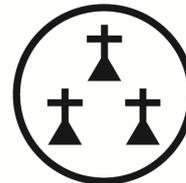


**We are an inclusive church, called to
be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of
Harpenden**



The Eighth Sunday after Trinity 7 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'**
You can also join by telephone: 02034815240, enter ID#: 81402722773,
followed by # (no password needed).
President & Preacher- The Right Revd Stephen Venner
- 9.30am **Family Worship at St Mary's**
Leader & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson;
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Morning Worship at All Saints' and on Zoom**
Leader - Pauline Gilbert; Preacher: Roy Mutlow (LMDT)
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet or by request
from philip@blueskylark.org
- 11.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Mary's:**
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson
- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas':**
Leader- Jacquie Hibbert; Speaker: Revd Cath Da Costa

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 Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALTERNATIVE COLLECT

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Genesis 15.1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

SECOND READING Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

PSALM 33.12-22

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord ♦ and the people he has chosen for his own.
The Lord looks down from heaven ♦ and beholds all the children of earth.
From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze ♦ on all who dwell on the earth.
He fashions all the hearts of them ♦ and understands all their works.
No king is saved by the might of his host; ♦ no warrior delivered by his great strength.
A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; ♦ for all its strength it cannot save.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, ♦ on those who wait in hope for his
steadfast love,
To deliver their soul from death ♦ and to feed them in time of famine.
Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; ♦ he is our help and our shield.
Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; ♦ in his holy name have we put our trust.
Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, ♦ as we have set our hope on you.

GOSPEL Luke 12.32-40

Jesus said to his disciples 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: *Making new disciples:*
all who encourage us in our faith

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

The Recently Departed: Garry Robertson, Nick Sibley

First Anniversary of Death: Alan Keep

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

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.

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 and 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 rachaelthrealfall@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 were 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 Revd Sally Goodson:

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!)

Thank you, Sally

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.collctiv.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.



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>

St Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC TODAY

9.30am

Sung Eucharist

Setting:

Thorne

Hymns:

453 Great is thy faithfulness; 37 The Lord will come and not be slow
515 Lord, thy word abideth; 516 Love divine, all loves excelling

PLEASE NOTE due to lack of technicians, that there will be **NO LIVE STREAMING of the 9.30am service on 31st July and 7th Aug**

CHORAL EVENSONG ceases after last Sunday (24th July) and will resume in September.

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH AND HALL WILL BE CLOSED on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th August as the floors are being cleaning and polished.

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 9.15am 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. This will continue for Sundays 7, 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.

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 9.30-11.30am or whatever time you can manage; next session **6th August** (if you are reading this before the weekend!). 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.parishofharpندن.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 8 August

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Tuesday 9

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

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

Wednesday 10

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

Saturday 13

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

Sunday 14 The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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
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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: tbc

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

Readings **Jeremiah 23.23-29**

Hebrews 11.29—12.2

Luke 12.49-56