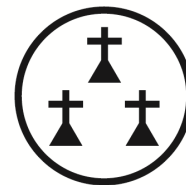


We are an inclusive church, called to be caring, loving and welcoming to all

Parish of
Harpenden



Sunday 3 May 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 **First Sunday at St Mary's**
Led by Revd Sally Goodson & Nina Featherstone
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Morning Worship at All Saints'**
Leader - Philip Le Riche; Preacher - Revd James Brown
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet
- 11.00am **Said Holy Communion at St Mary's**
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson
- 11.30am **Morning Praise in St Nicholas' Church Hall**
Leader - Suzanne Rose
- 4.30pm **Simply Worship at St Nicholas'**
- 6.30pm **Choral Evensong at St Nicholas'**

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.

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
TUESDAY - FRIDAY

OFFICE CLOSED
10.00am - 2.00pm

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

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Or ADDITIONAL COLLECT

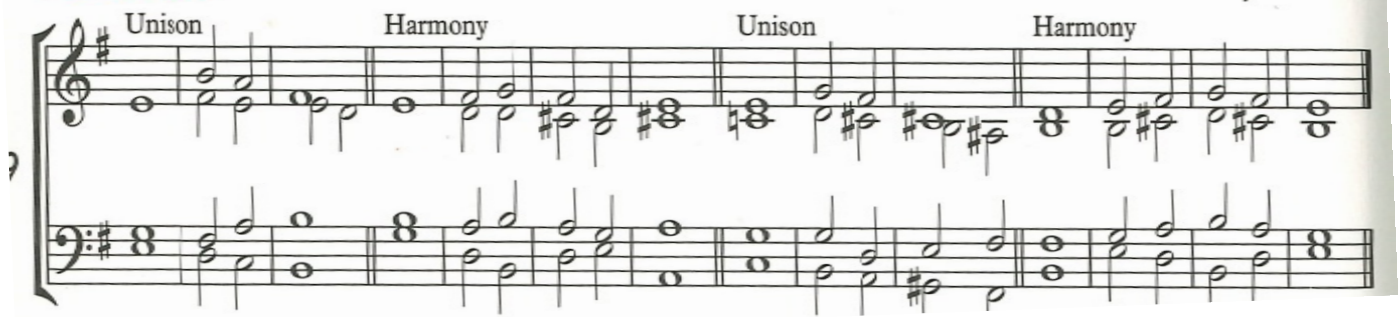
Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

FIRST READING Genesis 8. 1-3a; 6-19

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh - birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth - so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

SECOND READING Acts 7.55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.



PSALM 31.1-5, 15-16

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be / put to / shame; ♦ de/liver me / in
your / righteousness.

Incline your / ear to / me; ♦ make / haste / to de/liver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my / rock · and my / stronghold; ♦
guide me, and / lead me / for your / name's sake.

Take me out of the net that they have laid / secretly / for me, ♦ for / you / are my /
strength.

Into your hands I com/mend my / spirit, ♦ for you have redeemed me, O / Lord / God of /
truth.

'My times are / in your / hand; ♦ deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from /
those who / persecute / me.

'Make your face to / shine up·on your / servant, ♦ and save me / for your / mercy's / sake.'

GLORIA

GOSPEL John 14.1–14

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan Topic for the Week: Transforming Communities; All who serve as Street Angels

The Sick: Jo Morris, Jean Sharman, Liz Nichols

The Recently Departed: Claire McHugh, Brenda Crowe, Christina Dennehy, Ian Thomas

First Anniversary of Death: Michael Peters



Parish Notices

PARISH OF HARPENDEN ELECTORAL ROLL SPRING 2026 The Electoral Roll for the Parish has been prepared. If you wish to check your entry it will be available from **Tuesday 5 May** please contact the Parish Office or your District Electoral Roll Officer: Kate Nesbitt for St Nicholas'; Ro Marriott for St Mary's or Loretta Ramswell for All Saints. Due to GDPR copies are no longer on public display.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION It is not too late to join the Adult Confirmation Course taking place at 8pm on Tuesdays in Cornelia's, St Nicholas' Church Halls (please note change of venue).

