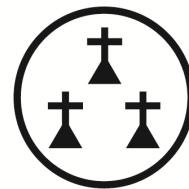


**We are an inclusive church, called to
be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of
Harpenden**



The Third Sunday of Epiphany 21 January 2024

Services in the Parish

- 8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd Cath Rindl
- 9.30am **All Age Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
President - Revd Cath Rindl; Sermon slot - Brownies
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- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**
President & Preacher - Revd Nick Goulding
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **All Age Morning Worship at All Saints' and on Zoom**
Leader - Revd James Brown; Talk - Pauline Gilbert
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet or by request from associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org
- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas'**
Leader - Jacquie Hibbert; Speaker - Nigel Major
- 4.30pm **Christingle at St Mary's**
- 6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Please contact the parish office on
01582 765524 or office@parishofharpenden.org
You can also find information on www.parishofharpenden.org

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.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

MONDAY - FRIDAY

10.00am - 2.00pm

●●● | Collects, Reading and Gospel

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.

ALTERNATIVE 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 Genesis 14.17–20

After Abram's return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

SECOND READING Revelation 19.6–10

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure' – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: *Transforming Communities:* Street Angels and Street Pastors

The Sick: Mike Clasby, Rosemary Hill, Kevin Gill, Peter Norwood, Gill, Florence Coughlin

The Recently Departed: Malcolm Reekie, Vanessa Gibson, Dennis Southwick, Fiona Marsh, Graham Cowles, Brenda Ackroyd. Jacquetta King

First Anniversary of Death: John Goodeve

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.

At St Nicholas' All Age Eucharist, choir will sing the verses. Congregation to join in singing 'Whoever fears the Lord shall indeed be blessed' at the end of each verse (indicated by R below)

PSALM 128



- 1 Happy are they all who fear the | Lord,
and who | follow • in his | ways!
- 2 You shall eat the fruit of your | labour;
happiness and prosperity | shall be | yours. R
- 3 Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your | house,
your children like olive shoots round a|bout your | table.
- 4 Whoever fears the | Lord
shall thus in|deed be | blessed. R
- 5 The Lord bless you from | Zion,
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the | days of your | life.
- 6 May you live to see your children's | children;
may peace be up|on | Israel. R

GOSPEL John 2.1–11

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

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 Salvation Army and FEED at the Vineyard Church as usual. Donations are still very much needed and your contributions are gratefully received; they can also be left at All Saints' or St Mary's. We would also appreciate any spare carrier bags for transporting the goods to the Food Banks. Thank you.

DURING THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (17 TO 25 JANUARY 2024)

Various churches around Harpenden will be hosting prayer meetings and services focussed on Christian Unity and the theme which this year is 'Go and do likewise'. Please pick up a poster with the times and places of these services at the back of church and do join us. Let's make this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity truly a time of worshipping God together

THANK YOU! TO HILARY HUNTER AND THE BEREAVEMENT VISITING GROUP: Hilary has been leading this group since 1998 and is now stepping down after all these years of wonderful support; the parish is most grateful for her service. Thank you also to all the group members who have worked with her over the years. With the Pastoral Care Group we will be setting up a new Bereavement Group.

BROWNIE LEADER NEEDED: 21st Harpenden (St Nicholas) Brownies are looking to recruit at least 1 adult Leader. We meet at the church hall on Mondays from 6.30-8.00pm during term time and ideally a new Leader should be available most weeks. A Leader would need to be involved in the planning and implementation of the Brownie Programme involving fun activities, games, crafts and informal learning. More details about the voluntary roles in Girlguiding can be found on the website: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies/> Training would be provided which would include First Aid, Safeguarding and also an enhanced DBS check would be required. If you, or anyone you know, are interested please contact Catherine or Julia at 21stharpendenbrownies@gmail.com. Thank You.

