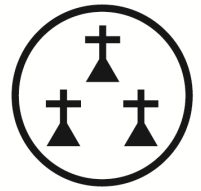


**We are an inclusive church, called to
be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of
Harpenden**



13 April 2025 Palm Sunday

- 8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Fr Patrick Moriarty
- 9.30am **Blessing of Palms on Church Green** followed by procession to
St Nicholas'
- 9.45am **Sung Eucharist with Passion Reading at St Nicholas'**
(approx.) President - Fr Patrick Moriarty
This service will be live streamed on facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden
- 9.30am **Family Communion with Procession of Palms & Passion Reading at St Mary's**
President - Revd Nick Goulding
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Morning Worship with Passion Reading & Stations of the Cross at All Saints'**
Leader - Revd James Brown
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 Passion Reading in St Nicholas' Church Hall**
- 4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Mary's**
- 6.30pm **Bach's St John's Passion at St Nicholas'**
- 7.15pm **Way of the Cross starting at Our Lady of Lourdes Church – see Notices**

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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— WEDNESDAY

10.00am – 2.00pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.00am - 1.30pm

●●● | Collects, Reading, and Lenten Prose

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50.4–9a

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens – wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan 'Living God's Love' Topic for the Week: Transforming Communities: All who offer support to those who are housebound

The Sick: Charlotte, James Wise, Maggie Corley, Bryony Bisbrown-Lee, Joyce King, Colum Geraghty, Kath Brown, Jess Price

The Recently Departed: Albert Pawle

First Anniversary of Death: Christine Strohm, Pat Whalen

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.

The Lenten Prose

Refrain (Cantor first time)



Hear us, O Lord, have mer - cy up - on us:



for we have sinn'd a - gainst thee.

Cantor



1. To thee, Re - deem - er, on thy throne of glo - ry:
2. O thou chief Cor - ner stone, Right Hand of the Fa - ther:
3. God, we im - plore thee, in thy glo - ry seat - ed:
4. Sins oft com - mit - ted, now we lay be - fore thee:
5. In - no - cent cap - tive, ta - ken un - re - sist - ing:



lift we our weep - ing eyes in ho - ly plead - ings:
Way of Sal - va - tion, Gate of life cel - es - tial:
bow down and hear - ken to thy weep - ing child - ren:
with true con - tri - tion now no more we veil them:
false - ly ac - cused, for us sin - ners sen - tenc'd,



lis - ten O Je - su, to our sup - pli - ca - tions.
cleanse thou our sin - ful souls from all de - file - ment.
pi - ty and par - don all our grie - vous tres - pas - es.
grant us, Re - deem - er, lov - ing ab - so - lu - tion.
save us we pray thee, Je - su our Re - deem - er.

The Refrain is repeated after every verse



Parish Notices

SHAPING OUR PARISH LIFE As we approach the Annual Meetings of our Parish and District Church Councils (PCC and DCC), there are opportunities for new people to join in the governance of our churches. In this new season for the Church Community, it is really important that all our different congregations have a voice, and that those who shape our community are representative of those who make it up. Please consider carefully and prayerfully whether this might be you, and talk to a Parish or District Warden, to a current member or to Sally, James or Patrick if you would like to know more. We will benefit from having more people from our smaller services, and from having input and insights from all stages of life's journey.

THE NEXT PARISH FIRST COMMUNION COURSE for children currently in school years 3 - 6 will commence on Sunday 27 April. If your child would like to attend please fill in the application form found at the following link <https://parishofharpenden.churchsuite.com/-/forms/dxw3zozg> , via this QR code or by contacting the Parish Office. Please approach a member of the clergy team if you would like more information. All application forms must be completed and returned to the Parish Office by **Friday 18 April**.



THE WAY OF THE CROSS: DRAMATIC REFLECTIONS ON THE PASSION NARRATIVE, SUNDAY 13 APRIL, 7.15PM starting at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Includes The Arrest and Trial at Our Lady of Lourdes, moving to The Journey to Golgotha at High Street Methodist, and finishing The Crucifixion at St Nicholas' Church. All welcome. No need to book tickets.

