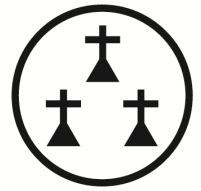


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**Parish of
Harpenden**



The Seventh Sunday of Easter 12 May 2024

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- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas'**
Leader - Vicky Platt; Speaker - Jackie Major
- 3.00pm **Holy Baptism at St Nicholas'**: Hannah May Moore, Florence Sarah Goodridge
- 4.00pm **Holy Baptism at St Nicholas'**: George Alfred James Beck, Matilda Linacre
- 6.30pm **Choral Evensong at St Nicholas'** followed by Annual District Church Meeting at 7.30pm

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

O God the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 36.24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1, 15-17,21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

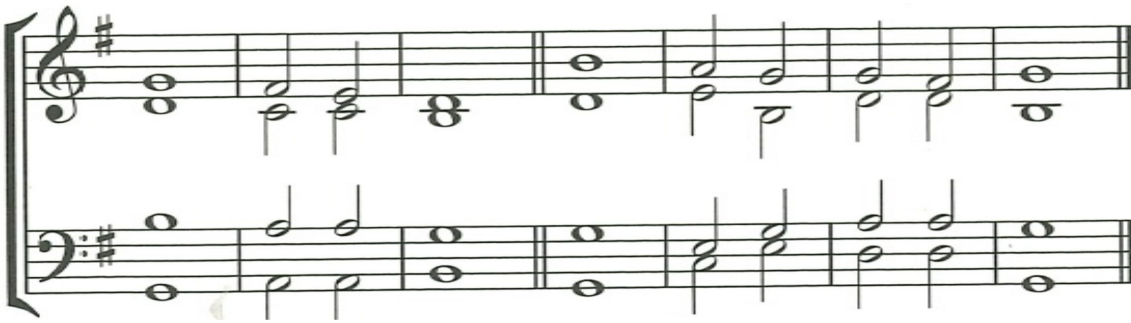
Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: *Going Deeper into God* : All who attend Church each Sunday

The Sick: Kevin Gill, Peter Norwood, Gill, Charlotte

The Recently Departed: Les Allen, Christine Strohm, Patricia Whalen, Ian Hemmin, Rosemary Farmer

First Anniversary of Death: Paul Stephenson

PSALM 1



Blessed are they who have not walked in the / counsel • of the / wicked, ♦
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the as/sembly / of the / scornful.
Their delight is in the / law of the / Lord ♦ and they meditate on his / law / day and /
night.

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves
that / do not / wither, ♦ whatever they / do, / it shall / prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not / so with / them; ♦ they are like chaff which the / wind /
blows a/way.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to / stand in the / judgement, ♦ nor the
sinner in the congre/gation / of the / righteous.

For the Lord knows the ‘ way of the ‘ righteous, ♦ but the / way of the / wicked shall
/ perish.

GOSPEL John 17.6–19

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: ‘Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.’

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Parish Notices

SAS IS IN A NEW VENUE! SAS has started back between 5 - 7pm on a Sunday in **St Nicholas Church Hall**. If you are school Years 6 or above you are warmly invited to join us. Any questions contact Cath or James.

PARISH OF HARPENDEN ELECTORAL ROLL SPRING 2024 The Electoral Roll for the Parish has been revised. If you wish to check your entry, it is now available; please contact the Parish Office or your District Electoral Roll Officer: Kate Nesbitt for St Nicholas'; Ro Marriott for St Mary's or Loretta Ramswell for All Saints'. Due to GDPR copies are no longer on public display.

FAURÉ AND FIZZ CONCERT BY THE MUSIC MAKERS CHOIR OF HARPENDEN, AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH, SATURDAY 11 MAY, 7.30 PM, featuring Fauré's Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine, plus other glorious songs. Tickets £19 to include an interval glass of fizz or a soft drink, from

Ticket Source <http://www.musicmakerschoir.wordpress.com>, or on the door.

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING (APCM), MONDAY 20 MAY AT 8PM AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH Come along to this important meeting for our parish life. Elect church wardens, finance update, update from our district churches, chance to ask questions. Advance reports available from Parish Office.

WALK WITH THE LORD, SATURDAY 25 MAY, 10:30AM You are welcome to this inspiring time together with others from across the Wheathampstead Deanery, led by Revd. James Brown . Meet at the carpark opposite West End Barns, Ferrer's Lane, AL4 8EG. We will walk through woodland and flower meadow in a meditative silence, pausing to hear beautiful readings, prayers and poems. After no more than an hour we will return to the carpark and those who wish can stay for refreshments at the farm cafe at West End Barns.

