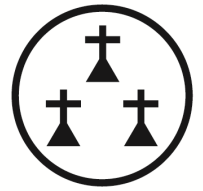


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12 January 2025 The Baptism of Christ

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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, Readings, and Psalm

COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43.1–7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

SECOND READING Acts 8.14–17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: Making new disciples:
Churches that are open all day for prayer

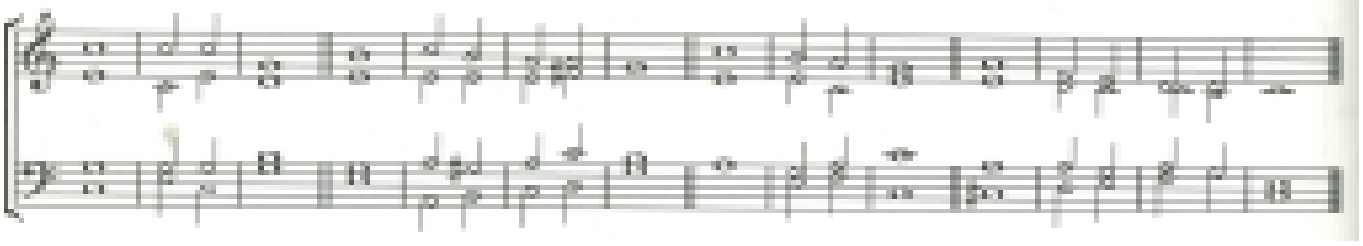
The Sick: Kevin Gill, Charlotte, Colin, James, Mary Coakley, Barbara Wharton, Anne-Marie Kramer, Maggie Corley, Bryony, Terry, Margaret Easter

The Recently Departed: Geoff Howarth, Chris Monahan, John Turner, Patricia Bullock, Malcolm Hudson, Alan Hall

First Anniversary of Death: Vanessa Gibson (née Timms), Gillian Murdoch, Fiona Marsh



PSALM 29



Ascribe to the Lord, you ' powers of ' heaven, ♦ ascribe to the ' Lord ' glory and ' strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour ' due . to his ' name; ♦ worship the ' Lord in the ' beauty of ' holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of ' glory ' thunders; ♦ the Lord is up'on the ' mighty ' waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in ' oper'ation; ♦ the voice of the ' Lord is a ' glorious ' voice.
The voice of the Lord ' breaks the ' cedar trees; ♦ the Lord ' breaks the ' cedars of ' Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon ' skip . like a ' calf ♦ and Sirion ' like a ' young wild ' ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord ' shakes the ' wilderness; ♦ the Lord ' shakes the ' wilderness of ' Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the ' forests ' bare; ♦ in his ' temple ' all cry, ' 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned a'bove the ' water flood; ♦ the Lord sits enthroned as ' king for ' ever'more.

The Lord shall give ' strength to his ' people; ♦ the Lord shall give his ' people the ' blessing of ' peace.

GOSPEL Luke 3.15–17, 21–22

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Parish Notices

NEW RECTOR APPOINTED We are very pleased to announce the appointment of the Revd Patrick Moriarty as Rector of the Parish of Harpenden. Patrick is currently Associate Priest at St Stephen's Church in St. Albans. An Institution and Induction Service for Patrick will take place at St. Nicholas' on Sunday 9 March at 5pm. We very much look forward to welcoming Patrick, his wife Lucy, and their family and we invite you to remember them in your prayers.

TODDLER SERVICE Toddler Service at 3pm on 26 January in St Mary's Church, Kinsbourne Green. A short service designed for young children and their parents/carers, with singing, story, prayers, and time to get to know one another - for the whole parish. Do you know a family with young children who might like to come along? Flyers are available at the back of church.

THE BISHOP OF ST ALBANS WILL BE OPENING HIS GARDEN on two weekends in February for people to come and look at the display of snowdrops. Those who came to visit in the summer will know that the garden is delightful, it also has an appeal to visitors in the spring as the snowdrops herald the end of winter. The snowdrops have also been described as an equal to those at Bennington Lordship near Stevenage. The two acres of garden is an oasis in central St Albans and only open to the public at selected limited times in the spring and the summer.

