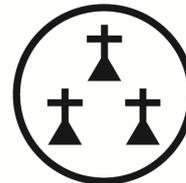


**We are an inclusive church, called to  
be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of  
Harpenden**



## **Harvest Thanksgiving 25 September 2022**

### **Services in the Parish**

- 8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**  
President & Preacher - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
- 9.30am **All Age Eucharist at St Nicholas'**  
Service not being livestreamed this week as it is an all age service.  
President - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps Preacher - from St Nicholas' Primary School
- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**  
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson  
Live-streamed on [www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)  
Also accessible via parish website or email sent to St Mary's Members
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints' and on Zoom**  
Leader & Preacher - Revd Iain Lane followed by Bring & Share lunch  
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet
- 11.30am **Morning Praise with Holy Communion in St Nicholas'**  
President & Preacher - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
- 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 or [office@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:office@parishofharpenden.org)  
You can also find information on [www.parishofharpenden.org](http://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

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.

### FIRST READING Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

### SECOND READING 1 Philippians 4.4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### PSALM 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; ♦ serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God; ♦ it is he that has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; ♦ give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, ♦ and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

## **GOSPEL** John 6.25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

## **POST COMMUNION**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week:** *Transforming Communities*

The work of the Probation Service

**The Sick:** John Steele, Ruth Read, Goetz Richter, Ray Coolidge, Roy Barber, William Say, Andy Wesson

**The Recently Departed:**

**First Anniversary of Death:** John Sullivan



**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

**HARVEST CELEBRATION: All three churches will be taking a retiring collection on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> Sept**, at all services for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal:

The appeal is 'Not Forgotten', for the refugees in the conflict and humanitarian crisis in Mozambique. If you wish to know more, here is the link: <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/bishops-annual-harvest-appeal/>

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

**"MODERN DAY SLAVERY"** is the topic of the Mothers' Union meeting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm in St Nicholas Hall. Our Speaker is the Revd Atalie Gaines. All are welcome to come along and be informed on this topical subject.

**CORNELIA'S** has reverted to **term time opening hours**: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 10am – noon, and Wednesday 3-4pm. Please come and join us, alone, or with friends for a very friendly welcome in a beautiful setting.

**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 The King's Pantry at the Salvation Army and FEED at the Vineyard Church as usual. Donations are still very much needed and your contributions are gratefully received. Thank you.

**WEEKLY SAS YOUTH GROUP:** The parish youth group for anyone in school years 6-9 now meets every Sunday, including half term, 5-7pm at All Saint's Church Hall.

**CLERGY REFERENCES (CHURCH FORMS) FOR APPLICATIONS TO ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL FOR ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2023:** In order that the parish may deal with requests for clergy references in an efficient manner, we ask that parents / guardians send the following documents **by email** to the parish office ([office@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:office@parishofharpenden.org)) **by Monday 3 October 2022:**

1. completed 'Request for Clergy Reference Form' (available for download from the Parish website [click 'Search' and then 'Young People' from the Categories and scroll down to find the form to download] or from the parish office by email); and
  2. scanned colour copy of your child's completed record of church attendance ('passport').
- Clergy reference requests will be processed by the parish office during week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 and may be collected from the parish office by parents/guardians on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 between 10.00am and 12.00 noon**. Please contact the parish office by email at [office@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:office@parishofharpenden.org) or on telephone number 01582 765524 if you have any queries or any difficulties in sending documents by email.

**HARPENDEN EVENING FLORAL GROUP** - Flower Arranging Classes for all abilities - come along and enjoy fun with flowers. Mondays 10 & 24 October and 7 & 21 November from 8.15-10pm at All Saints' Hall, Station Road, Harpenden, AL5 4UU. Course fee £60 includes essentials and basics. To book a place or for enquiries please call 01582 712395.

**UKRAINE REFUGEE CRISIS:** An information leaflet is available. You can offer help with financial donations, offers of accommodation and/or supportive services. The families have asked us to thank you for their summer holiday club places and swimming passes, as well as the donations of stationery and items for school. We don't need any further items donated at present. We hope to continue our support for families, if you would like more information do speak to members of the Parish Support Group: St Nicholas: Chloe Cooper, Lucy Parr, Michelle McCulloch, All Saints : Tony Gilbert, St Marys: Jacqueline Clayton, Kevin Featherstone.

**BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID COLLECTION –** Our usual Autumn collection for British Humanitarian Aid will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup> October this year, instead of the last weekend of September. Details of the collection are contained in the email accompanying this pew leaflet or on a flyer in church. **ADDITIONAL NEEDS REQUESTS AS FOLLOWS:-** Soap, Washing Powder, Colouring Books & Crayons, Adult Bicycles, Candles, Matches, Torches, Saucepans, Kettles, Plates, Bowls, Mugs, Cutlery, Crutches, Wheelchairs, Wheeled Walkers & Sleeping Mats plus “Offers of Building Material”

**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](mailto: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.

### **RECORD OF CHURCH ATTENDANCE FOR ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL APPLICATION**

Please remember to bring your 'passport' to church and get it stamped at least one Sunday a month, starting from September, for the duration of school years 4 and 5.

