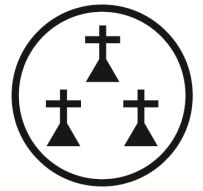


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be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of  
Harpenden**



## **The Sunday next before Lent 11 February 2024**

### **Services in the Parish**

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President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson  
Live-streamed on [www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints' and on Zoom**  
President - Revd Janes Brown; Preacher - Roy Mutlow  
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 at St Nicholas'**  
Leader - Suzanne Rose
- 6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Please contact the parish office on  
01582 765524 or [office@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:office@parishofharpenden.org)  
You can also find information on [www.parishofharpenden.org](http://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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **FIRST READING 2 Kings 2.1–12**

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

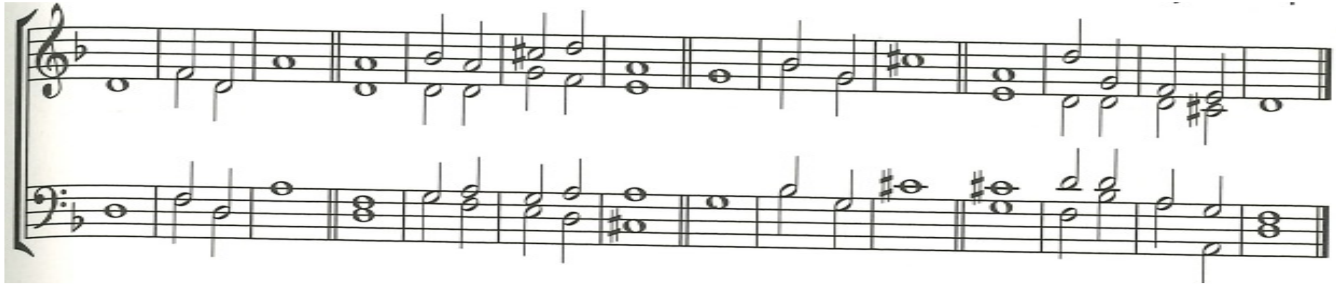
## **SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4.3–6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## **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.

## PSALM 50.1-6



The Lord, the most mighty / God, has / spoken ♦  
and called the world from the rising of the / sun / to its / setting.  
Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, / God shines / forth; ♦  
our God comes / and will / not keep / silence.  
Consuming fire goes / out be/fore him ♦  
and a mighty / tempest / stirs a/bout him.  
He calls the / heaven a/bove, ♦  
and the earth, that / he may / judge his / people:  
'Gather to / me my / faithful, ♦  
who have / sealed my / covenant with / sacrifice.'  
Let the heavens de/clare his / righteousness, ♦  
for / God him/self is / judge.

## GOSPEL Mark 9.2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## POST COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**The Sick:** Mike Clasby, Rosemary Hill, Kevin Gill, Peter Norwood, Gill, Rosemary Farmer

**The Recently Departed:** Vanessa Gibson (née Timms), Fiona Marsh, Graham Cowles, Florence Coughlin, Betty Hutchinson, Jeremy Gray

**First Anniversary of Death:** Mary Hemsley

## ● ● ● | Parish Notices

**DENNIS STAMPS IS RETIRING:** As was announced across our churches last week, Dennis is retiring as Rector after more than eleven years with us. He has been appointed as 'Associate Vicar, House for Duty' in the Shill Valley and Broadshire benefice in the Oxford Diocese. This is a three-day a week post in retirement. Dennis' final Sunday with us will be sometime in early June. He has given outstanding service to the Parish and he will be greatly missed. We will be consulting the Archdeacon about the process of appointing a new Rector and this will be discussed at the PCC. We will consult and announce arrangements for his farewell, in due course. We wish Dennis all the best in this transition, and we ask you to hold the Parish in your prayers during the appointment process and in the vacancy to come. Kevin Featherstone and Tim Linacre, Parish Wardens.

**LENT BEGINS ON 14 FEBRUARY.** Plan to attend the Ash Wednesday services on the 14<sup>th</sup> (10.30am at St Nicholas'; 8pm at All Saints'; 8pm at St Mary's)

**JOIN A LENT STUDY GROUP** – Book: *Joy of the Gospel*, by Paula Gooder (5-6 sessions) which explores the essence of Christian belief, how to live and share the good news. *Four groups available, please sign up at the back of church.* Sun afternoon, 4-5.30pm, Cornelia's, St Nicholas; Mon afternoon, 3-4.30pm, Gordon Facer Room, All Saints; Tues evening, 8-9.30pm, St Mary's; Thurs afternoon, 2-3.30pm, Cornelia's, St Nicholas. Wed Holy Communion Service, 10.30am will also use the book as the basis for sermons in Lent. There are (at time of going to press!) 5 copies of the book available from the Parish Office for £7. We encourage any home groups also to use the book during Lent.

**THE FRIDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP WILL BE USING THE PARISH LENT BOOK** "Joy of the Gospel" during Lent and would welcome others who might like to join regularly at that time. The group meets from 10.30 - 12 in the June Wall Room of the Parish hall beginning each session with refreshments from Cornelia's Café. Contact Ann Halstead T. 07973 733023 please in advance if planning to attend.

**WALKING FOR LENT**, 5.30pm each Tuesday in Lent, starting 20 February. Meet at All Saints' Church for walks through Batford Springs Nature Reserve with pauses for readings, poems and prayers to help us reflect on life in this season. Lasts 30 minutes, and those who wish can visit the Marquis of Granby for a drink afterwards.

**CONFIRMATION:** Would you like to be confirmed? Adults and young people (11+) interested in being confirmed, please contact the parish office or one of the clergy. Preparation for confirmation will be explored with those interested to find times and dates that work. Confirmation service is 5 June, in the evening at All Saints Church.

