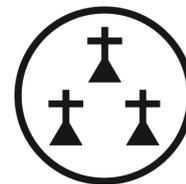


**We are an inclusive church, called to
be caring, loving and welcoming to all**

**Parish of
Harpenden**



Sunday 22 March 2026 The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins) 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://www.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'**
President - Revd James Brown; Preacher - Jacquie Hibbert
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet
- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas'**
Leader - Christy Monson; Speaker - Jackie Major
- 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

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37.1–14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

SECOND READING Romans 8.6–11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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.

LENTEN PROSE continued

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

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

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.

GOSPEL John 11.17-45

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan Topic for the Week: Making new disciples; those who lead Emmaus

The Sick: Jo Morris, Maureen Welsh, Heather Catterfeld

The Recently Departed: George Richards, Marian Williams, Denys Moylan, Julie Newlan

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SPIRITUAL HEALTH CHECK FOR LENT Lent is a good time to take stock of our spiritual health, where we are with on our walk with God and how we might refresh or re-find our faith. The clergy of the parish (Patrick, James and Sally) offer you a one-to-one Spiritual Health Check' - a conversation about the spiritual life, with honesty, humanity and humour, and in complete confidence. Bring your questions, frustrations, joys and hopes and we will explore them together. Contact any one of us to arrange a time.

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'S 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.

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 24 March followed by 14 April. Please contact Kirsteen Say 07941 480917 or Sarah Sewell 07746 070443 or just come along. All welcome.

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.

THE HARDYNGE CHOIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT - MOZART REQUIEM - SATURDAY 28 MARCH AT 7.30PM AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH.

The Hardyng Choir will be performing A Mozart Requiem to celebrate their 60th anniversary year. Tickets: Unreserved £20; Students £10; Under 16 free. Book online www.hardyngchoir.org or call 0845 475 1664.

ALL OUR CHILDREN 27 MARCH – 4 APRIL, BARN THEATRE, WELWYN GARDEN CITY

Set in 1941 in a small German clinic, *All Our Children*, unfolds over the course of one winter's day in the lives of people quietly trying to navigate a world losing its moral compass. Into this enclosed space comes voices that challenge, soften and inspire: a weary doctor rediscovering his conscience, a mother holding fiercely to love, a maid whose practicality masks deep compassion, and a bishop whose remarkable real-life courage lit a spark of resistance across the country. Don't miss this thought-provoking production. For more information and tickets go to the Barn Theatre website - https://www.barntheatre.co.uk/productions_events/2025-2026/all-our-children/

HARPENDEN SENIORS' 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).

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>

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 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 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 which is Easter Saturday.

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.

All Saints' Church Notices

Emergency Prayer Chain: jenny.britt@yahoo.com



PRAYER AND MEDITATION WALKS 5.30pm Tuesdays in Lent until 24 March. Meet at All Saints' Church to walk through Batford Springs Nature Reserve, pausing to hear readings to help us reflect on life in this season. Walks last around 45 minutes, and those who wish can come to the Marquis of Granby for a drink afterwards.

AN EVENING WITH HARPENDEN MONEY ADVICE CENTRE Wednesday 25 March, 7.30 - 9.00pm in All Saints' Hall. Short talks from advisers and supporters about the impact HMAc has in the community followed by light refreshments and the opportunity to chat. You can find full details and book a place via the Events page on this link:

<https://www.hmac.uk/events>

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 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. 22-28 March Fast from temperature luxury - set your thermostat to 16°C this week

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.



What's on this Week

Monday 23

- 2.30pm Lent Group at All Saints', Gordon Facer Room
8.00pm Lent Group at St Mary's

Tuesday 24

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
2.30pm Romans Course in St Nicholas' Church Hall, Cunningham Room
5.30pm Prayer and Meditation Walk meeting at All Saints' - see Church Notices
8.00pm Compline by Candlelight at St Nicholas'

Wednesday 25 The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Saturday 28

- 7.30pm Mozart's Requiem performed by the Hardyng Choir at St Nicholas' - see Parish notices

Sunday 29 March - Palm Sunday

- 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 **Sung Eucharist with Passion Reading at St Nicholas'**
(approx.) President - Revd Patrick Moriarty;
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- 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
- Readings** Isaiah 50.4-9a Passion Reading from Matthew