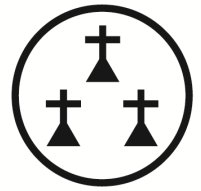


**We are an inclusive church, called to
be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of
Harpenden**



11 May 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd Mark Rodel
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
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This service will be live streamed on [facebook.com/
StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)
- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**
President & Preacher - Revd Nick Goulding
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints'**
President - Revd James Brown; Preacher - Roy Mutlow
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet or by
request from associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpenden.org
Followed by Annual District Church Meeting
- 11.30am **Morning Praise in St Nicholas' Church Hall**
Leader - Vicky Platt; Speaker - Anne-Marie Kramer
- 3.00pm **Holy Baptism at St Nicholas'**: Annabel Flora Straw, Louie Edward Dilks
- 4.00pm **Holy Baptism at St Nicholas'**: Poppy Olivia Cartwright; Ruairi Sean Killen
Devine
- 6.30pm **Choral Evensong at St Nicholas'**
- 7.30pm Annual District Church Meeting 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, Psalm, Gospel and Post-Communion Prayer

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING verses from Genesis 7 -9

7 ¹Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation.

¹¹ In the six-hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. ¹²The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. ¹³On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, ¹⁴they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature.

8 ⁶ At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth.

¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

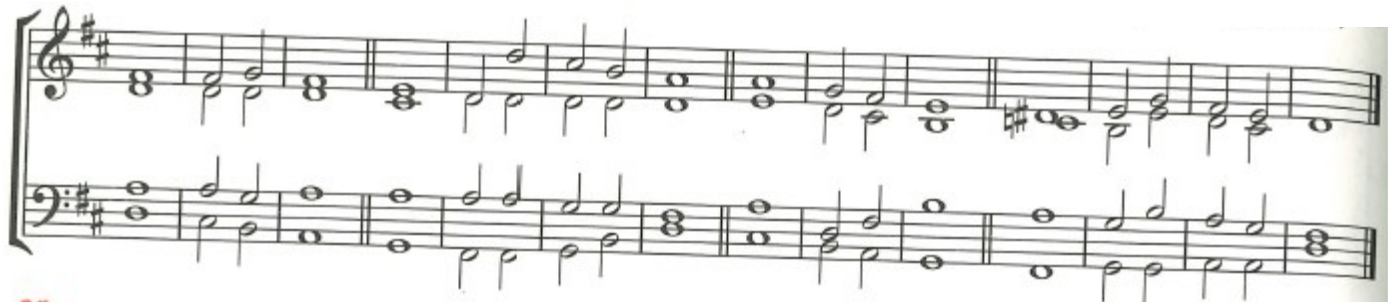
¹³ In the six hundred and first year... ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. ¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.'

9 ¹²God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

SECOND READING Acts 9.36–43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

PSALM 23



The Lord / is my / shepherd; ♦ therefore / can I / lack / nothing.

He makes me lie down in / green / pastures ♦ and leads me be/side / still / waters.

He shall re/fresh my / soul ♦ and guide me in the paths of righteousness / for
his / name's / sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will / fear no / evil; ♦ for you are
with me; your / rod and your / staff, they / comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of / those who / trouble me; ♦ you have
anointed my head with oil / and my / cup shall be / full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the / days of my / life, ♦ and I will dwell
in the / house of the / Lord for / ever.

GOSPEL John 10.22–30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

The Recently Departed: Derek Brodrick, Joan Anderson

First Anniversary of Death: Diana Davies

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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.

PARISH OF HARPENDEN ELECTORAL ROLL SPRING 2025 The Electoral Roll for the Parish has been prepared. If you wish to check your entry it will be available from **Monday 5 May** 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.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS, Monday, 19 May, 7.45pm at All Saints'. Come along to these important meetings for our parish life. Elect church wardens, finance update, update from our district churches, chance to ask questions. Advance reports available from Parish Office.

THE ANXIOUS ADOLESCENT - 6PM ON WEDNESDAY 14 MAY AT THE HARPENDEN ARMS. Are you looking for tips to help your tween or teenager deal with emotional and physical challenges they may face? Are you worried about exam stress, school refusal, bullying and social media? Come along and hear experts, including Claire Banham from The Haven, discuss possible solutions, and suggest tools to help your children manage stress and anxiety.

