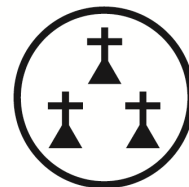


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be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of  
Harpenden**



# **28 September 2025**

## **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

### **Services in the Parish**

- 8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**  
President & Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**  
President & Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty  
This service will be live streamed on [facebook.com/  
StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)
- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**  
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson  
Live-streamed on [www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)
- 10.00am **Holy Communion Service 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' Church**  
Leader - Liz de Jong; President & Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty
- 3.00pm **Toddler Worship at St Mary's**  
Led by Revd Sally Goodson
- 6.30pm **Choral 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, Psalm, Gospel and Post-Communion Prayer

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

## ALTERNATIVE COLLECT

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

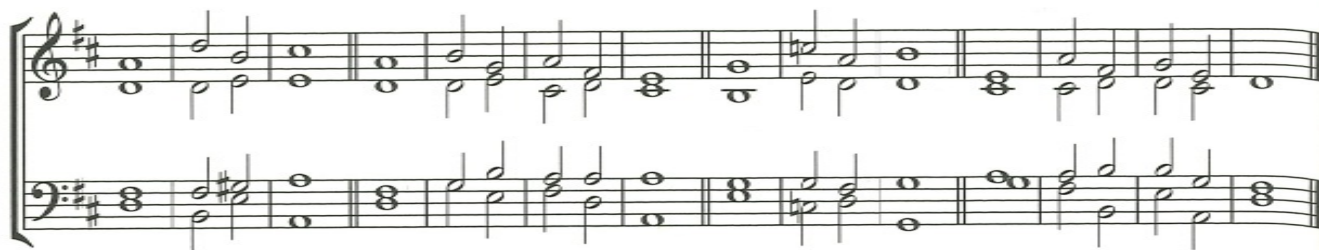
## FIRST READING Amos 6.1a, 4–7

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

## SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6.6–19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

## PSALM 146



Praise the Lord/, O my / soul: while I / live • will I / praise the / Lord; as long as I / have any /being, ♦ I will sing / praises / to my / God.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any / human / power, ♦ for there / is no / help in / them. When their breath goes forth, they re/turn to the /earth; ♦ on that day / all their / thoughts / perish.

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob / for their / help, ♦ whose hope is / in the / Lord their / God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea and / all that is / in them; ♦ who / keeps his / promise for / ever;

Who gives justice to those that / suffer / wrong ♦ and / bread to / those who /hunger.

The Lord looses / those that are / bound; ♦ the Lord opens the / eyes of the / blind;

The Lord lifts up those who are / bowed / down; ♦ the / Lord / loves the / righteous;

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the / orphan and / widow; ♦ but the way of the wicked / he turns / upside / down.

The Lord shall / reign for / ever, ♦ your God, O Zion, throughout all gene/rations. / Alle/luia.

### GOSPEL Luke 16.19–31

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” The man who had been rich said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Abraham said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

### POST COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Diocesan Topic for the Week:** Transforming communities: *For the work of the Probation Service*

**The Sick:** James Wise, Andy Gilbert, Douglas Buchanan

**The Recently Departed:** Peter Seager, Elisabeth Pestell, Raymond Dixon



## Parish Notices

**SATURDAY MORNING TALKS WILL RESUME ON 11 OCTOBER AT 10.30AM** when Henry Loweth will talk about '**OUR PARISH MAGAZINE IN THE TIME OF QUEEN VICTORIA**'. The Parish Magazine provides lots of interesting insights into the life of our Parish and the Victorian Values that were so important. The talk will last 30/45 minutes and will be held in the hall. We hope you will join us. If you wish, you can collect a coffee from Cornelia's beforehand and bring it into the hall with you.

**PARISH VISION AFTERNOON 18 OCTOBER 2-5.30PM, ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HALL**

Six months after the arrival of a new Rector, it is time to think about our vision and calling as a Parish. Who are we as a church, what's important to us, and where is 'The place where our deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet'?

