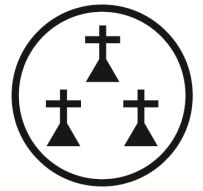


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be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of  
Harpenden**



## **Pentecost 28 May 2023**

### **Services in the Parish**

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- 10.00am **Morning Worship at All Saints' and on Zoom**  
Leader - Philip Le Riche; Preacher - Revd James Brown  
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet or by  
request from [associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org](mailto:associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org)
- 11.30am **Morning Praise with Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**  
Leader - Ian Troughton; President - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps;  
Speaker Pauline Gilbert
- 3.00pm **Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance at All Saints'**  
See Parish Notices
- 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.*

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You can also find information on [www.parishofharpenden.org](http://www.parishofharpenden.org)

### **PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK**

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY –	OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY	10.00am - 2.00pm
WEDNESDAY	10.00am - 1.00pm
SATURDAY (manned by volunteers)	9.30 -11.30am

## ●●● | Collects, Reading and Gospel

### **COLLECT**

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **FIRST READING Numbers 11.24-30**

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp

### **SECOND READING Acts 2.1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## PSALM 104.26-37A



O Lord, how manifold / are your / works! ♦ In wisdom you have made them all; the earth / is full / • of your / creatures.

There is the sea, spread / far and / wide, ♦ and there move creatures beyond / number, both / small and / great.

There go the ships, and there is / that Le/viathan ♦ which you have / made to / play • in the / deep.

All of these / look to / you ♦ to give them their / food in / due / season.

When you give it / them, they / gather it; ♦ you open your hand and / they are / filled with / good.

When you hide your face / they are / troubled; ♦ when you take away their breath, they die and re/turn a/gain • to the / dust.

#When you send forth your spirit, they / are cre/ated, ♦ and you re/new the / face • of the / earth.

May the glory of the Lord en/dure for / ever; ♦ may the / Lord re/joyce • in his / works; He looks on the / earth • and it / trembles; ♦ he touches the / mountains / and they / smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as / long as I / live; ♦ I will make music to my God / while I / have my / being.

So shall my / song / please him ♦ while I re/joyce / In the/ Lord.

Let sinners be consumed / out of the / earth ♦ and the / wicked / be no / more.

Bless the Lord, / O my / soul. ♦ Alle/luia, / Alle/luia.

## GOSPEL John 7.37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

## POST COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Places of pilgrimage in the United Kingdom

**The Sick:** Jenny Elston, Mike Clasby, Jenny

**The Recently Departed:** Wendy's mum

**First Anniversary of Death:** Maureen Randell, Bernard Woodhouse

## Parish Notices

**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE** that Kevin Featherstone and Tim Linacre have been elected as Church Wardens for the coming year.

**ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:** Julie Aldridge, Rosemary Farmer, Anne Halstead, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, Richard Hirst were elected as Deanery Synod representatives from the parish. One casual vacancy remains.

**CORNELIA'S** will be open during **half term week Wednesday and Saturday, 10am – noon**. Please join us for drinks, cakes and a friendly welcome in a beautiful setting. The bubble tea servers will be taking a well deserved rest on bank holiday Monday, and we will be closed on Friday.

**CATH'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP WILL CONTINUE ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2PM** meeting in Cornelia's Café with the exception of the 15<sup>th</sup> June when there will be no meeting - so 1<sup>st</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> July. We will then be taking a break over August. We are looking at what 'Living as a Disciple' means.

**SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE:** 3pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at All Saints', followed by tea in the hall; an opportunity to remember those we love who have died - all welcome. If you would like to add the name of a loved one who has died to the list that will be read during the service please let the parish office know or use the sheet at the back of church.

**TEA CAKE & CHAT** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 3.00-4.15pm All Saints Church Hall. Lifts can be arranged; please contact - Chris Powell – [764930/chris\\_powell51@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:764930/chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk)  
There are flyers available at the back of each church – please take some and invite your friends/neighbours. If you could help by transporting guests, please let Chris know – thank you.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to come celebrate Cath's Ordination to the Priesthood at 7pm Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at St Mary's, Hitchin. If you would like to come, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church or via email to [assistant.curate@stnicholas.parishofharpenden.org](mailto:assistant.curate@stnicholas.parishofharpenden.org) as we have been asked to provide numbers. Cath will preside at Eucharist for the first time at the 9.30am service at St Nicholas on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**HOMES FOR UKRAINE** - Do you know someone who would be able to host a Ukrainian lady in Harpenden? She has been here for a year already and works in the town. All appropriate checks with the Homes for Ukraine scheme would of course be carried out. There is currently a £500 monthly 'thank you payment' from the Government scheme to those who host Ukrainian refugees. Please contact Revd James for more details [associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org](mailto:associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org)

