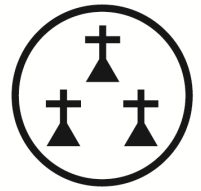


**We are an inclusive church, called to  
be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of  
Harpenden**



**28 July 2024  
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

**Services in the Parish**

- 8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**  
President - Revd Cath Rindl; Preacher - Anne-Marie Kramer
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**  
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- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**  
President – Revd Sally Goodson; Preacher - Hilary Pask  
Live-streamed on [www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints'**  
President & Preacher - Revd Paul Manuel  
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 - Chris Powell; President & Preacher - Revd Cath Rindl  
Prayer ministry will be available at this service

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**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, Readings, and Psalm

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

## **Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT**

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **FIRST READING 2 Samuel 11.1-15**

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

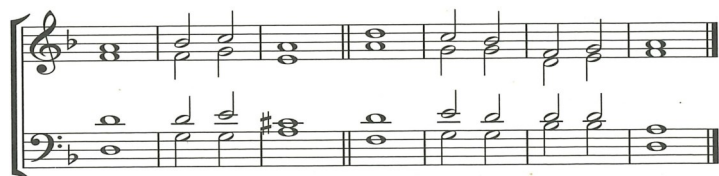
It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.' So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

## **SECOND READING Ephesians 3.14-21**

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

## PSALM 14



The fool has said in his heart, 'There / is no / God.' ♦ Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness; there is / no one / that does / good.

The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the / children of / earth, ♦ to see if there is anyone who is wise and / seeks / after / God.

# But every one has turned back; all alike have be/come cor/rupt: ♦ there is none that does / good; / no, not / one.

Have they no knowledge, those / evil/doers, ♦ who eat up my people as if they ate bread and do not / call up/on the / Lord?

There shall they be in / great / fear; ♦ for God is in the / company / of the / righteous.

Though they would confound the / counsel · of the / poor, ♦ yet the / Lord shall / be their / refuge.

O that Israel's salvation would / come · out of / Zion! ♦ When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, then will Jacob re/joyce and / Israel be / glad.

## GOSPEL John 6.1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

## ●●● | Post Communion Prayer

### POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

## ●●● | Parish Notices

**HURRICANE BERYL DISASTER APPEAL** - Please pray for the people on the islands of Grenada, Carriacou, Petite Martinique, and St Vincent and the Grenadines after devastating impact of Hurricane Beryl. The catastrophic winds and torrential rains have left many without homes, power or basic necessities. The bishops of the Diocese of St Albans are urging all who can to respond generously to the Hurricane Beryl Disaster Appeal. Every contribution will bring hope and relief to those in desperate need as the money will be used to provide crucial aid -shelter, food, medical supplies, and rebuilding materials — to those who have lost everything. For more information see the Diocesan website <https://www.stalbandsdiocese.org/parishsupport/growing-community/hurricane-beryl-disaster-appeal/>

**JULY PRAYER WALKS, 5.30PM EVERY TUESDAY IN JULY**, meeting at All Saints' Church to make our way mindfully through Batford Springs Nature Reserve, pausing for readings, poems and prayers. Approx. 30 minutes, with the option to stay for a drink afterwards at the Marquis of Granby. All welcome.

**COME AND JOIN OUR 'SUPPER WITH JESUS' CLUB FOR ADULTS THIS SUMMER AT ST NICHOLAS'**. Join us every Tuesday evening from 6pm in Cornelia's from the 30 July until 27 August for a light supper, bible study and fellowship.

Cost: by donations (suggested £5 per supper) Please sign up using the sign-up sheet at the back of church or by contacting Cath (07961564385 [assistant.curate@stnicholas.parishofharpenden.org](mailto:assistant.curate@stnicholas.parishofharpenden.org))

**BISHOP OF ST ALBANS OPEN GARDEN** every Sunday until 11 August, 2pm - 4pm. Entrance £5, children free. Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD. Proceeds to Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week:** *Transforming Communities*: those who run & those who attend breakfast clubs

**The Sick:** Kevin Gill, Charlotte, Gill

**The Recently Departed:** Trevor Conquest, Doreen Copas, Brennan Hiorns, Pat Marson

**First Anniversary of Death:** Joan Callen, Ellen Hills, Mary Searby

**TEA CAKE & CHAT** - Friday 16 August 3.00-4.15pm All Saints' Church Hall. Do come along for homemade cake and a chat over a cup of tea! Lifts can be arranged - please contact Chris Powell 01582 764930 or at: [chris\\_powell51@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk). There are flyers at the back of all three churches; please take one or two to give to others.

