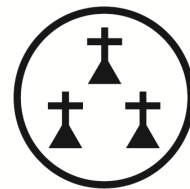


**We are an inclusive church, called to
be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of
Harpenden**



26 October 2025

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Services in the Parish

- 8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President - Revd Patrick Moriarty; Preacher - Jacquie Hibbert
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
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This service will be live streamed on [facebook.com/
StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)
- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**
President - Revd Sally Goodson; Preacher - Hilary Pask
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints' with Holy Baptism** (Alice Rose Barlow)
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
- 11.30am **Morning Praise with Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
Leader - Suzanne Rose; President & Preacher - Revd Mark Rodel
- 6.30pm **United Nations Day Service 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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ADDITIONAL COLLECT

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4.6–8, 16–18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

PSALM 84.1–7 (St Nicholas' 9.30am - hymn as the gradual today instead of the Psalm)

How lovely is your dwelling place, O / Lord of / hosts! ♦ My soul has a desire and longing to
enter the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh re/joyce • in the / living / God.

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may/‘ lay her / young:
♦ at your altars, O Lord of / hosts, my / King • and my / God.

Blessed are they who / dwell in your / house: ♦ they will / always be / praising / you.

Blessed are those whose / strength is in / you, ♦ in whose / heart • are the highways to / Zion,
Who going through the barren valley find / there a / spring, ♦ and the early / rains will / clothe it
with / blessing.

They will go from / strength to / strength ♦ and ap/pear before / God in / Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, / hear my / prayer; : listen, O / God / of / Jacob.

GOSPEL Luke 18.9–14

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

POST COMMUNION

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan Topic for the Week: Going deeper into God: *All who visit places of worship during the day*

The Sick: James Wise, Andy Gilbert

The Recently Departed: Norman Wearne, Gwenda Harvey



Parish Notices

ALL SOUL'S SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING for those we love who have died will be held on Saturday, 1 November, 3pm, St Nicholas' Church. Refreshments will be provided following the service. If you'd like a name to be remembered, please sign the sheet at the back of our churches.

WORSHIP: WHAT, HOW AND WHY? The rector is running this short series of talks on Tuesday evenings in November. It grows out of the 'Season of Experimentation' at St Nicholas and explores why services have the shape, look and style they do in our tradition. If you've ever wondered 'Why do we do that?' or don't know a corporal from a chasuble, here's your chance. 4, 11, and 18 November, 8.10pm in St Nicholas' Church Hall.

PARISH OFFICE STAFFING We are looking for some additional regular paid hours in the Parish Office, initially a day per week in the run-up to Christmas and with the possibility of extending into the New Year. One particular task is likely to be the drafting and layout of the weekly Pew Leaflet, so the ability to use Publisher or equivalent software would be especially useful. For an informal conversation about this, please speak to the Parish Wardens or to the Rector.

PARISH VISION EVENT - SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS Thank you to everyone who came to the Vision Event which generated lots of energy and ideas. A summary of the headlines from the day will be available shortly. A smaller group will now look at and reflect on all that was said, and we will bring some proposals to the PCC for discussion and action. This is the start of a process, and more contributions to help us set our priorities are welcome: whether or not you could be at the meeting, the Rector is happy to hear from you.

PINTS OF VIEW The next meeting of this pub-based informal discussion group will be on Thursday 20 November, on the topic, 'Is Monarchy Christian?' With the royal family again in the news, with 'No Kings' protests happening in the USA, and in the run-up to the feast of Christ the King, come and join two ministers of the established church and a Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire to chew the fat of this issue over a pint. 8pm, Queens Head, Southdown.

THE TRAVELLING CRIB WILL BE MAKING ITS WAY AROUND THE PARISH, stopping at a new home each night, from Advent Sunday, 30 November, until Christmas Eve. Please sign up as soon as possible if you would like the child-friendly, knitted Mary, Joseph and Donkey to rest for a night in your home. All ages/groups are welcome to host.

Contact Pamela Woodford-Smith, Tel.764368, pamelaws@btinternet.com, or the Parish Office

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES - Opening times - Monday to Saturday, 10am - 4pm.
Location - URC Church, Vaughan Rd, Harpenden AL5 4ED
Selling - A wide range of Christmas cards, representing a large number of charities, as well as Advent calendars and candles, stocking fillers, wrapping paper, decorations and other festive gifts. Do go along and support them.

