOON on Tuesday 30th August, 1.30 for 2pm, at St Nicholas' Church Hall. Afternoon tea and raffle. Tickets £60 per table. Tel 01582 766824. All proceeds to the work of The Children's Society.

THE NEXT PARISH FIRST COMMUNION COURSE for children who will be over 7 years old before 1 September will commence on Sunday 25 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 16th September.

CORNELIA'S will be open Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the summer holidays, 10am-noon both days. Please come any join us, alone or with friends for a very friendly welcome in a beautiful setting. Cornelia's freezer is in need of replacement. Before we buy one, please can you email rachaelthrelfall@btinternet.com if you have an **undercounter freezer** in need of a worthwhile new home. Please also email Rachael if you would like to join the volunteer team rota, 2 hours once a month.

BIKE 'N HIKE SPONSORED EVENT FOR BEDS & HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST is taking place on Saturday 10th September, 9am -5pm. Details are with Jean McIntosh, 761362 at St Nicholas; Pete Lovell, 765390 at All Saints; and Olive Hayward, 769606 at St Mary's. Do consider taking part, it is great fun and half of the money raised comes back to the churches in our parish.

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.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEE CRISIS: an information leaflet is available. You may offer help with financial donations; accommodation and/or supportive services. A big 'Thank you' to all those who have generously offered to sponsor children at local summer holiday clubs and/or provided school items. We are processing these. We hope to continue our support for families. If you are interested in offering support, you can discuss this with our Parish Support Group: St. Nicholas: Chloe Cooper; Jen McGrandle; Michelle McCulloch; Jackie Agg; All Saints: Tony Gilbert; St. Mary's: Jacqueline Clayton; Kevin Featherstone, Maureen Lambourn.

UKRAINIAN REQUESTS: we are holding another coffee morning at Cornelia's for Ukrainian families, on 17th August. Those who came last month have asked us to pass on their thanks for the school items and stationery that was donated. We have some further requests, if you can help with any of these items please take them to the parish office, or give to Sally:

Water Bottles for school

Warm joggers age 5 and age 6.

Pencils for drawing (different grades HB/B..etc)

Gel Pens

Acrylic paints for art.

Rubiks cubes (these are very popular at the moment!)

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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.

JONNY'S HARPENDEN SUMMER 2022 HOLIDAY TRAIL: You can cycle, run or walk this 5½ mile one-way trail (mostly off-road) looking for answers to 30 clues between Ambrose Lane and Harpenden Common. All ages welcome! To receive a copy of the trail, please send your email address to jonnykoreawsj@gmail.com Suggested donation of £5 per entry. <https://pay.collectiv.com/harpenden-summer-trail-42786> or scan the QR code to donate. The closing date for entries is Sunday 4th September 2022. Entry fees are to fund Jonathan Fleming's trip to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea next year. Three lucky winners will be picked from the correct entries, to receive a prize.



A MESSAGE FROM BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID: Copies of our Summer Newsletter are available at each of the churches in the Parish which we hope will give you some idea of our progress this year. Thus far, we have sent 8 full trucks of aid to Ukraine. A great deal of the food transported has been delivered to the Refugee camp in Medyka, on the Polish/Ukraine border, and of course our Aratta centre in Chernihiv. Our kindest regards, Tony and Valerie Budell



St Nicholas' Church Notices

MUSIC TODAY

9.30am

Sung Eucharist

Setting:

Thorne

Hymns:

87 Hail to the Lord's Anointed; 238 For Mary, Mother of our Lord;
241 Sing we of the blessed Mother; 362 Tell out, my soul

OUR 9.30AM SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK (also available as a recorded service afterwards). We are a public page and you do not have to sign up to Facebook to access (just keep saying no to joining until you get to the page (<https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden>)). Any problems, do contact us.

CHORAL EVENSONG will resume on 4th September.

NEW VOLUNTEER TECHNICIANS NEEDED to HELP with VIDEO LIVE

STREAMING: Anyone in Secondary School or 6th Form and above are welcome to volunteer. Training provided. Work on a rota so not every week. We need some new volunteers for the autumn. Please contact the parish office or Rector or Giles Croot if interested or have questions.

AD HOC CHOIR AT ST NICHOLAS DURING THE SUMMER – while our main choirs are taking a break over the summer, all singers are invited to form an ad hoc choir for the 9.30am service each week. We do this each year, just arrive 9.15 to the choir vestry, decide as a group if you will robe and if you will sing anything other than hymns, sit in the choirstalls and lead the singing! Perfect for those who can't commit to choir year round—Sundays 14 and 21 August.

SPONSOR PACKS FOR THE BIKE 'N HIKE RIDE, 9AM-5PM SATURDAY 10th

SEPTEMBER are on the Welcome table at the back of church. ALSO we shall need some volunteers to welcome the cyclists and walkers to St Nicholas church on the day, you can get sponsored for this as well! Please contact Jean McIntosh, 761362 if you would like to welcome visitors, thank you.

CHURCH WATCH FROM SEPTEMBER - The Church Watch Rota from September onwards will not be produced as Vickie Paczek has decided to stand down as volunteer co-ordinator. It was felt that there needed to be a fresh pair of eyes to look at access to the church building during the day; in the short term there will be no volunteer watchers in church, however you will still be able to come into the building for a period of quiet reflection or to look at the Book of Remembrance via the Parish Office during normal opening hours.

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

WORKING PARTY: You are welcome to come along on the first Saturday of each month when we get together to care for the grounds at All Saints. We meet from 9.30-11.30 or whatever time you can manage; next session **3rd September**. Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.

HELPING WITH HALL BOOKINGS: Could you help our local community by opening up All Saints church hall for bookings and occasionally showing people round? We hire the hall for birthday parties and other similar events. Contact James if you would like to know more or to volunteer. 01582 363789 / associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION: 16th August

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have a number of roles needing new volunteers, please give this some careful thought and prayer, to see if there is a way you could help. Part of our Mission Action Plan includes maintaining enough volunteers to run our church activities. Some of our volunteers are advancing in years and it's time for some new faces to pick up some of the jobs, with experienced volunteers able to advise and support.

Little Lunch and Tuesday Afternoon Group would welcome more help to run these groups, please speak to Sally or Jenny Evans (TAG) or Jill Horn (Little Lunch).

Banners: we need new volunteers to put out our banners on the front drive. This is a short job on a rota, once every few weeks. It is ideally done by two people, which could include older children, with adult supervision. It takes about 15 minutes, and could be done after school. Please speak to Jacqueline Clayton or to Sally, if you could help in this way.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

- St Mary's Fete, Saturday 24th September



What's on This Week

Monday 15 August

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Tuesday 16

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 17

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 18

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

Friday 19

3-4.30pm Tea, Cake and Chat in All Saints' Church Hall - see Parish Notices

Saturday 20

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

Sunday 21 The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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President & Preacher- Revd Nick Goulding;

Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen

10.00am **Morning Worship at All Saints' and on Zoom**

Leader - Revd James Brown; Preacher - Pauline Gilbert (Reader)

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':**

Leader & Speaker: tbc

4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Mary's**- outdoors followed by BYO picnic if the weather is fine
Led by Revd Sally Goodson & Jenny Goulding

Readings Isaiah 58.9b-14

Hebrews 12.18-29

Luke 13.10-17