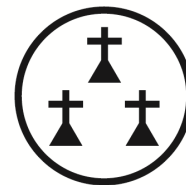


We are an inclusive church, called to be caring, loving and welcoming to all

Parish of
Harpenden



Sunday 5 April 2026 Easter Day

Services in the Parish

- 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; 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 & 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'**
President & Preacher - Revd Mark Rodel; Joint Leader - Liz de Jong

CONNECT, BELONG, SHARE, GROW

Our mission is to build connections, encourage belonging, and share an

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

EASTER MONDAY

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

10.00am - 2.00pm

THURSDAY

10.00am - 11.30am

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

COLLECT

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope: for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

SECOND READING Acts 10.34–43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The Choir will sing the Hallelujah Chorus as the Gradual at St Nicholas' 9.30am Sung Eucharist. The following Psalm is to be read at 8am Holy Communion

PSALM 118.1-2, 14-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for / he is / good; ♦ his / mercy en/dures for / ever.

Let Israel / now pro/claim, ♦ 'His / mercy en/dures for / ever.'

The Lord is my / strength ▪ and my / song, ♦ and he has be/come / my sal/vation.

Joyful / shouts ▪ of sal/vation ♦ sound / from the / tents ▪ of the / righteous:

#The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord / raises / up; ♦
the right hand of the / Lord does / mighty / deeds.'

I shall not / die, but / live ♦ and de/clare the / works ▪ of the / Lord.

The Lord has / punished me / sorely, ♦ but he has not / given me / over to / death.

Open to me the / gates of / righteousness, ♦ that I may / enter ▪ and give / thanks ▪ to the /
Lord.

This is the / gate ▪ of the / Lord; ♦ the / righteous shall / enter / through it.

I will give thanks to you, for / you have / answered me ♦ and have be/come / my
sal/vation.

The stone which the / builders re/jected ♦ has be/come the / chief / cornerstone.

This is the / Lord's / doing, ♦ and it is / marvellous / in our / eyes.

This is the day that the / Lord has / made; ♦ we will re/joyce / and be / glad in it.

GLORIA

GOSPEL Matthew 28. 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

POST COMMUNION

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan Topic for the Week: Making new disciples; courage to live one's faith as a witness to others

The Sick: Jo Morris, Maureen Welsh, Heather Catterfeld, Jean Sharman

The Recently Departed: Marian Williams, Denys Moylan, Julie Newlan, Sheila Conway, Jackie Murray, Richard Cobham, Claire McHugh, Åsa Mann

● ● ● | Parish Notices

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.

SUNDAY 12 APRIL Joint Parish Holy Communion Service at All Saints', 10am. NO OTHER SERVICES in the Parish next Sunday. PLEASE NOTE!

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>

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

THE LONG AWAITED CHRISTIAN BASICS COURSE IS READY TO START

This 6-session course works as an introduction to, or refreshment in, the Christian faith. For those interested in adult confirmation it also serves as preparation for that formal step in faith, in time for a Confirmation Service at St John's Harpenden on the evening of 11 June 2026. Come at 7.30pm to St Nicholas' Church Hall, where food will be provided as well as an opportunity to learn, to discuss and explore, and to meet others. Tuesdays 14, 21 and 28 April, 5, 12 and 19 May. Please register your interest with the Parish Office or sign up via ChurchSuite [here](#)



CONFIRMATION PREP FOR TEENAGERS: THIS COURSE WILL RUN AT 4.30PM ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS ON 19 AND 26 APRIL, 3, 10 AND 17 MAY plus one extra date to fit around half term plans. Aimed at those in approximately Years 7-9, this course will explore some key issues in faith and life, think about what it means to be a Christian, and prepare those who do not yet receive communion to start doing so. Bring your hopes and joys, questions and doubts! Please contact the Rector or the Parish Office for more information and to register interest if you have not yet done so. Please register your interest with the Parish Office or sign up via ChurchSuite [here](#)



CLERGY AND MINISTERS CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOU and for those on the prayer list for the parish. If you have anyone you would like to add to that list, please contact the Parish Office, a member of the clergy, or Chris Powell, the Pastoral Care Coordinator (details on the front of this pew leaflet). We can offer practical help, short or long-term visits or phone calls, and support after bereavement. We can also signpost you to other specialist help as required.

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.

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 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	147 Jesus Christ is risen today; 137 Alleluia! Alleluia! 160 Thine be the glory
Gradual	Hallelujah Chorus
Anthems	This joyful Eastertide (Wood) Holy is the true light (Harris)

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.

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.

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.

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.

All Saints' Church Notices

Emergency Prayer Chain: jenny.britt@yahoo.com



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 2 May**. Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 7 & 21 April

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.



What's on this Easter Week

Monday 6

10.00am **Meet at St Nicholas' for Easter Monday Pilgrimage-** see Parish Notices

Tuesday 7

9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Wednesday 8

10.30am Holy Communion in St Nicholas' Church

Thursday 9 April

12 noon Funeral of the late Marian Williams at St Nicholas'

Saturday 11

10.30am **Holy Communion (BCP) at St Nicholas'**

Sunday 12 April – The Second Sunday of Easter

10.00am **Joint Parish Holy Communion at All Saints' and on Zoom**
President & Preacher – Revd James Brown;
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet or
by request from associate.vicar@allsaints.parishofharpندن.org

THERE ARE NO OTHER SERVICES IN THE PARISH ON 12 APRIL

Readings

Exodus 14.10-end

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

John 20.19-end