ST NICHOLAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE HOLDING OPEN DAYS for families interested in the 2026 Reception intake. We warmly invite prospective parents to visit the school, meet our staff, and learn more about our values and community. Tours will be held on: Wednesday 26 November 2025 at 9:30am, Wednesday 7 January 2026 at 9:30am. To book a place, please visit our website: www.stnicholasce.org/admissions

ST MARY'S CHURCH, LUTON IS LOOKING FOR A CHURCH OFFICE MANAGER who can manage their busy church office and the organisational functions of St Mary's Church. For a full job description and application form, go to <https://www.stmarysluton.org/> For more information ring 07928 821995 or email admin@stmarysluton.org The deadline is Sunday 2 November.

THE DIOCESE IS CURRENTLY ADVERTISING FOR A VOCATIONS ADMINISTRATOR This is a key role in the discernment and promotion of vocations within the diocese. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 3 November 2025. Further details on their website on the following link: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/vocations-administrator/>

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.

Please note:

- 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.*
- 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.*
- It is parents' responsibility to check the admissions requirements and ensure they meet them*

To ensure we can give this reference, 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

401 Come, let us join our cheerful songs; 621 Who would true valour see;
278 Alleluia, sing to Jesus; 500 Lift up your hearts!

OUR CHOIRS ARE SINGING CHORAL EUCHARIST AND EVENSONG AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL TODAY; hence the hymn instead of Psalm and lack of an anthem.

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.

CHURCH HEATING The work to install the new heating system continues apace with good progress being made. However the forecast for this coming Sunday is chilly so please do wrap up warm. There will still be blankets available at the rear of church; hopefully they may not be needed for much longer!

THE PLANNING FOR THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL ON 6 DECEMBER (2-5PM) IS WELL UNDERWAY Throughout the afternoon we will have festive musical performances in the church of about 15- 20 minutes. If you have something to offer we would love to discuss it with you. There will also be a Christmas Decoration stall. So if you have any unwanted Christmas baubles or similar we would love to take them off your hands for a good cause. Bring them to Cornelia's or the parish office.

THE LIBRARY AREA UNDER THE ORGAN is no longer well-used and we propose to clear it shortly. Please help yourself to any volumes you would like, and let the Rector know if there are any of particular significance to the church community which should be retained for posterity. The remainder will be donated to a good home.

HALF TERM SUNDAY CLUB REMINDER A reminder that the 09.30 St Nicholas Sunday Club, for primary school age children, takes a break for half term. We will not run on Sunday 26 October or Sunday 2 November, returning on Sunday 9 November.

All Saints' Church Notices



Emergency Prayer Chain: jenny.britt@yahoo.com

ALL SAINTS' DAY LUNCH - On Sunday 2 November, we will celebrate All Saints' Day with a special service. This will be followed by a lunch of jacket potatoes and puddings. We would love to see you there! To help us plan please email to let us know you are coming. elizabethcard@btinternet.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 1 November**. Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.

AUTUMN WALKS - CHANGE OF TIMING - This Tuesday's Autumn Walks session will be at 4.30pm to take account of the changing clocks. You are very welcome to join for this lovely prayer and meditation walk through Batford Springs. 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.

NO KNIT AND KNATTER THIS WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER - we are having a break over half term and will be back on 5 November, 2-4pm.

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 4 & 18 November

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE: We are trialling the idea of selling Christmas Cards, we need to gauge interest before we commit to printing. There are samples of the 3 designs available. Pack of 10 cards with envelopes: £4.60 ((Prices are based on printing estimate, but may change depending on precise printing costs). Order forms in church or contact Sally by 3 Nov.

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

Tuesday 28

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
4.30pm Autumn Walks at All Saints' - see church notices

Wednesday 29

- 9.15am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas'
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'

Thursday 30

- 2.15pm Mothers' Union Project Afternoon in Cornelia's. You do not have to be an MU member to come along - all are welcome

Saturday 1 November

- 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas'
3.00pm All Souls' Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at St Nicholas'

Sunday 2 November - All Saints' Day

- 8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty
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- 9.30am **Family Worship at St Mary's**
Led by Revd Sally Goodson & Nina Featherstone
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Patronal Festival Worship at All Saints'**
Leader - Philip Le Riche; Preacher - Revd James Brown
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- 11.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Mary's**
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson
- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas'**
Leader - Vicky Platt; Preacher - Geoff Payne
- 4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Nicholas'**
- 6.30pm **Choral Evensong at St Nicholas'**

Readings

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6.20-31