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE The Rector will be walking to the Diocesan Easter Monday Service in the Cathedral and hopes you will join him! We will set off about 10am from St Nicholas Church on Monday 21 April. We will arrive in time for a picnic lunch in the Abbey Orchard and then go to the service at 3pm. The walk takes a bit under 3 hours at a relatively gentle pace and with pauses for reflection and refreshment on the way. Please bring your own lunch.

THE DIOCESE IS CURRENTLY ADVERTISING for a new PA for the Archdeacon of Hertford (on the retirement of her current PA.) The role is based in the Archdeacon's office in Hertingfordbury and the closing date for applications is Wednesday 7 May 2025. Further details via this link: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/pa-to-the-archdeacon-of-hertford/>

MOTHERS' UNION MEETING ON THURSDAY 24 APRIL will be a talk from Hilary Pask on the Anna Chaplaincy; 2.15pm in Cornelia's Coffee Shop, St Nicholas' Church Halls. All welcome even if you are not a member of MU (or a mother!)

FULL REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL SPRING 2025 This year is a full revision of the Electoral Roll (ER) for the Parish which means everyone is taken off and we start from scratch. If you are currently on the ER you will need to complete a new form and return it to your District ER officer (St Nic's is Kate Nesbitt, All Saints' is Loretta Ramswell, St Mary's is Ro Marriott). The ER is currently being prepared up until **Monday 21 April 2025**. We are encouraging all to join the Electoral Roll online; the ER form can be reached via the attached QR code or following this link, <https://parishofharpenden.churchsuite.com/-/forms/sil4t4t7> both of which have now gone live. For those unable to access the online form, copies of the Electoral Roll forms will be available at church or from the Parish Office during the revision period or via email, electoral.roll@parishofharpenden.org. If you have any questions please contact your District Electoral Roll Officer.



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 Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 15 April

SIMPLY WORSHIP SUNDAY 13 APRIL AT 4.30PM our service this month has moved to the second Sunday because of Easter. Please do come along and join us at our family-friendly service.

EASTER FLOWERS, if you would like to make a donation toward our Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please speak to Anita or Sally. Names will, if you wish, be read in prayers on Easter Day.

ST MARY'S VILLAGE SHOW: Saturday 12 July 12noon-3pm, stalls, competitions and attractions old and new!

St Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC

9.30am Sung Eucharist

Setting New English Folk Mass

Hymns 128 All glory laud and honour ; 129 Ride on, ride on in majesty
112 My song is love unknown; 109 It is a thing most wonderful

Anthem O Saviour of the World (Goss)

6.30pm Bach St John Passion

OUR 9.30AM SERVICE IS NORMALLY LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK (also available as a recorded service afterwards). We are a public page and you do not have to sign up to Facebook to access (just keep saying no to joining until you get to the page (<https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden>)). Any problems, do contact us.

EASTER DAWN SERVICE On Easter Morning there will be a 'Dawn Service' at 6 am where we will kindle the Easter Fire, light the Paschal Candle and greet the Risen Christ in a simple celebration of the Eucharist. It was at dawn that the disciples first found the empty tomb, and the stillness and beauty of the early morning is a very special time to do this. After the service there will be breakfast: if you are willing to volunteer to help provide this please speak to the Rector.

PLEASE DECORATE A CROSS FOR THE EASTER GARDEN. Small wooden crosses will be available in a Tupperware at the front of church from Saturday 12 April. Please do take a cross, decorate and place in the Easter Garden. Felt tip pens will be provided, or you are welcome to bring more elaborate decorations. If you have a spare 30 minutes on **Saturday 12 April to help create the Easter garden**, please come along either at 9.30am or 11.30am to help. Please let Rachael or Ann know if you are planning to help; (we'll be starting before Chris Muhley's talk and continuing after).

SUNDAY CLUB takes place during the first half of the 9.30 Service, run by a wonderful team of creative people. Learning from an experimental phase, the pattern from now on will be to run this each week during school term time, apart from six All Age services during the year when the whole congregation will be together in church, with worship designed to fit. Parents or carers, please drop your children in the Hall before the service, and we will bring them back into church to rejoin you at the Peace.

