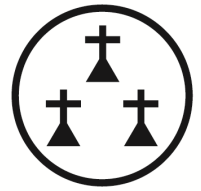


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**Parish of  
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## **29 September 2024 Harvest Thanksgiving Services in the Parish**

- 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' - St Nicholas' School  
This service will **not** be live streamed on [facebook.com/  
StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)
- 9.30am **Family Worship at St Mary's**  
Leader - Revd Sally Goodson; Preacher – Revd Nick Goulding  
Live-streamed on [www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints'**  
President & Preacher - Revd James Brown  
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
- 6.30pm **Harvest Evensong at St Nicholas'**

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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

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## FIRST READING Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain\* for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

## SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2.1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## PSALM 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, ♦ then were we like those who dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦ and our tongue with songs of joy.  
Then said they among the nations, ♦ The Lord has done great things for them.'  
The Lord has indeed done great things for us, ♦ and therefore we rejoiced.  
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ♦ as the river beds of the desert.  
Those who sow in tears ♦ shall reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, ♦ will come back with shouts of joy,  
bearing their sheaves with them.

## GOSPEL Matthew 6.25-33

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

## POST COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week:** Transforming Communities: the work of the Probation Service

**The Sick:** Kevin Gill, Charlotte, Mandy Gaines, Richard Aldridge, Colin Chambers, James

**The Recently Departed:** Rachel Gregory, Jean Haynes, Edward Eastwood, Patrick Oakes, Pam Waterfall, Pamela Hoath

## ● ● ● | Parish Notices

**BISHOP'S HARVEST APPEAL FOR 2024 – *Thrive: Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture in Sri Lanka*** in partnership with The Leprosy Mission. For more information please go to [Bishop of St Albans Harvest Appeal 2024 - The Diocese of St Albans \(stalbandsdiocese.org\)](http://stalbandsdiocese.org)

**NOTICE OF VACANCY FOR THE POSITION OF PARISH WARDEN** Sadly, Tim Linacre is moving away and will step down as one of our two parish wardens. The Parish is very grateful for his tremendous service as Warden. He has been a valued member of St. Nicholas' congregation for over 40 years. Thank you, Tim!

There will be a short, special Parishioners' Meeting on Monday 25 November (8pm at All Saints') to elect a successor. The meeting is open to all. A regular, closed PCC meeting will follow. Anyone on the electoral register of the Parish may stand for election as Warden, having completed a nomination form in advance (available from the Parish Office).

**SAS YOUTH GROUP IS CHANGING** Our parish youth group is trying a new format for this term, to best suit the patterns of our young people and their leaders. This term we will meet at All Saints hall 5-7pm once a month, on the first Sunday of each month. That means each session will be more of an event with special activities and focus. Please encourage the young people you know to join. School years 6-9. The first session is 6 October.



## Parish Notices continued

**THE UNA (UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION) ARE HOLDING A SERVICE ON SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER** 6.30pm at High Street Methodist Church to commemorate UN Day. The **guest speaker** is Patricia Earle (Midlands Coordinator for the **Women's Federation for World Peace** - WFWP). It should be extremely interesting to hear her. Please do come along.

**TEA CAKE & CHAT** - Friday 18 October, 3.00-4.15pm All Saints Church Hall. If you and/or a friend would like to come to this popular event and require a lift, please contact Chris Powell on 764930 or [chris\\_powell51@hptmail.co.uk](mailto:chris_powell51@hptmail.co.uk). There are leaflets at the back of each church, please take one to give to someone or display on a notice board somewhere

**CHURCH TALKS ON SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER AT 10.30AM** - Diana Parrott will be giving the second talk in our series at **10.30am Saturday 12 October on the history of St Nicholas Church**. Please come along to hear about the history and a tour within the church to view various points of interest. Diana's talk will last 30/45 minutes. We hope you will join us. If you wish, you can collect coffee from Cornelia's beforehand and bring it into the church with you.