NEW BROWNIES WELCOME: If you have a daughter who is interested in becoming a Brownie (21st Harpenden Brownies, Monday evenings 6.30-8.00pm), please add her to the waiting list by visiting www.Girlguiding.org.uk and go to the "For Parents" page. The system will default to adding you to the waiting list of the unit closest to your home, according to the postcode, but you can over-ride that if you wish.

ALL SAINTS' REPAIR FAIR: For the third year running, All Saints' with St Albans District Fixers will be hosting a Repair Fair **on Saturday 17 February, from 2-5pm**. Dig out those broken and dysfunctional portable electrical and electronic items, and clothing and fabrics in need of minor repairs and alterations, and our team of skilled amateur fixers will work their magic. A booking system will open early February. We would very much welcome anyone handy with a screwdriver and with a basic understanding of electricity to join our friendly fixing team. Initially at least we would buddy you with a more experienced fixer, and can guarantee you an interesting and enjoyable afternoon! All questions and enquiries should be directed to Philip Le Riche or Revd James Brown.

CALLING ALL WOMEN! Do you feel able to take on leadership roles within your church or parish and what barriers do you perceive you would need to overcome to do so? I am doing a piece of research for my master's dissertation looking at female leadership in parish settings and what barriers women experience, and I need your help. If you choose to take part you will be asked to meet in a small group of other women and shared to your thoughts, views and experiences on this subject. You will remain anonymous. Please contact me if you would like more information or to participate: 07961564386 or revcathrindl@gmail.com. Revd Cath Rindl

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 are new copies of the passport available from the back of church now. We do not stamp passports at Morning or Evening Prayer. We recommend taking a photo of the card regularly in case you mislay it.

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 Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC

9.30am All Age Eucharist

Setting: Thorne

Hymns: 513 Lord the light of your love is shining;
383 Be still, for the presence of the Lord; Seek ye first the kingdom of
God; 538 O Jesus I have promised

Anthem: Day by Day (How)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: Darlington

Setting: Bairstow in Eb

Anthem: Evening Prayer (Humperdinck)

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 NEED YOUR HELP: DCC Secretary (attend DCC meetings and keep and distribute minutes)

Ongoing help needed with Cornelia's, Tea-Cake and Chat, Servers (9.30service)

AZALEA - Please continue to support this charity by donating women's toiletries and sanitary products. Unwanted Christmas presents perhaps! Boxes are available in St Nicholas' Church and in Cornelia's. Thank you

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 6 & 20 February

TREASURER: ST MARYS NEEDS A NEW TREASURER. Lindsey is standing down after several years in this role. Could you take on this important role for St Marys? Please give this prayerful consideration. I'm hoping to find someone to fill this role soon, so that they can benefit from the opportunity to work alongside Lindsey for the next few months. Please contact Lindsey or Sally if you might be our next treasurer. Thank you.

All Saints' Church Notices



Emergency Prayer Chain: jenny.britt@yahoo.com

COMMUNION TRIAL - Please let James know any reflections on how our trial of offering both intincted (dipped) wafers as well as the bread then the cup, is working.

PATTERN OF WORSHIP - following discussions with the LMDT and DCC, we are going to try a new monthly structure to our rhythm of worship in the new year. With occasional adjustments for festivals etc, we will follow this pattern: Week 1 - Worship Service; 2 - Communion; 3 - All Age Worship; 4 - Holy Communion. There will also be more regular use of the organ (at least monthly) and guitar to compliment the piano in our musical worship.

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 **Saturday 3 February**. Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.



What's on This Week

Monday 22

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

Tuesday 23

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Wednesday 24

9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints'
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas' thinking about Christian Unity
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas' with prayers for Christian Unity

Thursday 25

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas'

Saturday 27

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

Sunday 28 January - Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd James Brown

9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd James Brown
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9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**
President & Preacher - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
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10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints' and on Zoom**
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson
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11.30am **Morning Praise with Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
Leader - Christy Monson

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Readings

Malachi 3. 1-5

Hebrews 2. 14-18

Luke 2. 22-40