

Parish of
Harpenden



St Mary's Monthly Missive February 2026



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NOTICE

DCC Meeting - Monday 9th February

A Little Lunch – Monday 9th February

If you would like to get involved, we are looking for drivers and helpers on the day. Please contact Sallyann Boschetti 07779 387557

Simply Worship - Sunday 15th February 4.30pm

Do join us for songs, Bible readings and prayers plus a craft activity or games. This month we are holding a Pet Service, giving thanks for our pets. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome to attend, please bring photos of other pets.

Tuesday Afternoon Group – Tuesday 24th February 2.30pm

Our speaker is Diemut Remshard: Harpenden to Germany by bicycle. This group needs someone to take on the leader's role, to organise the programme, and liaise with speakers. We have good volunteer support to prepare and serve tea, to help set up and tidy up. Could you, or someone you know step into this role?

Quiz Night – Saturday 28th February 7pm for 7.30pm start

Teams of six. £10 per person which includes a raffle ticket. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Contact Jacqueline Clayton to register your team.

NEW – Hymn of the month

Alleluia, sing to Jesus : Words written by William Chatterton Dix, a prolific writer of verse and hymns. Born in Bristol in 1839, he suffered a near-fatal illness when he was 29, and this is when he wrote many of his best-loved hymns and carols. It is usually sung to Hyfrydol, a well-loved uplifting Welsh tune composed by Rowland Pritchard, and later arranged as a hymn tune by R Vaughan Williams. It uses only the first six notes of the major scale, making it easy to sing and remember. Christine Hordern

Eco Tips for February

- Celebrate the early signs of Spring, look out for snowdrops, bulbs emerging, and buds appearing. Take time to appreciate creation's beauty, and thank God for the hope that spring can bring
- Put food out for the birds and note the different birds you see.
- Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony, and in local green spaces.

WANTED

Jenny Goulding sets the heating each week for the hall and church. She would really like a team mate to learn this task and to share the role with her.

We Are Online....

St. Mary's has its own **Facebook** page (simply search for 'St. Mary's Kinsbourne Green'). We use this to publicise both upcoming and past events. To help us reach a wider audience we'd love you to 'like' and 'share' our page.

There is also a **Parish website**. If you haven't visited it, we would encourage you to go and have a look. There you can access the latest pew leaflet, articles, our monthly Missive and so much more.

Tuesday Morning Prayer

Morning prayer at St Mary's 9.00-9.25am

Do join Sally and Jenny and Nick Goulding to pray for church and world concerns.

Holy Communion – 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10am

A Book of Common Prayer service with coffee afterwards. All welcome.

This Month Please Pray For....

- New volunteers to take up the roles we need.
- Those who are unable to attend church, who are visited by our pastoral team.
- Our new Eco Church group members, as we explore new targets.

Future Dates

- **Friday 6th March** World Day of Prayer at St Nicholas
- **Saturday 7th March** Litter Picking
- **Sunday 15th March** Simply Worship
- **Monday 16th March** Little Lunch
- **Tuesday 24th March** Afternoon Group

St Mary's: Services February 2026

Sunday 1st February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.30am First Sunday – Nina Featherstone and Jenny Goulding

11am Holy Communion – Revd Nick Goulding

Tuesday 3rd February 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd Nick Goulding

Sunday 8th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Sally Goodson

Sunday 15th February – Sunday next before Lent

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Sally Goodson and Nina Featherstone

4.30pm Simply Worship – Revd Sally Goodson and Rachel Beagent

Tuesday 17th February 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd Sally Goodson

Wednesday 18th February – **Ash Wednesday**

8pm Holy Communion with Ashing – Revd Sally Goodson

Sunday 22nd February – 1st Sunday of Lent

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Mark Rodel

Sunday 1st March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.30am Family Worship – Nina Featherstone and Revd Sally Goodson

11am Holy Communion – Revd Sally Goodson

Everyone is welcome at all our services.

An activity sheet for children is available at our 9.30am services.

Simply Worship is particularly suitable for families and children.

Next Month Please send submissions for March's Missive by 14 February to missive@stmarys.parishofharpندن.org or speak to Jenny Clark or Sally Goodson