**BOILER AT ST NICHOLAS'** The boiler within the church at St Nicholas has been condemned by the gas engineer – this does not affect the church offices, hall or Cornelia's Café. The DCC, churchwardens and others are currently working hard with the Diocese and heating experts to sort out a new boiler / permanent heating solution, but this will take time and so we face a winter without a boiler. We have bought four supplementary electrical fan heaters – we chose to buy these as this worked out cheaper than hiring them in – but these are not nearly as efficient as a boiler and can only be run for a maximum of 4 hours at a time. In view of this, the DCC has decided, with permission, to adapt the Cunningham Room into a temporary chapel and move our smaller services (Sunday 8am, Wednesday 10.30am and Saturday 10.30 am) there. We will work with other services as to what options best suit their needs and we will of course be letting all users know. We are expecting that our larger services will continue in the church with the support of the new heaters – these include the Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist and all our regular Advent and Christmas services. These new arrangements will come into effect from the beginning of November. If your service is taking place within the church, please wrap up warmly and bring a blanket if needed. If you would like to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Cath 07961564385 or Sally on 01582 712754.

**CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES, HARPENDEN - DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE?** The annual Cards for Good Causes charity Christmas Card shop at URC Vaughan Road is in danger of not opening this year due to the lack of a person (or persons) to manage this shop. So this is an urgent appeal. Might you - or someone you know - be interested in two months' paid work that will benefit charities and provide enjoyable contact with the team of volunteers. In the past the role has appealed to someone who has recently retired. It would be very sad if what has become a Harpenden tradition had to end, and so if you or someone you know would like to know more please do call Stephen Moody on 07594 665346.

**ST NICHOLAS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL** is holding Open Days for those applying for a reception place starting in September 2025. You are most welcome to attend on any of the dates below. We will be providing school tours as well as a question and answer session at the end. Please contact the school office on 01582 623620 or email [admin@stnicholasce.org](mailto:admin@stnicholasce.org) to book a place for the tours on Wednesday 16 October at 9:30am, Saturday 9 November at 10:00am and Wednesday 13 November at 9:30am.

**ANNE MARIE-KRAMER** will be ordained Deacon on Sunday 29 June 2025 in St Albans Cathedral. She will be serving her curacy in the Benefice of Cople, Moggerhanger and Willington, in Bedford Archdeaconry. We wish her all the best.

**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.

**CLERGY REFERENCES (CHURCH FORMS) FOR APPLICATIONS TO ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL FOR ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2025.** In order that the parish may deal with requests for clergy references in an efficient manner, we ask that parents / guardians send the following documents **by email** to the parish office - [office@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:office@parishofharpenden.org) - **by Tuesday 1 October 2024:**

1. completed 'Request for Clergy Reference Form' (available at the back of church OR for download from the Parish website OR from the parish office by email); and
  2. scanned colour copy of your child's completed record of church attendance ('passport').
- Clergy reference requests will be processed by the parish office from 1 October to 9 October 2024 and may be collected from the parish office by parents/guardians on **Saturday 12 October 2024 between 10am and 12.00 noon**. Please contact the parish office by email at [office@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:office@parishofharpenden.org) or on telephone number 01582 765524 if you have any queries or any difficulties in sending the documents.

### **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). You can pick up a blank copy from any of our three churches. 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 All Age Eucharist**

**Setting** Thorne

**Hymns** 254 For the fruits of his creation; When God made the garden of creation;  
Now we sing a harvest song; 272 Praise and thanksgiving;  
275 We plough the fields and scatter

**Anthem:** Panis Angelicus (Franck)

**6.30pm Harvest Evensong**

**Responses** Reading

**Setting** Stanford in A

**Anthem** Fear not O land (Harris)

**HARVEST FESTIVAL THIS SUNDAY.** Non-perishable food donations will be collected during the service. Please also come and join us for a **Harvest Picnic** at 12.30pm. We'll be on the lawn outside Cornelia's if the weather is good, or in the hall if it's raining/cold. Please bring your own food, tea/coffee/squash will be provided. Due to the picnic there will NOT be coffee after the 9.30am service.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE SCOUTS** who cleaned the church so wonderfully and cheerfully as part of their volunteering for the community last week.