**JOIN US FOR DELICIOUS SWEET AND SAVOURY PANCAKES** hosted by our youth group on Sunday 11th February 2024 from 5.30 – 6.30 pm at All Saints Hall (129 Station Road, Harpenden AL5 4UU). All Welcome. Cost: £2 per person / £5 per family. To buy your tickets, contact Revd Cath 07961564385 / [assistant.curate@stnicholas.parishofharpenden.org](mailto:assistant.curate@stnicholas.parishofharpenden.org). Funds raised will go towards the youth work within Harpenden Parish.

**TEA CAKE & CHAT FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 3.00-4.15PM ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL**  
Lifts can be arranged; please contact - Chris Powell – T: 764930 or  
E: [chris\\_powell51@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk). There are flyers available at the back of each church – please take some and invite your friends/neighbours.

**BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRAINING; CAN YOU HELP?** We would like to offer training for the Parish in 'Basic Life Support' skills. We need to identify potential trainers. If you can provide such training, or know someone who might help, please contact the Parish Office or email: [churchwarden1@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:churchwarden1@parishofharpenden.org)

**FUNERAL OF FIONA MARSH** will take place on Tuesday 13 February at St Nicholas'. All are welcome to come and give thanks for Fiona's life and support one another at this time of loss.

**FUNERAL OF VANESSA GIBSON (NEE TIMMS )** will be held on 15 February at 1.00pm at St. John's Church and afterwards at: Aldwickbury Park Golf Club. **Please wear bright clothing.**

**ALL SAINTS' REPAIR FAIR** For the 3rd 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.

**Register** at <http://tinyurl.com/3czehndr>

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.

**COLLECTION FOR BRITISH HUMANITARIAN AID ON SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY, 10AM—3PM** in the Cunningham Room, St Nicholas' Church Halls. Please see posters in the church porch for details of what is urgently needed. (Also attached with weekly email)

**DEMENTIA FRIENDS INFORMATION SESSION** Sunday 3 March, 2-3pm in All Saints' Church Hall. For anyone living or working with those who live with dementia, to increase awareness of how dementia affects people and how we can all help by understanding and taking simple steps. People actually living with dementia can find the sessions difficult but the decision as to whether to come or not is up to them and their carers.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE ON FRIDAY 1 MARCH 10.30AM AT HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH.** The service will be live streamed. Postcards advertising the event with all the details are in St Nicholas', All Saints' and St Mary's churches.

**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE AND WORK OF DR EDMUND MARSHALL** will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster, London, Thursday, 18 April 2024 at noon. If you wish to attend, please request a ticket: <https://ThanksgivingServiceDrEdmundMarshall.eventbrite.co.uk>

**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](mailto:giving.recorder@parishofharpenden.org)



# **St Nicholas' Church Notices**



## **MUSIC**

**9.30am**                      **Sung Eucharist**

**Setting:**                      Thorne

**Hymns:**                      2 Christ, whose glory fills the skies; 585 The church's one foundation;  
285 Bread of the world; 598 There's a wideness in God's mercy

**Anthem:**                      O Nata Lux (Tallis)

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

**Responses:**                  Rose

**Setting:**                      Dyson in F

**Anthem:**                      Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley)

**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

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE AUDREY TALBERT IN CHURCH ON MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY AT 12NOON** - Audrey's family would be delighted if all who knew and remember her, were able to join them in this celebration of her life.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE GRAHAM COWLES** will be held at St Nicholas' on Tuesday 20 February at 1.30pm. All welcome.

## All Saints' Church Notices



**Emergency Prayer Chain:** [jenny.britt@yahoo.com](mailto: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 now trying a new monthly structure to our rhythm of worship. With occasional adjustments for festivals etc, we are following 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 and guitar to compliment the piano in our musical worship.

**BRENDA ACKROYD'S FUNERAL** will be on the 16 February. The Cremation will take place at Hemel Hempstead Crematorium 10.30am, with a service of thanksgiving at High Street Methodists 12.30pm, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

## St Mary's Church Notices



**TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION** - 20 February

**TEA, CAKE AND CHAT ON 16 FEBRUARY** - It is St Mary's turn to provide and serve the refreshments at this event (see Parish Notices). Jill Horn would be delighted to receive offers of cakes and/or help on the day. Thank you.

**ST MARY'S QUIZ: SATURDAY 2 MARCH**, put the date in your diary, chose your team, more details in due course.

**LITTER PICKING: SATURDAY 9 MARCH 10.30AM.** Meet outside church to clean up our district.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP** meeting on 20 February at 2.30pm. Senior librarian Richard Marpole will speak about 'What the library has to offer'.



## What's on This Week

### Monday 12

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints'

### Tuesday 13

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

1.30pm Funeral of Fiona Marsh at St Nicholas'

### Wednesday 14 **Ash Wednesday**

9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints'

10.30am Holy Communion with ashing at St Nicholas'

5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas'

8.00pm Holy Communion with ashing at St Mary's

8.00pm Holy Communion with ashing at All Saints

### Thursday 15

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas'

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

### Saturday 17

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

2.00-5.00pm Repair Fair at All Saints' - see Parish Notices

### Sunday 18 February - The First Sunday of Lent

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Leader - Pauline Gilbert; Guest Speaker - Mary Purkiss from STEP  
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11.30am **Café Church in St Nicholas' Church Hall**  
Leader & Speaker - Chris Powell

4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Mary's**

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

**Readings**

**Genesis 9. 8-17**

**1 Peter 3. 18-22**

**Mark 1. 9-15**