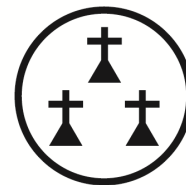


We are an inclusive church, called to be caring, loving and welcoming to all

Parish of
Harpenden



Sunday 29 March 2026 Palm Sunday

Services in the Parish

- 8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty
- 9.30am **Blessing of Palms on Church Green** followed by procession to St Nicholas'
- 9.45am (approx.) **Sung Eucharist with Passion Reading at St Nicholas'**
President - Revd Patrick Moriarty
This service will be live streamed on [facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)
- 9.30am **Family Communion with Passion Reading at St Mary's**
President - Revd Sally Goodson
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Morning Worship with Passion Reading at All Saints'**
Led by Revd James Brown
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet
- 11.30am **Morning Praise with Triumphal Entry Drama at St Nicholas'**
Leader - Chris Powell
- 6.30pm **Stainer's Crucifixion at St Nicholas'** - see Parish Notices

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Chris Powell T: 01582 764930 (Pastoral Care Co-Ordinator)

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 - THURSDAY

10.00am - 2.00pm

TUESDAY

10.00am - 11.30am

GOOD FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

● ● ● | Collects, Readings, Psalm, Gospel and Post-Communion Prayer

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?

LENTEN PROSE

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father: Way of Salvation, Gate of life celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

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God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee: with true contrition now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.

Innocent captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, for us sinners sentenced, save us we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinn'd against thee.

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 Topic for the Week: Going deeper into God; all who lead Bible Study Groups

The Sick: Jo Morris, Maureen Welsh, Heather Catterfeld

The Recently Departed: George Richards, Marian Williams, Denys Moylan, Julie Newlan, Sheila Conway, Jacquie Murray, Richard Cobham

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.

● ● ● | Parish Notices

CONFIRMATION we are running courses of preparation for Confirmation, for adults and for children. Please speak to a member of the clergy if you are interested in joining: dates and times to be confirmed to suit the groups once they are convened.

STAINER CRUCIFIXION 6.30PM PALM SUNDAY 29 MARCH, sung by the St Nicholas Choirs directed by Marie Price. Chris Muhley - Organ, Ian Wicks - Tenor, David Willink - Bass. Free admission, retiring collection. Come and hear this moving choral work for a perfect start to Holy Week. Includes hymns for all to join in.

HOLY WEEK COMPLINE We gather Monday - Wednesday evenings during Holy Week for a series of reflections led by Revd Charlotte Bradley, Associate Priest at St Albans Cathedral. This is followed by the Service of Compline beginning on 30 March at 8pm.

PASTORAL CARE IN THE PARISH We have an active Pastoral Care Group in the parish. Together with the clergy, this trained team receive and respond to requests for prayer, practical support, visiting or phone contact for any who would like them, whether short or longer term. They also offer bereavement support and can signpost to more specialist help as required. If you would like to make a request, or just to have a conversation, please contact Chris Powell, Pastoral Care Coordinator, or Patrick, Sally or James. All contact details are on the front of this pew leaflet.

THE TWICE MONTHLY COURSE ON ROMANS CONTINUES AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAYS 2.30 TO 4PM The next session is 14 April. Please contact Kirsteen Say 07941 480917 or Sarah Sewell 07746 070443 or just come along. All welcome.

HARPENDEN SENIOR'S FAIR – 1 APRIL 2026 FROM 10:30AM TO 1:00PM AT THE ERIC MORECAMBE CENTRE. Free entry. 40+ exhibitors include charities, voluntary & commercial organisations offering a range of support, health, medical and welfare services, and social activities of interest to Seniors. The Harpenden History Society Local History Museum will be open. Refreshments available (donations to the Rennie Grove Hospice).

● ● ● | Parish Notices continued

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL SPRING 2026 The Electoral Roll for the Parish is being revised from **Sunday 5 April** to **Sunday 26 April 2026**.

The revision includes additions, amendments and deletions. If you have been worshipping in the Parish regularly over the past six months (including live streaming) but are not yet registered on the Electoral Roll, you would be very welcome to join. 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>



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. Simply contact: Kate Nesbitt, Parish Electoral Roll Officer, St Nicholas'; Loretta Ramswell, Electoral Roll assistant, All Saints'; Ro Marriott, Electoral Roll assistant, St Mary's to request a copy or if you have any questions.

WATERSHED: A RIVER'S CALL TO ACTION - We are excited to reveal that All Saints' will be hosting this fantastic art installation 11-26 April. Previously displayed in St Albans Cathedral, this large scale art exhibition by artist collective Cross Arts Projects (XAP) brings attention to the vitality and acute vulnerability of our UK waterways. There is a wonderful series of events accompanying the art installation. Please follow the link to find out more and book your place. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/all-saints-church-harpenden-121112978567>

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIMAGE Revd Sally Goodson will be walking to the Diocesan Easter Monday Service in the Cathedral and hopes you will join her! We will set off about 10am from St Nicholas' Church on Monday 6 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.

HARPENDEN CHURCHES TOGETHER GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS Gather at the Leyton Road entrance to Rothamsted Park at 10.15am. Walk begins at 10.30am, ending with an outdoor service on Church Green. Soup in St Nicholas' Church Hall afterwards.

PLEASE DECORATE A CROSS FOR THE EASTER GARDEN. Small wooden crosses will be available in a Tupperware at the front of church from Saturday 28 March. 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 28 March to help create the Easter garden**, please let Rachael Threlfall know and come along at 10am to help.

TEA CAKE & CHAT - MONDAY 20 APRIL 3.00PM ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HALL. Flyers to give out are available at each church; why not bring along a friend. Lifts can be arranged. Please contact Chris Powell 01582 764930 or chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk

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



All Saints' Church Notices



Emergency Prayer Chain: jenny.britt@yahoo.com

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2 APRIL 6.30PM 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 3 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 5 APRIL

6.30AM 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.

