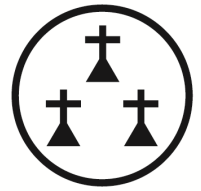


We are an inclusive church, called to be caring, loving and welcoming to all

Parish of Harpenden



Easter Day 31 March 2024

Services in the Parish

- 6.00am **Sunrise Service with First Communion of Easter, starting in All Saints' Church Garden**, then moving into Church. Followed by breakfast.
President - Revd James Brown
- 8.00am **BCP Holy Communion with hymns at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist with Service of Light at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
This service will be live streamed on Facebook (or available as a recorded service afterwards) You can also join by telephone: 02034815240, enter ID#: 81402722773, followed by # (no password needed).
- 9.30am **Family Communion with lighting of Easter Candle at St Mary's**
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Family Communion at All Saints' and on Zoom**
President – Revd James Brown; Preacher - Tony 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 with Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
Leader - Chris Powell; President & Preacher - Revd Cath Rindl
Prayer Ministry will be available at this service

No evening service today

Please contact the parish office on
01582 765524 or office@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
TUESDAY - FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED
10.00am - 2.00pm

●●● | Collects, Reading and Gospel

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope: for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

SECOND READING Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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.

EASTER ANTHEM



CHRIST our passover has been / sacrificed / for us ♦ so let us / cele/brate the / feast;
Not with the old leaven of cor/ruption and / wickedness ♦ but with the unleavened / bread of
sin/cerity and / truth. *1 Corinthians 5.7b, 8*

Christ once raised from the dead / dies no / more: ♦ death has / no m ore do/minion / over
him.

In dying, he died to sin / once for / all: ♦ in / living he / lives to / God.

See yourselves therefore as / dead to / sin: ♦ and alive to God in / Jesus / Christ our / Lord.
Romans 6.9-11

Christ has been raised / from the / dead ♦ the / first fruits of / those who / sleep.

For as by / man came / death: ♦ by man has come also the resur/rection / of the / dead.

For as in / Adam all / die: ♦ even so in Christ shall / all be / made a-/live.

1 Corinthians 15.20-22

GOSPEL Mark 16.1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

POST COMMUNION

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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: Kevin Gill, Peter Norwood, Gill, Rosemary Farmer, Derek Hotchkiss, Rosemary Allen

The Recently Departed: Rick Hewetson; Eugene Achermann

First Anniversary of Death: Joy Parncutt

● ● ● | Parish Notices

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR ADULTS will meet 30 April, 7 May, 21 May, 28 May, 7.30pm (or 8pm if need be) for 1 hour. Anyone welcome to attend even if just to consider. Confirmation is scheduled for 5 June, 7.30pm, at All Saints' church. Contact the Rector (rector@parishofharpenden.org) or the parish office if interested.

THE NEXT PARISH CONFIRMATION COURSE FOR YOUTH will commence on Sunday 21 April and will take place over 6 sessions between 4 and 5pm in St Nicholas' Hall. It is aimed at children / youth aged 11 years of age and over. The confirmation itself will take place on Wednesday 5 June 2024 at 7.30pm at All Saints', Harpenden. If your young person would like to attend the course, please contact the Parish Office for details and an application form. Please approach a member of the clergy team if you would like more information or contact Cath 07961 564385.

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED to co-ordinate making of knitted blankets etc for British Humanitarian Aid & other organisations. For many years the late Ellen Hills organised this. Ellen's family would love to see her work continued and a number of knitters have asked about what will be happening, but it can't continue without someone to take the lead; it could be a shared job. Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS INFORMATION SESSION: Sunday 14 April, 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.

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL SPRING 2024 The Electoral Roll for the Parish is currently being revised from **Tuesday 2 April** to **Sunday 21 April 2024**. The revision includes additions, amendments and deletions. If you have been worshipping in the Parish regularly over the past six months (including live streaming) but are not yet registered on the Electoral Roll, you would be very welcome to join. Copies of the Electoral Roll forms are available at church, from the Parish Office or emailed to you if you prefer. Simply contact your District Electoral Roll Officer: Kate Nesbitt for St Nic's (nesbittsplymouth@gmail.com); Ro Marriott for St Mary's (marriott.ro@gmail.com); Loretta Ramswell for All Saints (lorettaramswell@msn.com) to request a copy or if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE, SUNDAY 9 JUNE - DENNIS' DEPARTURE. Dennis' last service in the Parish will be 10am Sunday 9 June in St Nicholas', an All-Parish service, jointly arranged by Sally, James and Cath. That afternoon there will be a joint All-Parish Farewell Afternoon Tea Party 3-5pm on the lawn outside Cornelia's. Please save the date and let others know. All will be welcome and lots of help will be needed, volunteers will be sought nearer the time.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP will meet this Thursday - 4 April between 2-3pm in Cornelia's

AUTHOR, PAMELA MANN, LIBRARY TALK: Some of you may remember that Harpenden resident and long-time St Nicholas's parishioner, Pamela Mann, had the launch of her debut novel, *The Birth of Gossip*, held in St Nicholas's Church. Subsequently, that novel was adapted to the Harpenden stage. Then came her being asked to write the updated book commemorating the 70th anniversary of The Harpenden Trust. This was followed by publication of her third book, *Men Rule*, which is a sequel to her first. Pamela will be having an informal author chat at Harpenden Library on Monday, 29 April, 10.30am to 12 noon. Do come along.

