



Sunday 31 May 2026

Trinity Sunday

Services in the Parish

- 8.00am **Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd James Brown
- 9.30am **Sung Eucharist at St Nicholas'**
President & Preacher - Revd Atalie Gaines
This service will be live streamed on [facebook.com/
StNicholasChurchHarpenden](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasChurchHarpenden)
- 9.30am **Family Communion at St Mary's**
President & Preacher - Revd Sally Goodson
Live-streamed on www.facebook.com/StMarysKinsbourneGreen
- 10.00am **Morning Worship at All Saints'**
Leader & Preacher- Revd James Brown
Zoom details available in the weekly email sending the pew leaflet
- 11.30am **Morning Praise with Holy Communion at St Nicholas'**
Leader - Suzanne Rose; President & Preacher - Revd Atalie Gaines
- No Evening Service at St Nicholas' as the choir are singing at Winchester Cathedral this weekend**

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- *compassionate **service** inspired by God's love*

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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

MONDAY - FRIDAY

10.00am - 2.00pm

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

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all the adversities; 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

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-31

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 13.11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Diocesan Topic for the Week: Going deeper into God: Places of Pilgrimage in the UK

The Sick: Jo Morris, Jean Sharman, Linda Oakes, Edward Youngs

The Recently Departed: Ian Thomas, Stuart Marshall

First Anniversary of Death: David Banyard

PSALM 104.26-36, 37B

O Lord, how manifold / are your / works! ♦ In wisdom you have made them all; the earth / is full / • of your / creatures.

There is the sea, spread / far and / wide, ♦ and there move creatures beyond / number, both / small and / great.

There go the ships, and there is / that Le/viathan ♦ which you have / made to / play • in the / deep.

All of these / look to / you ♦ to give them their / food in / due / season.

When you give it / them, they / gather it; ♦ you open your hand and / they are / filled with / good.

When you hide your face / they are / troubled; ♦ when you take away their breath, they die and re/turn a/gain • to the / dust.

#When you send forth your spirit, they / are cre/ated, ♦ and you re/new the / face • of the / earth.

May the glory of the Lord en/dure for / ever; ♦ may the / Lord re/joyce • in his / works; He looks on the / earth • and it / trembles; ♦ he touches the / mountains / and they / smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as / long as I / live; ♦ I will make music to my God / while I / have my / being.

So shall my / song / please him ♦ while I re/joyce / In the/ Lord.

Bless the / Lord, / O my / soul ♦ Praise the / Lord, / praise the / Lord.

GOSPEL John 20.19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

SUMMER STUDY AND SUPPER COURSE: we will be running a 4-week series during July, exploring different views of the Atonement (why Jesus died and what good it did...). Come for discussion, learning and supper! Dates will be Wednesdays 1, 8, 15 and 22 July in St Nicholas' Hall - exact times and rooms to be confirmed.

SAVE THE DATE: you are invited to tea in the Rectory Garden on the afternoon of 21 June. Refreshments, an elegant musical trio and excellent company. The Azalea Minibus will also be paying a visit. Further details to follow!

THE TWICE MONTHLY COURSE ON ROMANS CONTINUES AT ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAYS 2.30 TO 4PM The next session will be Tuesday 9 June. Please contact Kirsteen Say 07941 480917 or Sarah Sewell 07746 070443 or just come along. All welcome

TEA CAKE & CHAT - MONDAY 15 JUNE All Saints' Church Hall. Flyers for this event for you to pass on to friends are available at the back of each church. Lifts can be provided; please contact Chris Powell 01582 764930 or chris_powell51@hotmail.co.uk

AS SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW PAULINE GILBERT WILL BE RETIRING IN MID-SEPTEMBER after more than 20 years working in the Parish Office. We are immensely grateful for all she has done in that time, and we will be marking her long service, so watch this space.

PARISH OFFICE VACANCY: We are looking for a part-time Assistant Parish Administrator (10 hours) to work in the Parish Office with our Parish Administrator (Sara) on Wednesdays & Fridays starting in September 2026. If you are interested in this post, the information pack is available on our website [here](#).

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.

BISHOP OF ST ALBANS HIDDEN TWO ACRE CITY CENTRE OASIS at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane AL3 4HD (What3words: //sings.fade.daily) will be open to the public on Sundays 28 June, 5, 12 & 19 July, 2.00 - 4.00pm. Entrance £5 per adult - dogs on leads - no toilet facilities. Proceeds to Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust.

PARISH VISION: in recent months, we have been reflecting on our vision and mission. This began with the Vision Event last Autumn, continued in smaller discussions, and has now resulted in a new Vision Statement which was adopted at the APCM on 20 May and will shape priorities and decisions for the next season of our life as a Christian community:

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I am grateful to all who contributed thoughts and drafting skills to the process - and here's to the next steps as we turn this vision into reality...a task for us all.

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

Thorne: Mass of St Thomas

Hymns

202 Holy, holy, holy! 192 On the day of Pentecost;

418 Father, Lord of all creation; 496 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

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.

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.

HALF TERM SUNDAY CLUB REMINDER A reminder that the 09.30 St Nicholas Sunday Club, for primary school age children, takes a break for half term. We will not run on Sunday 31 May, but return on Sunday 7 June.

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 will be on **Saturday 7 June**. 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.

THE TUESDAY EVENING HOME GROUP IS MOVING TO MONDAY AFTERNOONS IN THE GORDON FACER ROOM AT 2.30PM. We extend a very warm welcome to everyone and hope that the new time and venue makes it more accessible. First meeting is on Monday 29 June.

THANK YOU EVERYONE for all the cards, prayers, letters and many uplifting thoughts which have been such a help to me. Now home is within sight! Liz Nichols

St Mary's Church Notices



TUESDAY 10AM HOLY COMMUNION - 2 & 16 June

SATURDAY 30 MAY, 10AM - 12NOON Please come along and help us with a general tidy up of our garden and outside space ready for our village show.

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.

BOTTLE TOMBOLA PRIZES please bring donations for our bottle tombola prizes. Items can be left in the vestry or in the upstairs room, thank you.



What's on this Week

Tuesday 2 June

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

Wednesday 3

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

Thursday 4 Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)

- 10.00am Holy Communion at All Saints

Saturday 6

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

Sunday 7 June - First Sunday after Trinity

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- 11.30am **Morning Praise at St Nicholas'**
Leader - Eddy de Jong; Preacher - Michael Parker
- 3.00pm **Civic Service at St Nicholas'**
No Evening Service at St Nicholas'
- Readings** Hosea 5.15-6.6 Romans 4.13-end Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26