WATERSHED: A RIVER'S CALL TO ACTION 1 - 31 MAY, ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL
An installation on the vitality and vulnerability of our rivers by Cross Arts Projects (XAP). Open 10am-4.30pm. Free. For more information: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/watershed-a-rivers-call-to-action>

BRONZE CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO BOTH ST NICHOLAS' AND FOR ALL SAINTS' FROM BEDS & HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST for each raising £500 for the Trust for the Bike 'n Hike event last September. This year's event is on Saturday 13 September, so start thinking about whether you could get sponsored for walking or cycling visiting churches in the area. Details will be out in the churches in July. Further information from Jean McIntosh, 01582 761362

PLANS ARE BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE FOR A NEW YOUTH GROUP. There is a service at 7pm on Monday 19 May at Youthscape in Luton (a fabulous building!) organised by the diocese to mark this parish's commitment to this area of work. This clashes with the APCM so the Rector can't go...but it would be very good to have more representatives from those who would like to help move things forward. Please let the Rector know if you would like more details.

ORDINATION. Anne-Marie Kramer will be ordained Deacon in St Albans' Cathedral on Sunday 29 June at 2.30pm, followed by tea and cake in St Nicholas' Church Hall from 5pm. All are welcome to the service and to the celebration but please advise the Parish Office that you will be coming either to the ordination service, the celebration tea, or even better, both! Please do also pick up Anne-Marie's Ember Card (prayer card) from the back of church, and pray for her as she prepares. Thank you.

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.



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

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	453 Great is thy faithfulness ; 599 Thine for ever! ; 492 Jesus, where're thy people meet
Anthem	Brother James Air (Bain arr. Jacob)
6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Responses	Ayleward
Setting	Stanford in Bb
Anthem	How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms)

THE RECTOR is attending and reading at Mass at St Thomas, Knebworth this morning, acting as Deputy Lieutenant for a visit by the Papal Ambassador.

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.

LEFT OVER PLANTS FOR SALE (from 10 May sale on the Concourse) outside Cornelia's on Sunday morning 11 May, all proceeds to The Children's Society

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.

ST NICHOLAS' ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING – SUNDAY 11 MAY 2025 AT 7.30PM. Everyone is welcome. It is a good opportunity to find out about all that happens at St Nicholas, and future plans.

All Saints' Church Notices



Emergency Prayer Chain: jenny.britt@yahoo.com

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

BBQ HELP - we are having a big BBQ to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the church on Sunday 1 June. Are you able to help? Please contact James if you would like be involved in planning or on the day. associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpندن.org and do put the date in your diary.

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 20 May

ADCM: SUNDAY 18 MAY AT 11AM, our Annual District Church Meeting to review 2024.

BIG SING: SUNDAY 18 MAY AT 4.30PM, a special service bringing our congregations together to sing hymns and songs, with a break for refreshments. Do come and join in.

SALLY'S MIGHTY HIKE: I'm walking a Macmillan Mighty Hike along the Norfolk coast this Saturday, 26 miles from Cromer to Holkham in aid of Macmillan. If anyone would like to support with a donation to Macmillan, the Just Giving page for my team of friends is here. Scroll down to find Sally. With many thanks for your support.

[Sandy's Sole Sisters is fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support](#)

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



What's on This Easter Week

Monday 12

9.15am Morning Prayer at All Saints'

Tuesday 13

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Wednesday 14

9.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints'

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

Thursday 15

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

Saturday 17

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas' Church

Sunday 18 May **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - tbc

9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - tbc
This service will be live streamed on [facebook.com/
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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

10.00am **All Age Worship at All Saints'**
Led by Jenny Barlow-Britt & 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 in St Nicholas' Church Hall**
Leader - Suzanne Rose; Preacher - Pauline Gilbert

4.30pm **Big Sing at St Mary's** - see Church Notices

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

Readings Genesis 22.1-18 Acts 11.1-18 John 13.31-35