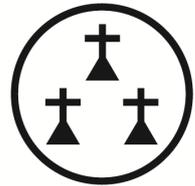


**We are an inclusive church, called to
be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of
Harpenden**



The First Sunday of Advent 27 November 2022

Services in the Parish

- 8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps; Preacher - Anne-Marie Kramer
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
Live streamed on [facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)
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followed by # (no password needed).
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- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's;**
President & Preacher - Revd Nick Goulding
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
Also accessible via parish website or email sent to St Mary's Members
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints' & on Zoom** with Children's First Communion
President – Revd James Brown; Preacher - Pauline Gilbert (Reader);
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet or from
associate.vicar@allsaints.harpenden.org
- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas' with Holy Communion**
President: Revd Canon Dennis Stamps; Preacher: Anne-Marie Kramer
- 3.00pm **Advent Through Art** - see Parish Notices
- 6.30pm **Advent Carol Service at St Nicholas'**
- 6.30pm **Light in the Shadows** - see All Saints' Church Notices

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

10.00am - 2.00pm

SATURDAYS (manned by volunteers)

9.30 -11.30am

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

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALTERNATIVE COLLECT

Almighty God, as your Kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING Isaiah 2.1–5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

SECOND READING Romans 13.11–14

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

those who run or attend after school clubs

Children receiving their First Communion: Florence and William (All Saints)

The Sick: John Steele, Monte Copas, Mike Clasby, Lewis Bowles

The Recently Departed: John Shuker, Derek White, Joan Gates, Margaret Lawrence

First Anniversary of Death: Josephine Pinney

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.

ADVENT PROSE

(8am congregation to read text; 9.30am congregation sing the Antiphon between verses; the choir will sing verses)



¹Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever:
Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
Our hold and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee.

²We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we do fade as a leaf:
And our iniquities, like the wind have taken us away; Thou hast hid thy face from us:
And hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

³Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen;
That ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord,
And beside me there is no Saviour: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

⁴Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry;
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
Fear not, for I will save thee: for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy
Redeemer.

GOSPEL Matthew 24.36–44

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

POST COMMUNION

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

● ● ● | Parish Notices

CORNELIA'S WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER as the school are using the building for their Christmas Fayre.

CORNELIA'S WILL BE OPEN ON SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 11am till 5pm during Harpenden Lights Up. Please come and join us for warming drinks, soup & cake in a very welcoming atmosphere.

SING A FEW CAROLS, hear a few readings and enjoy some soup in St Nicholas' Church on Fridays 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd December at 1pm. Lasts about half an hour.

JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT MOVIE NIGHT, SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER AT 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 by phoning or emailing Cath on 07961564385 or 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.

We 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** on 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/> . 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

THE MAYOR OF HARPENDEN'S CAROL CONCERT - TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER AT 6PM AT ST NICHOLAS' followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Come along and enjoy this traditional sing-along Christmas Concert featuring performances by local schools and the Church Choir. Tickets £6 per adult, free for children, with all money raised being donated to the Mayor's charities.

St Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC TODAY

9.30am **Sung Eucharist**

Setting: New English Folk Mass

Hymns: 32 O come, O come, Emmanuel ; 29 Hills of the North, rejoice;
39 Wake, O wake!; 31 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Anthem: People look east (Archer)

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/StNicholasChurchHarpenden>)). Any problems, do contact us.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE: Do join us for this annual fund-raising event in aid of The Children's Society, to be held on Sunday 4th December at 4.30pm at St Nicholas Church, Harpenden. There will be a Christingle orange for all the children in the congregation and we will all join together to sing Away in a Manager by candlelight, which is a lovely start to the Christmas season

OUR POPULAR CHRISTMAS FAYRE WILL BE ON SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 10am till noon. Everyone is invited. The church will be beautifully decorated, there will be lots of Carols, festive stalls and a breakfast café. Proceeds of the Fayre will be shared half to Rennie Grove and Christian Aid, and half to the church. We will be taking advantage of our space, so some stalls will be outside so please wrap up warm. Congregational carols will also be outdoors if weather permits. We will need lots of help to set up the festival on the Friday afternoon between 1.30pm till 3pm (straight after soup & carols) and on the Saturday morning from 8am - a sign up list will be at the back of church. Please come and join in, your help and support would be very welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE CAKE STALL – MU are in charge of this popular stall and would welcome cakes to sell please. Bring along on Friday 9th Dec. from 2.00pm or on Saturday 10th from 9.30am. It is a requirement that ingredients are listed please. Thank you.

THE MORNING PRAISE TEAM would like donations of a few **GOOD QUALITY CHILDREN'S BOOKS** for their stall at the Christmas Fayre. Please leave donations either in Cornelia's when open or bring to the church Friday 9th 1.30pm till 3pm during set up.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERS WANTED – either to help on the video desk Sunday mornings during the 9.30 services or as 'junior wardens' helping with practical tasks around the church on Saturday mornings. Please email rachaelthrelfall@btinternet.com if interested.

A KEY WAS FOUND in the church hall after coffee last week. Please contact the parish office if you think it might belong to 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

GOOD LIVING As part of our Eco Church project one of our young people, Alex Lovell, will be presenting a series of good ideas for an environmentally healthy lifestyle. This will be every couple of weeks and this Sunday she will begin by encouraging us all to take a personal environmental audit. Here is a link to a short questionnaire from WWF www.footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/questionnaire

HELP WITH IRONING? One of our congregation who has been struggling with health in recent weeks would love help with a pile of ironing. Could you spare an hour to chat and iron in the coming weeks or days? Relevant safeguarding checks will be in place. Please get in touch with James if you can help 01582 363789 / associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org

CAROL SINGING We will join the residents of Lea Springs for a festive time of carol singing on Monday 19th December at 3pm. Can you lend your voice? Please let James know if you can. 01582 363789 / associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org

LIGHTS UP We have a stand running activities for the children who come to the Batford Lights Up on Thursday 1 December, 4.30-6.30pm. All the activities are arranged, but can you assist on the day? Please get in touch with James.

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

St Mary's Church Notices



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

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 28

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints

Tuesday 29

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

12noon Memorial Service for Derek White at St Nicholas'

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

Wednesday 30

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

7.30pm Candlelit silent meditation and reflection for Advent at All Saints & on Zoom

Thursday 1 December

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

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

11.30am Funeral of Joan Gates at St Nicholas

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

Friday 2

1.00pm Soup and Carols at St Nicholas'

Saturday 3

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

7.30pm Concert in aid of A.T. Society at St Nicholas' see Parish Notices

Sunday 4 The Second Sunday of Advent

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4.30pm **Christingle at St Nicholas'** - see St Nicholas' Notices

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

Readings

Isaiah 11.1-10

Romans 15.4-13

Matthew 3.1-12