DIOCESAN JOB: Safeguarding Administrator (0.6) - The Diocese of St Albans (stalbandsdiocese.org) The job is central to our Diocesan Safeguarding Team and will be supporting the very important safeguarding training programme. 21 hours a week (4-5 hours over 4-5 days); Flexibility to work part from home and part from Holywell Lodge, St Albans. We are looking for strong Administrative and Communication skills and someone who is good at working as part of a team. Deadline for applications is 12pm on 8 April

THE HARPENDEN TRUST WILL BE HOLDING THE SENIOR'S FAIR on 10 April 2024 at the Eric Morecambe Centre in Rothamstead Park. The event will showcase services, support and activities of interest to Seniors. Entry is free and over 30 exhibitors from the charity, not-for-profit and commercial sectors will attend to provide information. The Harpenden Village WI will be offering refreshments.

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



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St Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC

9.30am **Sung Eucharist**

Setting: Thorne: Mass of St Thomas

Hymns: 147 Jesus Christ is risen today; 311 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour; 161 This joyful Eastertide; 160 Thine be the glory

Anthems: He is risen (Cope); Christ the Lord is risen again (Foster)
Hallelujah Chorus (Handel)

No Evensong today

EASTER GARDEN. The Easter garden has been made again beside the church path. Everyone is invited to take a cross from the box there to decorate and place in the garden.

PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC) NEW MEMBERS NEEDED (5): St Nicholas' needs five new PCC members. If you are interested please speak to the Rector or Sara in the office (PCC Secretary). This is your church and if you want to help it run properly, please consider. Only five meetings a year, but PCC is key to making decisions about our parish.

ST NICHOLAS' DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL (DCC) would like to elect two new representatives, one person who attends Simply Worship service regularly and one person who attends Morning Praise service regularly.

WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE BRONZE ECO AWARD! Thank you to our Eco Group for helping achieve this. Would you like to join the Eco Group, contact Revd Cath Rindl.

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 (9.30 service)

TODDLER TIME - HELP REQUESTED Toddler Time is held in the Church Hall on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am until 10.45am. About 20 families attend each week, during term time only. It's a friendly environment which facilitates fun for the children and friendship for the adults. There is a rota for helpers to sign up for dates when they're available. No pressure to come every week! If interested please contact Zoe Brown on 07780576033 or 01zoebrown@gmail.com.

FAITH AND LIGHT TEA, SUNDAY 7 APRIL. It is St Nicholas' Church's turn to provide and serve the food for the Faith and Light Tea at St John's church. We need sandwiches, scones and cakes for about 20 people and also 6 helpers on the day, from 4pm-6pm. Please contact Jean McIntosh, 761362 or 07940 400263, or email jeanmcintosh41@gmail.com for further details. A sign up sheet is on the welcome table.

Thank you

HEALTH AND SAFETY REFRESHER TRAINING Saturdays 11 May or 18 May, 11.30-12.30. As a church we have a duty to ensure the health and safety of everyone who may use our buildings including clergy, staff, volunteers, congregation and visitors. Simon will be giving two informal refresher sessions for those who undertake any role, paid or voluntary, to ensure everyone is kept up to speed. Please try and attend one of them if you help in any capacity in the church/hall buildings. The sessions are identical, so you only need attend one of the dates. Please register your name with the Parish Office for a space.

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 2 & 16 April

SALLY will be on extended study leave 1 April - 8 July

NO SERVICES AT ST MARY'S ON SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2024

Please do come and join us at All Saints at 10am for a Joint Parish Communion service. There are no services at St Mary's that day.

ST MARY'S FETE - Saturday 13 July. Please put the date in your diary.

PCC - there is a vacancy for a St Mary's representative on our parish church council.

ST MARY'S BIG SPRING CLEAN – Tuesday 9 April – Friday 12 April. It is that time of year again when I ask for as much help as you can give to make the church clean and bright for another year. The more helpers there are, the more sociable it is, if you haven't helped before do come and join us from 2pm on Tuesday and 10am – 4pm on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Lots of dusting, walls to be washed, windows cleaned and all the furniture to be polished in the hall and church. All cleaning materials and equipment is supplied, plus coffee and biscuits! Organiser: Olive Hayward. Tel: 769606. Email: olive.hayward@hotmail.com

All Saints' Church Notices



Emergency Prayer Chain: jenny.britt@yahoo.com

SHARED CHURCH LIFE: Our annual church meeting is after the service on 19 May. At it we elect particular roles in church life. Could you see yourself helping as a member of the church council, the parish council, or as one of a team of churchwardens? To find out more and talk it through please get in touch with James.



What's on This Week

Tuesday 2

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
10.am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Wednesday 3

9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints'
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

Thursday 4

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

Friday 5

11.00am Funeral of Rick Hewetson at St Nicholas'
12 noon Memorial Service for Brian Pobjoy at St Mary's

Saturday 6

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas'

Sunday 7 April– The Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps

10.00am **Parish Holy Communion at All Saints' and on Zoom**
President – Revd James Brown; Preacher - Revd Canon Dennis Stamps
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet or by request from associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org

4.30 pm **Simply Worship with Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**

Readings

Exodus 14.21-30

Acts 4.32-35

John 20.19-31