**PET SERVICE - SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER AT 11.30AM** All are welcome to bring their well-behaved pets along to this service to receive a blessing. If you have a photo of a cherished pet that has passed away, please do bring that along too.

**SIMPLY WORSHIP AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH - SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER, 4:30PM** It is our Harvest service this month. We invite you to bring an item of non-perishable food to the service to support the local food bank. Please contact Rachael de los Reyes-Churchill on 07817 318251 if your child would like to read the bidding prayers or the reading at this service. As usual, we will be stamping St George's passports after the service in Cornelia's cafe in the church hall.

## St Mary's Church Notices



**TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 1 & 15 October**

**NEW ROLE?** We have some vacancies to fill, please think and pray, might you be able to help? Our Sacristans set up for all of our services every week, we need a new person to learn this role, which would suit someone able to change the altar cloths and hangings, and an eye for detail is helpful! Welcoming at our services is a pivotal role, it ensures that everyone feels comfortable and has what they need, and that the service runs smoothly. It would be good to have as many people as possible to help with this role, so that it doesn't fall to such a small group of volunteers. Please speak to Sally or Ro to see how you might be able to help us. Helen can tell you more about the sacristan role. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



**FACEBOOK PAGE:** Could you help us to make more use of St Marys Facebook page? It would benefit from more regular posts alongside the recordings of our services. Please contact Sally if you could help in this way.

**BRING AND SHARE LUNCH SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER AT 12NOON** After the Harvest service on Sunday 29 September we will be joining together to share lunch. Please do come along with something to share, you will be most welcome.

## All Saints' Church Notices



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

**SUNDAY CLUB REGISTRATION** During September we are doing a full refresh of our registration details for the children in Sunday Club. Parents / carers, please complete a new form at the beginning of this coming school term. This will be updated annually as part of our efforts to keep your children as safe and flourishing as possible.

**DCC NEEDS A NEW SECRETARY!** The role includes arranging papers for meetings and minute taking. A volunteer to help the smooth running of the church in this way would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to James.

**GIFTS OF PRODUCE FOR HARVEST THANKSGIVING** will be donated to the King's Pantry Foodbank, non-perishables please. There will be an opportunity to bring these up to the front during the service on 29 September. You can also make monetary gifts to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal - see Parish Notices

**KNIT AND KNATTER** All are welcome to join this friendly new group beginning on **2 October** in the Gordon Facer Room. We meet every Wednesday between 2-4pm. Bring your craft projects or come to learn a new skill. For further details contact Sue on 07990 558328.

**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 5 October** . Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.



## What's on This Week

### **Monday 30**

- 9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints'  
12noon Funeral of the late Rachel Gregory at St Nicholas'

### **Tuesday 1 October**

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's  
10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's

### **Wednesday 2**

- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'  
5.00pm Evening Prayer at St Nicholas'

### **Thursday 3**

- 10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

### **Friday 4**

- 1.00pm Wedding of George Finch & Abigail Banczyk-Sturgeon at St Nicholas'

### **Saturday 5**

- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

### **Sunday 6 October – The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

- 8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**  
President & Preacher – Revd James Brown
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**  
President - Revd Cath Rindl; preacher - Gill White  
This service will **not** be live streamed on [facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)
- 9.30am **Family Worship at St Mary's**  
Led by Jenny Goulding and Nina Featherstone  
Live-streamed on [www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)
- 10.00am **Morning Worship at All Saints'**  
Leader - Pauline Gilbert; 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)
- 11.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Mary's**  
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson
- 11.30am **Pet Service at St Nicholas'**  
Leader & Preacher - Jacquie Hibbert
- 4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Nicholas'**
- 6.30pm **Taizé Healing Service at St Nicholas'**

**Readings**

**Job 1.1; 2.1-10 Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12**

**Mark 10.2-16**