All Saints' Church Notices



Emergency Prayer Chain: jenny.britt@yahoo.com

EASTER FLYER DELIVERIES - This year we are delivering flyers about our Easter and Holy Week events to the neighbourhood in the same way we do for Christmas. Please would you help spread the word by collecting some flyers from church or arranging with James to deliver to your local area. Thank you

KNIT 'N NATTER will not meet on 16 or 23 April, but will resume on 30 April, 2-4pm.

All Saints' Church Notices cont.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17 APRIL, 7.30PM SHARED MEAL AND COMMUNION Hear the story of the last supper as we sit to eat together and have an informal holy communion in the hall. Followed by the stripping of the altar and a silent vigil in the stillness of the church until 10.30pm. Stay as long as you wish. Please tell us if you're coming associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org

GOOD FRIDAY 18 APRIL, 10AM REFLECTIVE SERVICE Step into the poignance and tragedy of Good Friday with this creative and reflective service. Followed by a procession of the cross to the green and hot cross buns at Batford Methodist Church, 11am. Good for all ages.

EASTER SUNDAY 20 APRIL, 6AM SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST Gather around a fire in the church garden before moving indoors to renew baptismal vows around the font and share the first Communion of Easter. Followed by vegetarian breakfast in the church hall. **10AM HOLY COMMUNION** A special celebration of Easter. followed by an Easter egg hunt in church garden for the children.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS All donations for the King's Pantry Foodbank are very welcome and much appreciated; some recent requests where supplies are very low are listed below. If you are able to donate please leave items in the crates in the entrance area of the church.

Coffee, UHT Milk; Porridge Oats and Breakfast Cereals; Tinned Spaghetti Hoops or similar; macaroni cheese; Tinned tuna/other fish; Tinned meat; Tinned Sweetcorn, Tomatoes, Vegetables, Potatoes/instant mash; Rice; Pulses (chickpeas, beans); Desserts, tinned fruit, custard etc

SAVE THE DATE - JUBILEE - on Sunday 1 June we will be celebrating 60 years since the church opened for worship. Please save the date for a BBQ lunch party, which will follow a special service to celebrate.



What's on This Week

Monday 14

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints'
8.00pm **Holy Week Compline at St Nicholas'** - see Parish Notices

Tuesday 15

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
10.00am **Holy Communion at St Mary's**
8.00pm **Holy Week Compline at St Nicholas'** - see Parish Notices

Wednesday

10.30am **Holy Communion in St Nicholas' Church**
8.00pm **Holy Week Compline at St Nicholas'** - see Parish Notices



What's on This Week continued

Thursday 17 - Maundy Thursday

- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints'**
- 7.30pm **Shared meal and Holy Communion in All Saints' Hall** followed by stripping of the altar and silent vigil until 10.30pm in church
- 8.00pm **Holy Communion with Stripping of the Altar and Vigil at St Mary's**
- 8.00pm **Liturgy of Maundy Thursday at St Nicholas'** with foot-washing, stripping of altars, procession to altar of repose
Lived streamed on St Nicholas' Facebook page

Friday 18 - Good Friday

- 9.00am **Stations of the Cross at St Mary's**
- 10.00am **Reflective Service at All Saints'** followed by procession to the green to erect a cross and then to Batford Methodist for hot cross buns. Suitable for all ages
- 10.30am **Walk of Witness** from entrance of Rothamsted Park to Church Green with service on the green. Refreshments in St Nicholas' Hall after the service
- 12noon **Liturgy of the Cross in St Nicholas' Church.**
Lived streamed on St Nicholas' Facebook page

Sunday 20 April – Easter Sunday

- 6.00am **Dawn Service with Easter Fire, Exsultet and First Eucharist of Easter at St Nicholas;** President - Fr Patrick Moriarty
- 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 **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Fr Patrick Moriarty
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Fr Patrick Moriarty
This service will be live streamed on [facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpندن](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpندن)
- 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 - Revd Mark Rodel
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet or by request from associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpندن.org
- 11.30am **Morning Praise with Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Fr Patrick Moriarty; Joint Leader - Liz de Jong
- Readings** Acts 10.34-43 1 Corinthians 15.19-26 John 20.1-18 or Luke 24.1-12