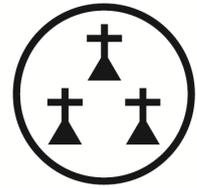


We are an inclusive church, called to be caring, loving and welcoming to all

Parish of Harpenden



The Fifth Sunday of Lent 26 March 2023 Services in the Parish

- 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'**
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President & Preacher- Revd Sally Goodson
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints' & on Zoom**
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 with Holy Communion at St Nicholas':**
Leader - Anne-Marie Kramer; President - 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
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

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37.1–14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

SECOND READING Romans 8.6–11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Lenten Prose

Refrain (Cantor first time)



Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:



for we have sinn'd a - gainst thee.

Cantor



1. To thee, Re - deem - er, on thy throne of glo - ry:
2. O thou chief Cor - ner stone, Right Hand of the Fa - ther:
3. God, we im - plore thee, in thy glo - ry seat - ed:
4. Sins oft com - mit - ted now we lay be - fore thee:
5. In - no - cent cap - tive, ta - ken un - re - sist - ing:



lift we our weep - ing eyes in ho - ly plead - ings:
Way of Sal - va - tion, Gate of life cel - es - tial:
bow down and hear - ken to thy weep - ing child - ren:
with true con - tri - tion now no more we veil them:
false - ly ac - cused, for us sin - ners sen - tenc'd,



lis - ten O Je - su, to our sup - pli - ca - tions.
cleanse thou our sin - ful souls from all de - file - ment.
pi - ty and par - don all our grie - vous tres - pas - es.
grant us, Re - deem - er, lov - ing ab - so - lu - tion.
save us we pray thee, Je - su our Re - deem - er.

The Refrain is repeated after every verse

GOSPEL John 11.17-45

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

God: All who lead Bible Study Groups

The Sick: John Steele, Mike Clasby

The Recently Departed: Harry Houghton, Wendy Fulford, Theresa Rae, Margery Boorman, Kathy Hlnson

First Anniversary of Death: Donald Stradling

● ● ● | **Parish Notices**

ADULT CONFIRMATION. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONFIRMED? We are wanting to make it possible for you. We have arranged two sessions, Saturdays, 22nd and 29th April, 9.30 to 11.30am at St Nicholas Church Hall. To register contact the Parish Office or the Rector. If you would like to be confirmed and cannot make these sessions, please do speak to the Rector, Dennis Stamps (01582 712202 or rector@parishofharpenden.org).

SUNDAY 2 APRIL - A PERFORMANCE OF FAURE'S REQUIEM FOR THE START OF HOLY WEEK. Free performance in St Nicholas' Church at 7pm, retiring collection. If you would like to participate in singing, please email music@parishofharpenden.org with your voice part, age if under 18 (we will send you a consent form) and whether you need a score provided. 4.30pm workshop in the church hall, followed by tea and the performance in church at 7pm. Singers are asked to wear black for the performance. £10 per singer, £5 concessions.

HOLY WEEK COMPLINE 3 - 5 April: In Holy Week we have compline with address each evening, 8pm, St Nicholas Church, Mon-Wed. This year we have an excellent preacher, Trevor Withers, from Network Church, Harpenden (meets at Rothamsted). Do plan to come, welcome to all in the parish and community.

EASTER EGGSPERIENCE, SATURDAY 8TH APRIL, 10AM-12NOON. Join us for Easter inspired crafts, games, Easter garden making, Easter egg hunts in St Nicholas' Church Hall, £1 per child payable on the day. Children need to have a parent or carer with them for a whole event. You can book via the parish website, www.parishofharpندن.org or by contacting Cath, 07961 564385 or assistant.curate@stnicholas.parishofharpندن.org

WENDY FULFORD'S THANKSGIVING SERVICE - TUESDAY 4 APRIL AT 2PM AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH - Wendy's family would like all those who knew her, to join them to celebrate her life and remember her at this service on Tuesday 4 April at 2pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the church hall.

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL SPRING 2023

The Electoral Roll for the Parish is due to be revised from **Tuesday 4th April to Sunday 23rd April 2023**. The revision includes additions, amendments and deletions - copies of the Electoral Roll forms will be available at church, from the Parish Office or emailed to you if you prefer (more details to follow). If you have any questions please contact your District Electoral Roll Officer: Liz Keen for St.Nics; Ro Marriott for St.Mary's or James Brown for All Saints.

CLIMATE CAMPAIGN - Are you concerned about the escalating climate and ecological crisis? If so there's a chance to join in one of the biggest ever displays of public concern at a peaceful gathering outside the Houses of Parliament [on April 21-24](#). It is hoped 100,000 people from all walks of life will join in the call for an end to all new fossil fuel licences and will create a moment that's impossible for the Government to ignore. It's being organised by Extinction Rebellion and other environmental, conservation and nature groups. Revd James will be there with others from Christian Climate Action. Find out more here <https://tinyurl.com/mr3d3j3n>

TEA CAKE & CHAT Friday 21st April 3.00-4.15pm All Saints Church Hall with musical entertainment from students of Sir John Lawes school. Lifts can be arranged; please contact - Chris Powell – 764930/chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk - Please contact by Saturday 15 April if you needs a lift. There are flyers available at the back of each church – please take some and invite your friends & neighbours.

