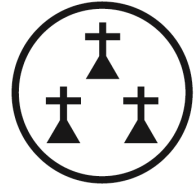


**We are an inclusive church, called to
be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of
Harpenden**



The Third Sunday after Epiphany 22 January 2023

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'**
President - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps; sermon slot - Brownies
This Service will not be live streamed on Facebook this week (or be available as a recorded service afterwards) due to difficulty with obtaining all necessary image consent forms when we have an all age service.
- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**
President - Revd Sally Goodson; Preacher - Revd Cath Da Costa
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Morning Worship at All Saints' & on Zoom**
Leader - Pauline Gilbert; Preacher - Revd James Brown
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'**
Leader - Jacquie Hibbert; Preacher - Liz de Jong (LLW)
- 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

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

God of all mercy your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Isaiah 9.1–4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.10–18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: *Going Deeper into God: Bible Study Groups*

The Sick: John Steele, Mike Clasby

The Recently Departed: Sue Stocks, Graham Pheazey, Shirley Bray, Monte Copas, Margaret Goodson, Lewis Bowles, Jenny Beck, Caroline Marriott, Dorothy Wilkinson

First Anniversary of Death: Tom Addiscott



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 27.1, 4, 9-12

Choir will sing the verses. Congregation to join in singing 'The Lord is my light and my salvation' at the end of each verse (indicated by **R** below)



The Lord is my light and my sal/vation
whom then /shall I /fear?

The Lord is the strength of my / life;
of whom then shall I / be a/fraid? **R**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I / seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the / days of my / life;
To behold the fair beauty of the / Lord
and to seek him / in his / temple. **R**

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I / call:
have mercy up/on me and / answer me.
My heart tells of your word, Seek my / face.
your face, Lord, / will I / seek. **R**

Hide not your / face from me:
nor cast your servant a/way in dis/pleasure.
You have been my /helper:
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of / my sal/vation. **R**

GOSPEL Matthew 4.12–23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

POST COMMUNION

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

● ● ● | Parish Notices

REMEMBER TO DRESS UP WARMLY IN CHURCH: All three churches are doing our best to keep our energy costs affordable, so Church may not be as warm as the past. Do dress up warmly when you visit. Thank you for your understanding.

HEALING LIGHT IN MEDICINE: EXPLORING THE SCIENCE AND THE SPIRITUAL

The Reverend Professor Nick Goulding, an expert in the use of laser technologies in medicine, will develop these themes and reflect theologically on the spiritual dimensions of light and healing at a talk on Thursday 26 January 2023, 7.30-9pm at the Alban Room, St Albans Cathedral & Online via Zoom Webinar. Cost - £10 (£6 students)

This talk is part of a series exploring Light in Science and Faith, and is supported by ECLAS (Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science). How to Book

You can book online or call the Box Office on 01727 890290. Tickets will be on sale until 12noon on the day of the event. Please ensure that you provide a current email address when you book.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE LIFE OF MONTE COPAS ON SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY AT 1PM IN ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH - All those who remember Monte will be most welcome to join his family and friends at this service to celebrate his life and also for refreshments afterwards in the church hall.

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER AND CEILIDH - £25pp - Sat 28th January, 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Scout hut next to St Mary's. Live band and caller, so no need to know any of the steps. Book individually or tables of 8. Email for more info and to book: BurnsNightWSJ@gmail.com. Fundraising by one of the choristers towards her trip to the world scout jamboree in Korea this summer.

CATH IS CONTINUING HER BIBLE STUDY GROUP on the 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons of the month, Time: 2 to 3pm

Place: Cunningham Room in St Nicholas Church Hall

Open to all, you are warmly invited to join us for cake, a drink and a chat. We are currently thinking about what the characters from the Nativity story can teach us about our walks of faith. Our next session will be 2nd February.

STOP PRESS!! PLEASE PUT THIS IN YOUR DIARY - SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 7PM

Concert of Sacred Choral Music sung by St Albans Cathedral Choir - Boys and Lay Clerks - directed by Andrew Lucas, Master of the Music with Tom Winpenny, Organist.

We are hugely honoured that St Albans Cathedral Music Trust have chosen our church for their annual benefit concert. Each year the Cathedral Choir performs a concert at a church in the Diocese, for the benefit of that church. Another venue has fallen through at short notice so we have been offered the opportunity. There are no tickets and no set entry charge, please make a donation on the night towards the musical life of St Nicholas Church. More details to follow soon...