**Children in Year 6 will need a stamp for September.** You can pick up a new copy of the passport from the back of church. See below for general notice re applications to St George's.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm for 7.30pm, St Nicholas Church Hall. Tickets £10 (no supper will be served - bring your own refreshments - glasses provided) from 01582 460100.

### **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 prior to date of application (i.e. during school Years 4 and 5). 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.

# St Nicholas' Church Notices



## **MUSIC TODAY**

**9.30am**

### **All Age Eucharist**

**Setting:**

Scarborough Fair

**Hymns:**

275 We plough the fields and scatter; 254 For the fruits of his creation;  
251 All things bright and beautiful; 505 Lord Jesus Christ, you have  
come to us; Now we sing a harvest song

**Anthem:**

For the beauty of the earth (Rutter)

**6.30pm**

### **Choral Evensong**

**Introit:**

How goodly are thy tents (Ouseley)

**Responses:**

Byrd;

**Setting**

Stanford Bb

**OUR 9.30AM SERVICE IS NORMALLY 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/StNicholasChurchHarpden>)). Any problems, do contact us. **The service on 25<sup>th</sup> September will not be on Facebook** for reasons of image consent.

**BEDS & HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE 'N HIKE.** Jane and James Johnson were among others of this parish who took part in the Bike 'n Hike on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. They cycled to 19 churches over 48 miles. If you are not already supporting someone else's efforts with the Bike 'n Hike, they would be very grateful for any sponsorship, which is shared equally between the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust and St Nicholas Church. The just giving page is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jane-johnson45>

**SUNDAY COFFEE AFTER 9.30 SERVICE:** More volunteers needed to serve coffee, otherwise there may be some weeks we won't be able to have coffee. More details from Jean McIntosh 761362 or email: [jeanmcintosh41@gmail.com](mailto:jeanmcintosh41@gmail.com)

**ADRIAN PRICE WILL TAKE HIS SOLEMN VOWS AT MUCKNELL ABBEY** as his final step in becoming a permanent member of the religious community there. He asks for our prayers.

## 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](mailto:jenny.britt@yahoo.com)

**BRING and SHARE LUNCH** - after our Harvest Festival service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. There will be coffee as usual, followed by the lunch straight afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

**HARVEST GIFTS** will be gratefully received at our thanksgiving service and then donated to the foodbank. Monetary gifts will be sent to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal to help change the lives of people in Mozambique who have been traumatised and displaced by conflict.

**AUTUMN WALKS: PRAYER AND MEDITATION** . Each Tuesday in October at 5.30pm we will meet at All Saints Church; from here we will walk mindfully through Batford Springs nature reserve, pausing to hear readings and prayers as we go. After 30 minutes we will end up at the Marquis of Granby and those who would like to, can stay for a drink.

**FOODBANK COLLECTION AT ALL SAINTS** : We have reinstated the food bank collection point at All Saints. There is a box in the foyer. Donations will be taken to the King's Pantry to be distributed to those who need it in our area. Please bring items with you for donations.

**THANK YOU FROM ELLEN HILLS** - Thank you to everyone for their lovely cards and flowers and all their prayers which have been really appreciated. She is hoping to be back in church again soon.

**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 **1<sup>st</sup> October**. Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.

## St Mary's Church Notices



**TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION:** 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October.

**CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES AT 9.30AM SERVICE:** we continue to provide activity sheets for the children attending this service. We are hoping to provide a short time of separate activity for the children on some Sundays during the Autumn. If you might be able to help with this please speak to Sally.



## What's on This Week

### **Monday 26**

- 9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints  
8.00pm PCC Meeting at St Nicholas Church Hall

### **Tuesday 27**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's; live-streamed on St Mary's facebook page  
5.00pm Evening Prayer live-streamed on St Mary's facebook page

### **Wednesday 28**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints': live-streamed on All Saints' facebook page  
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'  
5.00pm Evening Prayer at All Saints': live-streamed on All Saints' facebook page

### **Thursday 29 - St Michael and All Angels**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas': live-streamed on St Nicholas' facebook page  
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas': live-streamed on St Nicholas' facebook page

### **Saturday 1 October**

- 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas'

### **Sunday 2 - The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

- 8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**  
President & Preacher - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
- 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 Canon Dennis Stamps
- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**  
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson  
Live-streamed on [www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)  
Also accessible via parish website or email sent to St Mary's Members
- 10.00am **Climate Sunday Morning Worship at All Saints' and on Zoom**  
Leader & Preacher - Revd James Brown  
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet
- 11.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Mary's**  
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson
- 11.30am **Morning Praise Pet Service in St Nicholas'**  
Leader - TBC; Preacher - Jacquie Hibbert
- 4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Nicholas**
- 6.30pm **Choral Evensong at St Nicholas'**

### **Readings**

**Habbakuk 1. 1-4; 2. 1-4    2 Timothy 1.1-14    Luke 17.5-10**