**OPEN GARDEN** every Sunday between 18<sup>th</sup> June-6<sup>th</sup> August, 2-4pm. Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane St Albans AL3 4HD (residence of Bishop Alan). Entrance £4 per adult (children free) as you enter. In aid of the Herts and Beds Historic Churches Trust  
Dogs on leads. No toilet facilities. Queries Monday-Friday, 9am - 5 pm only. 01727 229 073  
[jsmith@stalbans.anglican.org](mailto:jsmith@stalbans.anglican.org)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to HEATHER RICHARDS on being awarded the Town of Harpenden's Award of Merit for her 40+ years of service to St Nicholas Church and to NICOLA LINACRE for being awarded Honorary Townsman for 16 years of service on the Town Council, both on Tuesday evening at the Town Council's Annual Meeting.

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE NORTHERN SAINTS** – 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. Bishop Stephen Venner and Archdeacon Jonathan Smith are planning to lead a pilgrimage to Durham, Hexham Abbey, Whitby, the Farne Islands and Lindisfarne. We would like to invite people from across the diocese to join us. The brochure and a booking form are available from the Welcome Centre of the Cathedral, or for further information, contact Bishop Stephen ([stephen@venner.org.uk](mailto:stephen@venner.org.uk))

**GIVING APPEAL:** Thank you to those who responded to the giving appeal in March. There is still time for anyone to respond by signing up for the Parish Giving Scheme or increasing their giving. We will report back in summer on the response to the appeal (it takes a while for this to filter through). In the autumn we will give a fuller report on our financial situation and the response to the appeal.

**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 for the duration of school years 4 and 5. **Children in Year 6 will need a stamp for September.** There will be new copies of the passport available from the back of church before the start of the next academic year. We do not stamp passports at Morning or Evening Prayer. See below for general notice re applications to St George's.

#### **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**                      **Sung Eucharist**

**Setting:**                      Thorne

**Hymns:**                      612 We have a gospel to proclaim; 377 Angel-voices ever singing;  
174 Breathe on me, Breath of God; 175 Come down, O Love divine

**Anthem:**                      Come, Holy Ghost (Attwood)

**6.30pm**                      **Choral Evensong**

**Responses:**                  Smith

**Setting:**                      Sumsion A

**Anthem:**                      Come down, O love Divine (Harris)

**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.

**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE** that Jackie Agg and Piers McGrandle were elected as PCC representatives for St Nicholas' Church.

**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.

## St Mary's Church Notices



**TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION** - 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June

**FETE:** our fete is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July. We need help with raffle prizes, if you could help by providing a prize or contacting a local business who might provide a prize, please contact Lou Fraser or Sally. If you could co-ordinate the gathering of raffle prizes, that would be even better!

**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.

**PUBLICITY GROUP:** Jacqueline is stepping down from her role in leading St Mary's publicity group. We need a new person to take this group forward looking at all aspects of our publicity. Might you be that person? Please give this some thought, and contact Jacqueline or Sally for more information

# All Saints' Church Notices



Emergency Prayer Chain: [jenny.britt@yahoo.com](mailto:jenny.britt@yahoo.com)

**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 will be on **3rd June**. Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.

**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.

**CHURCH WEEKEND AT HOME** - Would you like to be a part of creating something special? Please be in touch with James if you would like join the small team putting together the programme for the church weekend at home 29 September - 1 October.

**SONGS OF PRAISE** - On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 3.30pm we will be holding our first Songs of Praise afternoon at Lea Springs. If you would like to add your voice to the occasion and stay to talk with the residents there then please be in touch with James.

**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.

**BUG HOTEL MAKING** - as part of the annual local Sustainability Festival we are holding an event at 11.30am-14.30pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June. We will be making a big bug hotel for the church garden and small ones to take home. There will be other games and activities as well as the opportunity to learn about the creatures we are hoping to attract. Please bring a picnic too.

**BUG HOTEL PREP** - If you have any good materials to include in a bug hotel then please bring those to church in the next two weeks. Example materials include bark, pine cones, hollow bamboo canes, old small logs etc.



## What's on This Week

### **Tuesday 30**

- 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 31**

- 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 live-streamed on All Saints' facebook page

### **Thursday 1 June**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas' ; live-streamed on St Nicholas' facebook page  
10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'  
5.00pm Evening Prayer live-streamed on St Nicholas' facebook page

### **Saturday 3**

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

### **Sunday 4 - Trinity Sunday**

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- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas' with Holy Baptism** of Nicholas Felstead:  
Preacher: Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
- 2.00pm **Holy Baptism at St Mary's:** Axel Truefitt
- 4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Nicholas'**
- 6.30pm **Choral Evensong at St Nicholas'**

### **Readings**

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31    2 Corinthians 13.11-13    Matthew 28 16-20