ST MARY'S CHURCH IN REDBOURN is seeking to appoint a new Parish Administrator to work alongside their vicar, the Reverend Rachel Wakefield for 10 hours per week. For more details please follow this link: <https://stmarysredbourn.org/2024/04/16/vacancy-parish-administrator/>

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING - SUNDAY 2 JUNE AT 2PM AT ALL SAINTS' You are welcome to join this special service to remember our loved ones who have died. There be an opportunity to light candles in memory of those who have died. Refreshments served. If there are names that you would like to be read during the course of the service please send them to office@parishofharpenden.org

A BIG 'THANK YOU' TO DENNIS: as you'll know, our Rector, Dennis Stamps, is retiring and leaving us in June. We know many will wish to show their appreciation of the wonderful service Dennis has given to our Parish for more than eleven years. As a Parish, we're encouraging you to make a donation to a 'farewell' fund. You can do this easily in one of two ways. We prefer you to make a bank transfer using the following details: Sort code: 40-23-11. Account number: 41495518. Account name: St Nicholas PCC – Operating (or 'St Nicholas PCC' is preferred by some banks). Reference: [add your surname] / Rector. Alternatively, you can write a cheque [payable to: "St Nicholas PCC – Operating"] or give cash to the Parish Office. We will present this to Dennis & Helen at the Afternoon Tea Party on Sunday 9 June at St. Nicholas' (3-5pm) – make a note in your diary, all welcome!

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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN DENNIS' LEAVING CARD please access the card using the red QR code or via this bit code: <https://bit.ly/3QmLBht> You can sign it and add a short message. If you are unable to access the online version please leave a message at the parish office and it will be added for you. The closing date for signing is Monday 27 May.



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.

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.

St Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC

9.30am **Sung Eucharist**

Setting: Thorne Mass of St Thomas

Hymns: 555 Praise my soul; 466 How shall I sing that majesty;
490 Jesus shall reign; 172 The head that once was crowned with thorns

Anthems: Ascendit Deus (Philips)

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Responses: Rose

Setting: Dyson in D

Anthem: God is gone up (Finzi)

PLANTS left-over from the Children's Society plant stall on Saturday 11 May will be sold in the garden outside Cornelia's after the 9.30 service on Sunday 12 May. Cash preferred.

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 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)

ST NICHOLAS' ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING - SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024 AT 7.30PM Everyone is welcome to join us at this. It's a good opportunity to find out about all that happens at St Nicholas'. Copies of the Annual Report are at the rear of church for those who would like one.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REFRESHER TRAINING Saturday 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 if you help in any capacity in the church/hall buildings and are not coming on 11 May. Please register your name with the Parish Office for a space.

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 21 May

SALLY is on extended study leave 1 April - 8 July

PCC VACANCY - We still have one vacancy to fill on the PCC. It is really important for us to be represented on this parish wide committee. If you think that you may be able to serve St Mary's in this way, please contact Lynn Whitwam or Jacqueline Clayton as soon as possible.

APCM - Monday 20 May, 8 pm, All Saints Church.

GARDEN TIDY - We'd like to do a tidy up of the the church garden. If anyone can help, please come to the church on Saturday 25 May (10am - 12 noon) with your gardening tools.

KINSBOURNE COMMON COMMUNITY FETE (13 JULY) - Reminder to seek raffle prizes and bring Preloved Accessories and Bottles for the Bottle Tombola to church and sign up for running stalls.

All Saints' Church Notices



Emergency Prayer Chain: jenny.britt@yahoo.com

SONGS OF PRAISE AT LEA SPRINGS on Wednesday 15 May at 3.30pm. You are invited to come and add your voice, both to the singing and to the lovely conversation that follows over tea and cake. We'll meet at Lea Springs.

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.

ALL SAINTS' ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING - SUNDAY 19 MAY FOLLOWING ON FROM OUR SUNDAY SERVICE Everyone is welcome to attend. It's a great way to find out about all that happens at All Saints'.

REFRESHMENTS FOR THANKSGIVING SERVICE If you can help with serving refreshments after the parish wide Thanksgiving and Remembrance service on 2 June, 2pm, then please get in touch with James. With thanks.



What's on This Week

Monday 13

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Tuesday 14

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Wednesday 15

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas'

Thursday 16

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas'

Saturday 18

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

11.30am Health and Safety Refresher Training in St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 19 May – Pentecost

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Leader - Chris Powell

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

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Readings **Ezekiel 37.1-14** **Acts 2.1-21** **John 15.26-77, 16.4b-15**