BISHOP ALAN'S GARDEN IN ABBEY MILL LANE, ST ALBANS (AL3 4HD) WILL BE OPEN ON EASTER MONDAY 10 APRIL FROM 2-4PM

Entrance is £4 per adult in aid of Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust. Please be aware that there is no parking in the grounds or in the lane.

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/harpندن-st-nicholas-st-albans/> or simply scan the QR code from your mobile device. Any queries can be sent to Claire Petevinos: giving.recorder@parishofharpندن.org



St Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC TODAY

9.30am **Sung Eucharist**
Setting: New English Folk Mass
Hymns: 174 Breathe on me, Breath of God; 499 Lift high the cross - *omit**;
 322 Soul of my Saviour; 421 Father of Heaven;
Anthem: Verily, verily (Tallis)

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**
Responses: Ferial
Setting: Noble in B minor
Anthem: Solus ad Victimam (Leighton)

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.

EASTER FLOWERS As in previous years, you are invited to sponsor the flowers in church for Easter. If you wish to make a donation please contact the office for bank details, or pop into the Parish Office during our usual opening hours. All those on the flower group are looking forward to making the church look wonderful at Easter.

HOLY WEEK, 2-9th APRIL: Please pick up a leaflet (at the back of church) for the services during Holy Week at St Nicholas Church. Please do attend to enter into these wonderful events as we remember and celebrate the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.



St Mary's Church Notices

TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 4th and 18th April

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN: Please come and help with our big clean, on 12th/13th & 14th April. Any time you can spare will be very helpful, we aim to clean every inch of St Mary's church and hall during that week, and there are good conversations while we work! Do join in to help give the church a fresh and sparkling clean. Please contact Olive Hayward or Sally if you can help, thank you.

DRIVERS: we would welcome more volunteer drivers for church groups. If you can help please speak to Sally or to Jenny Evans. You will need to be DBS checked and complete basic safeguarding training. Thank you.

EASTER FLOWERS As in the past you are invited to sponsor flowers for Easter. Many people find this a lovely way to remember a loved one with their name read out in the prayers on Easter Day. If you would like to do this speak to Anita on 461600 or message to - croftal@aol.com. The flower arranging team are looking forward to making church look beautiful at Easter.

All Saints' Church Notices



Emergency Prayer Chain: jenny.britt@yahoo.com

EARTH HOUR - Each year people across the globe mark Earth Hour by switching off their lights as a symbol of hope and unity. This year All Saints will hold a Candlelit vigil for a world in crisis, with singing and silence. **Saturday 25th March, 8.30-9.30pm**. You are welcome to join and bring friends and neighbours.

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.

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 **Saturday, 1st April**. Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.

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.

WALKING THROUGH LENT - 5.30PM EACH TUESDAY IN LENT. We will meet at All Saints Church and walk mindfully through Batford Springs Nature Reserve, pausing to hear readings, poems and prayers to help us reflect on life and faith in this season. Finish after 30mins at the Marquis of Granby, those who wish can stay for a drink.

Save the Date - All SAINTS QUIZ: More details will come soon but please save the date for a family friendly quiz and meal on the evening of 22nd April. We will be raising funds for Tearfund's toilet twinning scheme.

Save the Date - CHURCH WEEKEND AT HOME : Friday 29 Sept - Sun 1 Oct we will be holding our first ever church weekend at home. Please save the date in your diary and look forward to fun, games, teaching, worship, food and a deepening of friendships old and new.

HOME GROUPS Over the years many people at church have met in small groups to study scripture, pray and journey through the life of faith together. We would like to revitalise that part of our church life. Please have a think about whether you would like to join such a group and how often you might like to meet etc. Speak to James or any of the LMDT about this as we work out our plans over the coming weeks.



What's on This Week

Monday 27

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints

Tuesday 28

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

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Group at St Mary's: the work of the Harpenden Trust

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

Wednesday 29

9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints': live-streamed on All Saints' facebook page

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas' followed by discussion in Cornelia's

5.00pm Evening Prayer at All Saints': live-streamed on All Saints' facebook page

Thursday 30

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

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

Saturday 1 April

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

Sunday 2 Palm Sunday

- 8.00am **Said Holy Communion with Passion Reading at St Nicholas'**
President - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
- 9.30am **Blessing of Palms on Church Green** followed by procession to St Nicholas'
- 9.45am **Sung Eucharist with Passion Reading at St Nicholas'**
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- 11.30am **Morning Praise with Palm Sunday Drama at St Nicholas'**
- 4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Nicholas'**
- 6.30pm **Said Evening Prayer at St Nicholas'**
- 7.00pm **Faure Requiem at St Nicholas' - see Parish Notices**

Readings

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Passion Narrative from Gospel of Matthew