LIZ, LAURA AND ANGELA (CROSS ARTS PROJECTS) WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE who helped to make *Watershed: A River's Call to Action* such a joyful event. We welcomed over 670 visitors over the 16 days, of which 214 were from the local schools and over 100 attended the various events. We are so very grateful to James and All Saints' for hosting the installation, and to everyone who visited, stewarded, served refreshments and took part in the events and activities. Thank you. The installation is now moving on to the Houses of Parliament!

PINTS OF VIEW: OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY 21 MAY AT 8PM, when we will consider whether suffering and cruelty are part of the design of the universe - and if so, how Christians might think about that. Come for an informal discussion over a drink. All are very welcome, first-timers especially. Venue to be confirmed (might be a new pub this time!)

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COMMITTEE will be selling **PLANTS AND CAKES**, when also serving coffee at Cornelia's on Saturday morning 9 May, 10-12. It would be lovely to see you! Left over plants for sale on Sunday 10 May after the 9.30 service.

THE MUSIC MAKERS CHOIR WILL BE PRESENTING THEIR SPRING CONCERT, 'SONGS OF THE PEOPLE' in St Nicholas' Church on **SATURDAY 9 MAY** at 7.30 pm. The delightful programme will be a musical journey through Europe of folk songs and part songs, including Elgar's Bavarian Highlands, Rutter's Birthday Madrigals, Bartok's Four Slovak Folksongs, Seiber's Three Hungarian Folk Songs, etc. Tickets £17 from: Judie.caunce@gmail.com, News4U (Station Road), or T:01582 712986

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS, WEDNESDAY 20 MAY, 7.45PM AT ALL SAINTS'. Come along to these important meetings for our parish life. Elect church wardens, finance update, update from our district churches, chance to ask questions. Advance reports available from Parish Office from Wednesday 13 May. You can join the meeting and vote remotely via Zoom, the link will be available in the coming week.

THE HARPENDEN QUAKER MEETING is hosting a talk on behalf of Churches Together, entitled 'Creating an Eco-Church' on Friday 8 May at 7pm. The meeting will be addressed by Polly Eaton from Eco-Church and is aimed at discussing practical ways to make our churches and our Christian lives more sustainable. All welcome to 12 Southdown Road AL5 1PD.

ST NICHOLAS PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS A VACANCY FOR A FOUNDATION

GOVERNOR to join our dedicated and friendly Governing Board. The position is voluntary for a standard term of 4 years and offers an opportunity to be involved in the continued development of our wonderful church school and education of our children. We would be particularly interested in recruiting someone with financial experience. However, whether your background is in business, finance, teaching or otherwise, the key skills required are an interest and enthusiasm in supporting children's learning and development and a willingness to share your time and experience working with others to improve educational outcomes. If you are interested or would like to know more, please speak to Lucy Parr, Chair of Governors, or contact her on 07973 709364 / lparr@stnicholasce.org

AZALEA Donations of ladies toiletries and sanitary products would be very much appreciated. Please put in the collection boxes in Church and Cornelia's. Thank you.

THE TWICE MONTHLY COURSE ON ROMANS CONTINUES AT ST NICHOLAS'

CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAYS 2.30 TO 4PM The next session is 12 May. 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



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 Smith: Harpenden Service

Hymns 368 All my hope on God is founded; 208 Blessed city, heavenly Salem;
150 Love's redeeming work is done

Anthem Beati quorum via (Stanford)

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Responses Rose

Setting Kelly in C

Anthem Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley)

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.

SIMPLY WORSHIP AT ST NICHOLAS - SUNDAY 3 MAY AT 4.30PM The theme for our Simply Worship service this Sunday is the Ascension and we will have a related craft activity for the children. It's an informal and family-friendly service - everyone welcome! Stamping of St George's School passports for those who require one will take place after the service at Cornelia's Cafe in the church hall.