Come and be part of an open conversation that will take stock of where we are, shape our mission and order our priorities for the future. The aim is to think together, to be refreshed in our life as a Christian community, and to help us to serve God and the people of this wonderful place. Please come, however long or short your time in the parish, however 'core' or 'fringe' you feel, whichever church and whatever services you come to (when you make it...) The more diverse the gathering, the stronger and better our vision will be. Stimulation guaranteed - refreshments also provided! Sign up via ChurchSuite using the QR code attached or follow this link <https://parishofharpenden.churchsuite.com/events/u6vuuefi>



**ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL EDUCATION TRUST** Many of you will be aware of the range and quality of talks, courses and resources provided by St Albans Cathedral. Every month there is a wide range to choose from to enrich, nurture and deepen knowledge and understanding of Christianity - whether historical, theological, philosophical or focused on language learning or Biblical study. This is all delivered or arranged by the excellent and award-winning Learning Department, which hosts over 14,000 school children on visits each year, supported by the Cathedral Education Trust. The Trustees (who include the Rector) are keen to spread knowledge and awareness of this brilliant work.

Will you consider becoming a Learning Patron? For a modest cost (currently £8 a month) you will have priority access to the programme and some key events (Lucy Worsley is coming in December) and will know that you are supporting a unique and precious local resource. The Learning Programme is [here](#) and when you are ready to become a Patron you can do so [here](#) or there are leaflets at the back of St Nicholas' Church.

**THANK YOU** everyone who was involved in the Bike 'n Hike, please give your church organizer money and forms as soon as possible, Jean McIntosh

**TEA CAKE & CHAT** - Friday 17 October 3-4.15pm All Saints' Church Hall. Flyers available to distribute to friends. Lifts can be arranged - contact Chris Powell 764930 or [chris\\_powell51@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk)

**BISHOP'S HARVEST APPEAL 2025** - this year's appeal is called *Rewrite Their Future*, and is once again partnering with Mission Direct. Their work in Uganda and Zambia is focused on building schools and improving access to education in some of the world's most under-resourced communities. For further information or to donate please follow the link [here](#)

## APPLICATIONS TO ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL - PARISH OF HARPENDEN CLERGY REFERENCES ('CHURCH FORMS')

St George's School Harpenden requires those applying for places (under the 'Church Attendance' category) to obtain a Clergy Reference to meet the school's admissions requirements. The process for requesting these references is set out below.

The Parish of Harpenden (St Nicholas, St Mary's, All Saints Churches) does not set the requirements and we have no involvement in the Admissions Process, but we are happy to supply references confirming applicants' involvement in Church life.

These are based on the 'Passport' – the family-held record of your attendance at services over the past 24 months. You are responsible for this passport as we have no other records of attendance.

*Please note:*

- *St George's School Governors set the admissions policy, not the Church. Queries about the policy or the process, or about your child's application, should be addressed to the admissions team at the School.*
- *The School requires church attendance at least once per calendar month for each of the 24 months prior to the date of application for a school place.*
- *It is parents' responsibility to check the admissions requirements and ensure they meet them*

To help us deal with requests for clergy references efficiently, we ask parents/guardians to send the following documents **by email** to the [parish office](#) **by Wednesday 1 October 2025:**

- A completed 'Request for Clergy Reference' Form (available at the back of each church, via the [Parish website](#) or from the parish office by [email](#)); and
- A scanned colour copy of your child's completed record of church attendance ('Passport').

Completed clergy references may be collected from the Parish Office by parents/guardians on **Saturday 11 October 2025 between 10am and 12.00noon.**

Please contact the parish office by email at [office@parishofharpenden.org](mailto:office@parishofharpenden.org) or by phone (01582 765524) if you have queries or difficulties.

**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 Nicholas' Church Notices**



## **MUSIC**

**9.30am**                    **Sung Eucharist**  
**Setting**                Thorne Mass of St Thomas  
**Hymns**                534 O for a thousand tongues to sing; 368 All my hope on God is  
                              founded; 584t.357 Thanks to God whose word was spoken  
**Anthem**                Let all the world (Tomlins)

**6.30pm**                    **Choral Evensong**  
**Responses**            Ayleward  
**Setting**                Sumsion in A  
**Anthem**                Give us the wings of faith (Bullock)

**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.

**BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP** The group is studying the book *Meeting God* by J. I. Packer and the next meeting will be on Thursday 2 October - 1.45 for a 2pm start. Please contact Kirsteen Say 07941 480917 or Sarah Sewell for further information.

