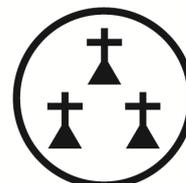


**We are an inclusive church, called to
be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of
Harpenden**



Christ the King 20 November 2022 Services in the Parish

- 8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
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President - Revd Sally Goodson; Preacher - Bishop Christine Hardman
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
Also accessible via parish website or email sent to St Mary's Members
- 10.00am **Morning Worship at All Saints' and on Zoom**
Leader– Tony Gilbert; Preacher - Revd James Brown;
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet or from
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- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas' with Holy Baptism:** Jago Sebastian
Danagher-Sparkes; President & Preacher - Revd Dennis Stamps
- 3.00pm **Holy Baptism at All Saints'** : Ysabeau Nico Nicholl
- 4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Mary's**
- 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
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

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

SECOND READING Colossians 1.11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: *Making New Disciples:* parents teaching their children to pray

Children receiving their First Communion: Jacob, Liya, Libi, Jack, Mollie, Amelia, Clara, William, Rosie, Alfred and Elliott (St Nicholas) Octavia (St Mary's)

The Sick: John Steele, Ruth Read, Ray Coolidge, Monte Copas, Mike Clasby, Lewis Bowles

The Recently Departed: William Say, Roy Barber, Dawn Holloway, John Shuker, Derek White, Ruth Gill, Joan Gates

First Anniversary of Death: Marion Pearson



● ● ● | Parish Notices

AS WE REMEMBER THE UNITED NATIONS 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE, our MU will be holding a short reflective service at 2.15pm in St Nicholas Church on Thursday 24th November. The 16 days begins the following day and continues until 10th December. ALL WELCOME

JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT MOVIE NIGHT, SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 5PM! Come and watch the acclaimed BBC production 'The Nativity' at All Saints Church. Open to all including families (movie is rated PG) - bring snacks and drinks and join us for a fun night getting into the Advent Christmas spirit. To book your free tickets, contact Cath 07961 564385, assistant.curate@stnicholas.parishofharpenden.org

ADVENT STUDY GROUP - THURSDAY 8TH, 15TH AND 22ND DECEMBER AT 7.30PM Join us face to face over a warm cuppa and a slice of cake at the Curate's house or via Zoom to go bit deeper into some of the themes drawn out in the BBC production 'The Nativity' (you do not need to have watched the film to attend). Contact Cath to sign up on 07961 564385, assistant.curate@stnicholas.parishofharpenden.org

ADVENT FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY ON SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER FROM 2-4PM AT ST NICHOLAS HALL All welcome - Join us for an afternoon of Advent fun for a story, themed afternoon tea and crafting Jesse Tree decorations as we discover more about Jesus's family tree. Suggested donation £2 per person / £5 per family. Booking is essential so book your place soon to avoid disappointment Cath 07961564385, assistant.curate@stnicholas.parishofharpenden.org

THE TRAVELLING CRIB will be making its way around the Parish, stopping at a new home each night, from Advent Sunday, 27th November, until Christmas Eve. Please sign up as soon as possible if you would like the child-friendly, knitted Mary, Joseph and Donkey to rest for a night in your home. All ages/groups are welcome to host. Contact Pamela Woodford-Smith 01582 764368 / 07752082992 pamelaws@btinternet.com

ADVENT THROUGH ART - Each Sunday of Advent (27th November, 4th, 11th, 18th December), 3pm-4pm We explore the themes of Advent through wonderful paintings from across the centuries. Join on Zoom via this link: shorturl.at/cnzDY

JOURNEY TO NEW LIFE - Each Wednesday in Advent (30th November, 7th, 14th, 21st December), 7.30 - 8.20pm Candlelit silent meditation and reflections for Advent; at All Saints' Church and on Zoom via this link: shorturl.at/dehiY

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS SHOP - BACK IN HARPENDEN AGAIN. After a two year gap, we are glad to report that Cards for Good Causes has returned to the United Reformed Church, Vaughan Road, Harpenden. We are open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm and Saturday 1-3pm (except 12 November). As in the past we will have a large range of Christmas cards available representing a wide range of charities, as well as Advent calendars and candles, stocking fillers, wrapping paper, decorations and other festive gifts. Helen Mellor, Shop Manager 07761 720896

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.