ST NICHOLAS ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING takes place on Saturday 9 May at 10.30 am. A report will be published and circulated shortly. At this meeting, we elect members to serve on the St Nicholas Church Council, as well as District Wardens to lead the life of our congregations together with the Rector. Vicky Platt is happy to continue in this role but Rachael Threlfall is standing down as Warden so a vacancy exists which we need to fill. If you would like to nominate or be nominated for any of these positions, or would like a conversation about what is involved, please speak to the Rector.

9:30AM ST NICHOLAS SUNDAY CLUB will not be running over this Bank Holiday weekend but will return on Sunday 10 May.

REQUEST FOR FOODBANK DONATIONS: Please leave your contributions at St Nicholas' in the green crates at the rear of church, when church is open for services or private prayer. They will be collected for delivery to Salvation Army and FEED at the Vineyard Church as usual. Donations are still very much needed and your contributions are gratefully received; they can also be left at All Saints' or St Mary's. We would also appreciate any spare carrier bags for transporting the goods to the Food Banks. Thank you.

PARKING BAY SUSPENSION OUTSIDE CHURCH 11-13 MAY 2026 Affinity Water will be doing works outside church all day from 11-13 May so the parking bays next to Chef Peking will be suspended. Alternative parking for those attending services during this time is available outside M&S and in Waitrose Car Park

All Saints' Church Notices

Emergency Prayer Chain: jenny.britt@yahoo.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 (if you are reading this before the weekend) will be on **Saturday 2 May** Coffee served, jobs done, fun had.

COULD YOU BE PART OF OUR CHURCHWARDEN TEAM? Our district churchwardens do a fantastic job but are aware that sharing the load will make things easier for everyone. Please speak to either Ben, Sue or James if you're interested in thinking about being part of the team, and whatever capacity suits.

ALL SAINTS' ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETING will take place after the 10am service next Sunday, 10 May. There will be cake to sustain you along with coffee and tea. There will be a few hard copies of the papers available at church and electronic copies will be sent out in the next few days.

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 5 & 19 May

TUESDAY AFTERNOON GROUP: JOB SHARE? Could you, with a friend, organise the speakers and "host" our Tuesday Afternoon Group? Would sharing this role make it possible? We have good volunteer drivers, and a team in the kitchen, but we need this role filled. Please talk to Sally if you could help.

PCC AND GIVING COMMITTEE ROLES we are in need of a representative from St Mary's to serve on the PCC, and a representative to serve on the Giving committee. Might you be able to take up one of these roles?

VILLAGE SHOW: SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2-4PM, thank you for signing up to help on stalls. We still need people to run simple activities out of doors, e.g. face painting, penalty shootout, or your choice of activity.

RAFFLE PRIZES please bring donations for our food hamper prizes. Items can be left in the vestry or in the upstairs room, thank you.



What's on this Week

Tuesday 5

- 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
10.00am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Wednesday 6

- 9.15am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas'
10.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas'
12noon Funeral of the late Claire McHugh at St Nicholas'

Thursday 7

- 10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints'

Saturday 9 May

- 10.30am St Nicholas' Annual District Church Meeting at St Nicholas' - see Church notices
7.30pm Harpenden Music Makers' Concert - see Parish notices

Sunday 10 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
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This service will be live streamed on [facebook.com/
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- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Holy Communion at All Saints' followed by Annual District Church Meeting**
President - Revd James Brown. Preacher - tbc
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet
- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas'**
Leader - Vicky Platt; Preacher - Revd Patrick Moriarty
- 3.00pm **Holy Baptism at St Nicholas'**
Charlie, Freddie, William and Molly Stevenson
- 6.30pm **Choral Evensong at St Nicholas'**
- Readings** Genesis 8.20—9.17 Acts 17.22-31 John 14.15-21