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 April**. Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION The King's Pantry continues to distribute a range of foods to households in the area and currently there are particular gaps in their store: cereals, biscuits, rice and noodles. Any help would be greatly appreciated; please leave any donations in the crates in the entrance to the church.

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 Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 7 & 21 April

CARBON FAST FOR LENT: DO TAKE PART IN OUR CARBON FAST CHALLENGE

FOR LENT, details are with the Missive and on the poster in the Hall

29 March - 4 April Fast from driving - lift share, cycle, walk or take public transport for Holy Week Services. If possible do the same for your work commutes etc.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP: This group needs someone to take on the leaders 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?

WE ARE NEED OF A NEW DISTRICT WARDEN Please pray about who might step into this role and speak to Sally about any inspiration you have.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS YOU ARE INVITED TO SPONSOR FLOWERS FOR EASTER.

Many people find this a lovely way to remember a loved one with their name read out in the prayers on Easter Day. If you would like to do this speak to Sally or Anita on 461600 or message to croftal@aol.com. The flower arranging team are looking forward to making the church look beautiful at Easter.

St Nicholas' Church Notices



MUSIC

9.30am

Sung Eucharist

Setting

New English Folk Mass

Hymns

109 It is a thing most wonderful; 108 Glory be to Jesus;
101 All ye who seek for sure relief

Anthem

Verily, verily I say unto you (Tallis)

6.30pm

Choral Evensong

Responses

Byrd

Setting

Noble Bm

Anthem

Christus factus est (Brucker)

OUR 9.30AM SERVICE IS NORMALLY LIVE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK (and is 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.

THE FUNERAL OF GEORGE RICHARDS will be held on Tuesday 31 March at 12noon at St Nicholas' Church, followed by a gathering in the church hall. Heather and family thank everyone for their kind words and support during this difficult time. The parish office will be closed from 11.30am that day to allow staff to attend the funeral.

THE FUNERAL OF MARIAN WILLIAMS will be held on Thursday 9 April at 12noon at St Nicholas' Church. All those who knew Marian are welcome to join the family in remembering her.

HOLY COMMUNION 10.30AM SATURDAY 11 APRIL The next service of Holy Communion (BCP) on a Saturday morning will be on 11 April rather than 4 April

St Nicholas' Church Notices continued

EASTER SATURDAY 4 APRIL SIMPLY WORSHIP AT ST NICHOLAS – 10.30AM

To celebrate Good Friday and Easter, there will be a Simply Worship service at St Nicholas Church on Saturday 4 April at 10.30am suitable for families and with activities for children. Stamping of St George's passports will take place after the service.

NO COFFEE AFTER 9.30AM SERVICE ON EASTER DAY There will be no refreshments after the regular 9.30am service on Easter Day.

NO EVENSONG SERVICE ON SUNDAY 5 APRIL There will be no evensong service on Easter Sunday 5 April.

ON SATURDAY 18 APRIL AT 7.30 PM, THE HERTFORDSHIRE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA WILL BE PRESENTING A CONCERT AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

HARPENDEN as a fundraiser for Redbourn Village Hall. The programme is lovely - a bright and breezy Cherubini overture, the sumptuous and lyrical Cello concerto in A Minor by Saint Saens and Tchaikovsky's powerful and memorable Orchestral Suite No 1 in D Minor. The Orchestra has been performing throughout Hertfordshire in support of local charities for nearly 60 years and its concerts are always special occasions. Tickets £20 (under 16s free). T: 07712 658587 or E: office@redbournvillagehall.org.uk

COFFEE AT MORNING PRAISE: From Sunday 19 April, we will be experimenting with coffee in the church for Morning Praise at 11.30am. As washing up will be trickier, we will have some eco disposable cups available, but if you have travel mugs do please begin to bring these to the service.



What's on this Week

Monday 30

8.00pm **Holy Week Reflection & Compline at St Nicholas'** - see Parish Notices

Tuesday 31

9.00am **Morning Prayer at St Mary's**

12noon **Funeral of the late George Richards at St Nicholas'** - see Church Notices

8.00pm **Holy Week Reflection & Compline at St Nicholas'**

Wednesday 1 April

10.30am **Holy Communion in St Nicholas' Church**

8.00pm **Holy Week Reflection & Compline at St Nicholas'**

Thursday 2 - Maundy Thursday

10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints'**

6.30pm **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



What's on this Week

Friday 3 - Good Friday

- 9.00am **Stations of the Cross at St Mary's**
- 10.00am **Reflective Service at All Saints'** followed by procession to Pickford Green to erect cross & 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. Soup in St Nicholas' Hall after the service
- 12noon **Liturgy of the Cross in St Nicholas' Church.**
Lived streamed on St Nicholas' Facebook page

Saturday 4 - Easter Eve

- 10.30am **Simply Worship for Good Friday and Easter at St Nicholas'**

Sunday 5 – Easter Sunday

- 6.00am **Dawn Service with Easter Fire, Exsultet and First Eucharist of Easter at St Nicholas' followed by breakfast in Cornelia's**
President - Revd Patrick Moriarty
- 6.30am **Sunrise Service with First Communion of Easter, starting in All Saints' Church Garden,** then moving into Church, followed by breakfast in the hall; President - Revd James Brown
- 8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Fr Patrick Moriarty
This service will be live streamed on [facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)
- 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 **Celebratory Communion at All Saints' and on Zoom**
President - Revd James Brown; Preacher - tba
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'**
President & Preacher - Revd Mark Rodel; Joint Leader - Liz de Jong

Readings

Jeremiah 31.1-6

Acts 10.34-43

Matthew 28.1-10