The Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood

All Saints * Holy Cross * St. Michael and All Angels * St. Nicholas "Four Churches, One Vision" https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefic e/32-091BJ

Sunday, October 12th **TRINITY 17**

Welcome to Church. Today's services are:

9.15am	St Nicholas	Holy	Bishop
		Communion	Stephen
			Venner
9.30am	Holy Cross	Service of the Word	Anne Smith, LLW
9.30am	St Michael's	Holy Communion	Revd Canon Tim Lomax
11.15am	All Saints	Service of the Word	Stephen Davidson Lay Reader

Sorry, No Evening Prayer by zoom today

This Week ...

Monday, October 13th

9.30 am Morning Prayer @ All Saints

Tuesday, October 14th

Team Rector interview day

Thursday, October 16th

9.30 am Morning Prayer @ St Nicholas 12.30-3.00 pm @ St Michael's Welcome Cafe

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Gracious God,

you call us to fullness of life:

deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.* 2Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy?* Just look and see how he is trying to pick a guarrel with me.' 8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' 9So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!* 12Are not Abana* and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. 13But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' 14So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. 15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant.'

Psalm 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practise it have a good understanding. His praise endures for ever.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;13if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.14Remind them of this, and warn them before God* that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus* was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers* approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' 14When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus'* feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Coming Soon

Sunday, October 19th

Hertsmere Civic Service with the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and Mayor Alpha Collins and his chosen charities, at St Michael and All Angels @ 3.00pm

Thursday, October 30th

'Warm Space, Hot Meals' – Volunteer Induction, 9.30am-11.30am. 1 or 2 more volunteers needed.

<u>Monday, November 3rd</u> – Start of the 'Warm Spaces, Hot Meals' scheme. See flyers.

Sunday, November 9th

Remembrance Sunday - see poster

Tuesday, November 11th

St Albans Abbey Evening Parish Pilgrimage, 7.15pm - 9.15pm. "Evening Pilgrimages start in the Welcome Centre, and end with Compline by candlelight and a visit to the Shrine of St Alban."

Saturday, November 22nd Christmas Fair

Publicity flyers available soon. We still need:

- Prizes for the Raffle (see Grace Silvera)
- Offers of cakes on the day (see Melita Lee)

Next Week

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