SAS YOUTH GROUP every Sunday, usually at All Saints, 5-7pm. SAS is for youngsters in school years 6-9. Please contact Pete Lovell if you would like more information

petelOvell@yahoo.co.uk

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH: AN UPDATE FOLLOWING MEETINGS OF THE

COLLEGE AND HOUSE OF BISHOPS: The College of Bishops, have collectively issued a report, pastoral letter and draft prayers (linked to below) to shed more light on the nature of their discussions, and commend them to us for our careful and prayerful consideration.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/press-releases/draft-prayers-thanksgiving-dedication-and-gods-blessing-same-sex> and <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>

VACANCY AT ST NICHOLAS' SCHOOL for a Lunchtime Support Assistant, days to suit you, 11.45am - 1.00pm. Training given. Please contact Mrs Sue Meader admin@stnicholasce.org or 01582 623620 to arrange a visit.

CALL OUT FOR CHORISTERS! There has been a choir of boy choristers at St Nicholas Church since the late 1800s and the tradition continues today, with our wonderful boys choir of 14 lively, musical, funny and friendly lads aged 7-14. But... boys grow. They grow up fast, they stop being trebles, we need a constant supply of new boys! Our brilliant Head Chorister Ivo is about to retire into the back row, and our wonderful Head Chorister elect, Jonathan, will not be far behind him...20 is the optimum number, so please share this post with anyone you know who has a lovely boy who enjoys singing, making friends, and really making a difference in the world. They also like sweets and playing football outside the church! Choristers receive pocket money according to experience and attendance. Contact Music@parishofharpenden.org. Let's keep our boys choir tradition going well into the future!

We have a fabulous girls choir too, with a waiting list. Our wonderful adult choir will always welcome newcomers in all voice parts - music reading and experience are needed for this. Older teenagers can apply to be choral scholars if they read music well and have singing experience. They receive up to £100 per term. For further information contact music@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.

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: Thorne

Hymns: 418 Father, Lord of all creation; There is a redeemer;
287 Broken for me; 432 From heaven you came, helpless babe

Anthem: Day by Day (How)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: Ayleward

Setting: Stanford Bb

Anthem: Teach me, O Lord (Attwood)

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.

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.

HELP REQUIRED! St Nicholas are responsible on Friday 17th February for hosting Tea Cake and Chat at All Saints at 3.00pm. If you feel you could help with this event, by assisting on the day and/or baking or providing transport for our guests, please contact Chris Powell 764930, chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk Thank you

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 7th & 21st February

TUESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP ON TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY AT 2.30PM Topic - What do you think? Speaker - Revd Sally Goodson

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

FAIRTRADE Alex Lovell, is presenting a series eco friendly lifestyle tips every couple of weeks as part of our Eco Church project. This Sunday she will encourage us all to try and use fair-trade products wherever possible. Find out more on Sunday morning, or read for yourself at <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER Could you help with the updating of our electoral roll details at All Saints? It doesn't involve a lot of time and it's only for a short period of time between February and April. It mainly involves putting up notices at specific times, identifying any new members of the congregation that could be approached to join and checking the ER for people who have moved away or died. Please contact James if you could help in this way.

LOOKING AFTER THE LAND: Sunday 29th January at church, after the service, approximately 11.15am. We would love to hear your thoughts about how best to use the land around All Saints for God's beautiful creation. Led by Tim Hill, Conservation Manager for Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust. We might think about caring for the chalk stream, insect life, swift boxes, a mini orchard, the local community.

WORKING PARTY - INDOORS AS WELL AS OUT! 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 and to dust, sweep and generally clean the church. We meet from 9.30 -11.30am or whatever time you can manage. Our next session is **4th February**. Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.

TALKING CLIMATE JUSTICE: Christian Aid writes, 'As Christians we are called to challenge the injustice of the climate crisis. Every social movement started with a conversation - these conversations stirred anger, fuelled hope and inspired people to act.' On Sunday 12th February, we will engage with Christian Aid's resource 'Talking Climate Justice'. After a short communion service we will gather in the hall around tables, with coffee and cake to have these guided conversations.

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. The hall will be set up with tables, chairs, a few toys, board games, and refreshments including soup to be heated in the microwave. Please contact James at associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org if you are able to help host or set up these afternoons over the winter months.



What's on This Week

Monday 23

- 9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints
8.00pm PCC Meeting at St Mary's

Tuesday 24

- 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 25 The Conversion of Paul

- 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 26

- 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 28

- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'
1.00pm Thanksgiving & Memorial Service for Monte Copas at St Nicholas'

Sunday 29 **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

- 8.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps; Preacher - Revd Cath Da Costa
- 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 - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps; Preacher - Revd Cath Da Costa
- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**
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Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints' & on Zoom**
President - Revd James Brown; Preacher - Roy Mutlow (LMDT)
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet or from associate.vicar@allsaints.harpenden.org
- 11.30am **Morning Praise with Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
Leader - Liz de Jong; President & Preacher - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps;
- 6.30pm **Taize Service at St Nicholas'**

Readings

Malachi 3. 1-5

Hebrews 2. 14-18

Luke 2.22-40