Spring opening days in 2025 are 15 & 16 February and 22 & 23 February, subject to the snowdrops. Entrance is £5 per person (children free) and dogs on leads are welcome. Please wear footwear suitable for the time of year. All money raised is donated to the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust

THE RIGHT REVD DR ALAN SMITH, BISHOP OF ST ALBANS, HAS ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO RETIRE IN 2025 After sixteen years in post, the Bishop of St Albans has announced his retirement with effect from 31 May 2025. For his full announcement, use the following link <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/news/retirement-of-the-bishop-of-st-albans/>

THE RESULTS OF THE BEDS & HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED BIKE 'N HIKE EVENT in September, has raised over £98,000 so far and there is probably some more to come in so hopefully the target of £100,000 will be achieved. Thank you to all who took part.

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.

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

Sung Eucharist

Setting

Thorne Mass of St Thomas

Hymns

490 Jesus shall reign where're the sun, 555 Praise my soul the King of heaven, 564 Restore in us, O God, 612 We have a gospel to proclaim

Anthem

Come down O love divine (Harris)

6.30pm

Choral Evensong

Responses

Rose

Setting

Murrill in E

Anthem

Then shall a star (Mendelssohn)

REQUEST FOR FOODBANK DONATIONS: Please leave your contributions at St Nicholas' in the green crates next to the font, or in the porch, when church is open for services. They will be collected for delivery to Salvation Army and FEED at the Vineyard Church as usual. Donations are still very much needed. Thank you.

THE THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP which meets in Cornelia's will resume on 16 January at 2pm and meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday on each month thereafter. Please contact Jean McIntosh or Jaquie Hibbert for more information. New members very welcome.

AZALEA Unwanted Christmas gifts of ladies toiletries would be very much appreciated. Please put in the collection boxes in Church and Cornelia's. Sanitary products also required. THANK YOU

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 21 January

SUNDAY SERVICE ROTAS we would welcome more volunteers for our Sunday morning rotas. We need help in all areas, but especially Welcomers, and people to lead our intercessions. Please speak to Sally if you could help in any way. Thank you

SIMPLY WORSHIP ON 19 JANUARY WILL BE A CHRISTINGLE SERVICE. We will be preparing the Christingles in the church hall from 2pm on Saturday 18 January and any help would be much appreciated.

All Saints' Church Notices



Emergency Prayer Chain: jenny.britt@yahoo.com

FAITH AND LIGHT TEA , a tea that we provide and serve to a group with learning difficulties at St John's church Southdown. I am looking for two people to join me for the late afternoon on Sunday 2 February and for contributions of cakes, sandwiches, crisps etc from the congregation. Thank you Harriet Parks

FOOD BANK DONATIONS FROM ALL SAINTS' A message of thanks was circulated to all donors from the King's Pantry Foodbank - who were able to distribute 80 Christmas Hampers to households they support: "Without your help and donations we really would not have been able to help so many households who have been struggling in difficult circumstances. In 2024 we have supported **81 households**, sometimes with a single parcel for others more extended support. In total we have made up and provided over **1,600 food parcels** each consisting of 2 to 4 bags of food." We continue to support the King's Pantry foodbank. If you are able to donate please leave items in the crates in the entrance area of the church.

Requests currently are for: Tinned or packet Soups; Tinned Fruit; Tinned Tuna or other fish; Tinned Vegetables (Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Sweetcorn etc); Tins of Baked Beans; Tins of Tomatoes .

Tins of Spaghetti Hoops or Macaroni Cheese; Jars of Pasta Sauce; ketchup and Stock cubes; Cooking oil

Treats - Chocolates, Crisps, Sweets; Desserts - Rice Pudding, Custard, Jelly etc; Coffee (small jars)

Washing Powder; Washing-up Liquid; Toilet Rolls.

KNIT AND KNATTER All are welcome to join this friendly group meeting every Wednesday between 2-4pm. Bring your craft projects or come to learn a new skill. You will be made welcome.

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 1 February**. Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.



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

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10.30am Holy Communion in St Nicholas' Church Hall, Cunningham Room

Thursday 16

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

Saturday 18

10.30am Holy Communion in St Nicholas' Church Hall, Cunningham Room

Sunday 19 January – The Second Sunday of Epiphany

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11.30am **Morning Praise in St Nicholas' Church Hall**
Leader - Vicky Platt; Speaker - Suzanne Rose

4.30pm **Simply Worship Christingle at St Mary's**
Led by Revd Sally Goodson, Jenny Goulding and Rachel Beagent

6.30pm **Choral Evensong at St Nicholas'**

Readings

Isaiah 62.1-5

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

John 2.1-11