**BEDS & HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE 'N HIKE** Saturday 14 September. Posters and sponsor packs for walkers and cyclists are now in the churches, do take one and get sponsored for your efforts. We also need welcomers on the day who can also get sponsored. Half the money raised comes back to each church. Please contact Jean McIntosh 761362 at St Nicholas'; Olive Hayward, 769606 at St Mary's and Pete Lovell 765390 at All Saints' for further details.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY QUIZ NIGHT** advance notice! We're hoping you'll put the date of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary quiz night, Saturday 5 October, into your diary. Better still, contact Delia to book a table, on 460100. As usual, bring your own drinks and nibbles (no supper being served) for our regular fun evening in St Nicholas church hall. Tickets £12.

**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.

### **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**

**9.30am**

### **Parish Eucharist**

**Setting:**

Thorne Mass of St Thomas

**Hymns**

175 Come down, O love divine, 413 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
250 All creatures of our God and King, 284 Bread of heaven, on thee we  
feed, 467 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

**SATURDAY 10.30AM HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES** From August these will only be held twice a month; generally a BCP on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday and a Common Worship service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. There will be some variation in November and December when other things are going on in church on certain dates. Please check the back of the Pew Leaflet for when the services are happening.

**MORNING PRAISE 11.30 SERVICE MUSIC GROUP** – following several years of playing the piano and organising the Music Group, Angela Troughton has moved away and we are looking for one or more pianists to play for this service. In term time the Director of Music and Organ Scholar can sometimes play, but we particularly need pianists over the summer, and if there is someone who would enjoy leading the music group on a more permanent basis as Angela did, that would be very welcome. The Songs of Fellowship hymnbook is mostly used at this service, with a variety of hymns and songs, many of which are upbeat with lots of syncopation, so a feel for this type of music would be ideal. Please contact [music@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:music@parishofharpenden.org) if you would like to offer or for more details. The music group currently consists of singers, guitars and piano.

## St Mary's Church Notices



**TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 6 & 20 August**

**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE CHURCH ROTAS:** We are in need of people to fill slots on the various Sunday morning rotas and in particular the welcoming rota. If you think that you can help, or would just like to find out what is involved, please contact Jacqueline Clayton, Lynn Whitwam or Ro Marriott.

**ST MARY'S FETE:** A big thank you to Lou Fraser and all who helped to make our fete so successful. It was a lovely community event. We raised just over £2000. Proceeds will be split with the 9<sup>th</sup> Harpenden Scout Group.

## All Saints' Church Notices



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

**ARE YOU OUR NEW TREASURER?** A huge 'thank you' to Jonathan Sinfield who has been the All Saints' treasurer for 13 years! He has decided that the time has come for him to step down and so we thank him as he does so. If you are interested in finding out more about the role and whether you might be able to serve in this way then please speak to James or to our parish treasurer, Jackie Agg to find out more.

**SUMMER VOLUNTEER** Batford Methodists have asked whether we would like to join them in offering hospitality in our hall to young families during the summer break as they take kids to the nature reserve / playground. If this goes ahead it would likely involve two or three hours on one day of the week. If you are interested in exploring this then please speak with James.

**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 August** . Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sat 28 September - Harvest Festival Barn Dance and Fish and Chips



## What's on This Week

### **Monday 29**

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints

### **Tuesday 30**

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

5.30pm July Prayer Walk meeting at All Saints' Church - see Parish Notices

### **Wednesday 31**

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas'

### **Thursday 1**

#### **August**

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

### **Saturday 3**

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas'

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Leader - Pauline Gilbert; Preacher - Tony Gilbert;  
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet or by request from [associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpندن.org](mailto:associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpندن.org)

11.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Mary's**  
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson

11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas'**  
Leader - Suzanne Rose; Speaker - Andrew Marsh

**Readings 2 Samuel 11.26-12. 13a Ephesians 4. 1-16 John 6. 24-35**