**THIS YEAR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR IS ON 6 DECEMBER** and will be a community festival celebrating all things St Nicholas. We will be holding it in the afternoon on 6 December from 2.00pm - 5.00pm. It will include the usual stalls plus lots more, followed by an early evening music event. Please save the date and if you would like to get involved in the organisation get in touch with the Parish Office or Jane Todd and Sarah Cripps on [bakers@thekitchenfrontbakery.co.uk](mailto:bakers@thekitchenfrontbakery.co.uk). best wishes

**OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN STUDY GROUP.** Would you like to join this group as they begin reading a new Study book "The Grace of Waiting" by Margaret Wix. Meetings are every Friday 10.30am-12pm in the Small Meeting room of the church halls and commence with coffee/tea provided by Cornelia's. If you are interested in joining to read and discuss this book please contact the Parish office or Ann Halstead (07973 733023).

**HELP NEEDED WITH ALTAR FRONTALS** - We are looking for 2 people to help change the Altar Frontals. We change the colour of the Altar Frontals to follow the 6 seasons of the Church Calendar. We also put up the Christmas Crib. If anyone is interested in joining our team please contact Andrea Stranders 07733 304215



## **ST NICHOLAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL IS CONSULTING ON ITS ADMISSION**

**ARRANGEMENTS.** Every few years the School invites comments about its Admission Arrangements from parents, potential parents and the local community. These Arrangements have remained in place for some years and the School is not proposing to change them, subject to comments received during the consultation. You can find the current Admission Arrangements on the School website or by asking at the School or the Parish Office. The School would be glad to receive any comments that you may have. If you have a child and will be looking for a primary school place in the next year or two then the Headteacher, Mrs Rizelle Crouch, would be delighted to show you round the School at any time and answer your questions. The School invites you to come to any of the Open Days to be held at the School on Saturday 11 October, Wednesday 15 October and Wednesday 26 November.



## **All Saints' Church Notices**

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

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

**BRING AND SHARE HARVEST LUNCH SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER AT 12NOON** We will be holding a bring and share lunch for Harvest on Sunday 5 October following the morning service at about 12noon - all welcome.

**AUTUMN WALKS** the next series of these lovely prayer and meditation walks through Batford Springs will be on each Tuesday in October, 5.30pm. Meet outside All Saints' and from there we walk slowly, and quietly through the nature reserve, pausing to hear specially chosen readings and reflections. Those who wish can end with a drink at the Marquis of Granby.

## **St Mary's Church Notices**



**TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION** - 7 & 21 October

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING: SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER:** please bring donations of non perishable goods and fresh vegetables for the Noah project at Luton and/or houseplants to be taken to those who cannot get to our services.

**SIMPLY WORSHIP: SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER AT 4.30PM**

We need some extra help with this service this month. Ideally 2 people who can help with welcoming and sound, thank you.

**HOMEDELL SONGS OF PRAISE: NOW 8 OCTOBER AT 3PM,** help needed with baking cakes, and serving tea.

**FAITH AND LIGHT TEA:** might you be able to help with providing tea at St John's on Sunday 2 November at 4pm. We need some extra help with this please - contact Carolyn or Sally



## What's on this Week

### **Monday 29**

12noon Funeral of Peter Seager at St Nicholas'

### **Tuesday 30**

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

### **Wednesday 1**

#### **October**

10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

### **Thursday 2**

10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

### **Saturday 4**

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas'

### **Sunday 5 October Harvest Thanksgiving**

8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**  
President & Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty

9.30am **All-Age Eucharist at St Nicholas'**  
President & Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty  
This service will be live streamed on [facebook.com/  
StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)

9.30am **Family Worship at St Mary's**  
Leader - Jenny Goulding; Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson  
Live-streamed on [www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen](https://www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen)

10.00am **Harvest Thanksgiving Service 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)

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

11.30am **Morning Praise Harvest Festival at St Nicholas' Church**  
Leader & Speaker - Jacquie Hibbert

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

**Readings** Deuteronomy 26. 1-11 Phillipians 4. 4-9 John 6. 27-35