FREE LOCAL CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY FOR THE ELDERLY: Harpenden District Cubs are pleased to offer a free Christmas card delivery service for the elderly again this year. This service allows elderly residents to post cards for free to others in Harpenden, Batford and Redbourn only. The post boxes will be available from Sunday 13 November until Thursday 8 December in the Parish Office, St Mary's Church and All Saints' Church. Please contact Jackie Agg (Tel: 769680) if you have any questions.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN FAMILIES: the Parish Support Group held a successful **coffee morning** (12th November) at Cornelia's. Following generous donations, we were able to distribute **gift vouchers** for the 'Mountain Warehouse' store. Please note: on Sunday 27th November, the local Ukrainian community will have **an arts & crafts workshop and stall**, from 2pm-3pm, and a Ukrainian Christmas Carol Service, 4-5pm - both inside the High Street Methodist Church. Money raised will go to the '**Warmth for Children**' project of the Ukrainian charity 'Children of Heroes', helping children in Ukraine who have lost their parents due to the War. Information (& how to donate) can be found here: <https://childrenheroes.org/en/> . There is an urgent need for **new hosts** for Ukrainian families and HCC is running an online information session/ webinar (Wednesday 23rd Nov., 7pm – 8pm) for those interested in learning more about the 'Homes4Ukraine' scheme.: [Register here for 23 Nov webinar](#) . For Parish queries, please email parishsupportgroup@parishofharpenden.org

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.

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, for the duration of school years 4 and 5. You can pick up a new copy of the passport from the back of church.

AT SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT ST NICHOLAS CHURCH ON SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER featuring the Jupiter Singers and Mike Hodge (aka the Harpenden Busker). Tickets are available in advance from Parker & Vine, the AT Website <https://atsociety.org.uk/product/concert/> or by calling the office on 01582 760733. £12 - adults (£15 on the door), £8 - concessions and under 16 (£10 on the door), £30 for a family ticket.

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

COLLATION AND INSTALLATION OF REV'D LINDA WILLIAMS AS RECTOR OF BENEFICE OF KIMPTON WITH AYOT ST LAWRENCE. Anyone from All Saints or the wider parish who wishes to attend this service to celebrate with me at Kimpton Church on Monday 28th November at 7.30pm is most welcome. Wine & nibbles in church after the service. I look forward to seeing you,

Linda

LIGHT IN THE SHADOWS. Sunday 27th November, 6.30pm. Begin Advent with an atmospheric evening walk through the nature reserve. We will meet at All Saints' Church and walk through Batford Springs pausing to hear readings and prayers as we go before returning to Church for a warming glass of port. Bring a torch and wrap up warm.

A WARM WELCOME We are now opening the church hall and offering it as warm space for any who might need it, Thursday afternoons 2 - 4.30pm. We will register with the County Council's list of warm spaces in the area. The hall will be set up with tables, chairs, a few toys, board games, and refreshments including soup to be heated in the microwave. Would you be able to help host or set up these afternoons over the winter months? If so please contact James at associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org

DURING ADVENT we will be passing Mary, Joseph and the donkey from our knitted nativity set around members of our congregation. This is an opportunity to get to know one another better, as well as symbolising our involvement in the Christmas story and remembering all who travel as refugees. You will receive a visit one day (evening) and then visit another household (preferably) the following day to pass the characters on. There is a very short script that starts on the doorstep and continues indoors, possibly followed by simple refreshments. Let Pauline Gilbert, paulinegilbert17@gmail.com know as soon as possible if you would like to take part so that she can draw up a list of dates and venues.

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION: 6th & 20th December

FUNERAL OF ROY BARBER at St Mary's on Tuesday 22nd November at 10am followed by tea and cakes in the hall.

COFFEE FOR JEEL-al AMAL: We are aiming to raise some funds for Jeel-al Amal by encouraging you to increase your donations for coffee on each Sunday of the month of November. Donations can be made in cash or by card.. Thank you.



What's on This Week

Monday 21

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints

Tuesday 22

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

10.00am Funeral of the late Roy Barber at St Mary's

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

Wednesday 23

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 24

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

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

2.15pm Mothers' Union Service during 16 Days of Activism in St Nicholas' Church Lady Chapel. All Welcome.

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

Saturday 26

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

1.00pm Thanksgiving Service for life of William Say at St Nicholas'. All welcome

3.30pm Memorial Service for the late Ruth Gill at St Nicholas'

Sunday 27 Advent Sunday

8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**

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9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**

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11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas' with Holy Communion**

President & Preacher - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps

3.00pm **Art in Advent** - see Parish Notices

6.30pm **Advent Carol Service at St Nicholas'**

6.30pm **Light in the Shadows** - see All Saints' Church Notices

Readings

Isaiah 2.1-5

Romans 13.11-14

Matthew 24.36-44