

The Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood
**All Saints * Holy Cross * St. Michael and
All Angels * St. Nicholas**
"Four Churches, One Vision"
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-091BJ>

Sunday, November 23rd
CHRIST THE KING

Welcome to Church. Today's services are:

9.15am	St Nicholas	Communion by Extension	Canon Richard Osborn
9.30am	Holy Cross	Holy Communion	Rev'd Louise Collins
9.30am	St Michael's	Service of the Word	Alana Davenport LLW
11.15am	All Saints	Communion by Extension	Canon Richard Osborn
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	By Zoom	Contact Rev'd Louise

This Week ...

Monday, November 24th

9.30am Morning Prayer @ All Saints

Thursday, November 27th

9.30am Morning Prayer @ St Nicholas

12.30-3.00pm St Michael's Warm Space

5.30pm Singing Practice at St Nicholas

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has
no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people; that they,
plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the
sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore
thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning
the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you
who have scattered my flock, and have driven
them away, and you have not attended to them.
So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the
Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my
flock out of all the lands where I have driven them,
and I will bring them back to their fold, and they

shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up
shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and
they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor
shall any be missing, says the Lord. ⁵The days are
surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up
for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as
king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and
righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will
be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is
the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is
our righteousness."

Psalms 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help
in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the
earth should change,
**Though the mountains shake in the heart of
the sea; though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its
tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city
of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be
moved; God will help it when the morning
dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob
is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what
desolations he has brought on the earth.
**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted
among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."
**The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob
is our refuge.**

Colossians 1.11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that
comes from his glorious power, and may you be
prepared to endure everything with patience, while
joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has
enabled you to share in the inheritance of the
saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the
power of darkness and transferred us into the
kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have
redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the
image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all
creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on
earth were created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers
—all things have been created through him and for
him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all
things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body,

the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

ADVENT SUNDAY SERVICES, November 30 th		
St Nicholas	9.15am	Holy Communion
Holy Cross	9.30am	Service of the Word
St Michael's	9.30am	Holy Communion
All Saints	11.15am	Service of the Word

Mayor's Peace Walk

80-100 people, including children from St Nicholas School and Parkside School joined last week's Mayor Hertsmere's Peace Walk. See photos at: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-091BJ/page/96655/>

St Nicholas Primary School

Our Church School of England School is faced with possible closure, please give your support via: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/consultations/schools/st-nicholas-c-of-e-school-consultation.aspx>

Thanks!

Thanks to all who worked so hard for yesterday's Parish Christmas Fair and St Michael's for hosting.

Advent & Christmas

The Christmas Memorial Service is on **Saturday, Dec 6th at All Saints Church at 3.00pm**. Please fill out a form if you would like the name of a departed loved one to be read out in the Service. Christmas cards with details of services and events are available this morning. Please take some for friends and neighbours. There are opportunities for everyone to get involved, delivering cards, joining a singing group, supporting the Art Festival....

Publicity Across the Parish

Can you help / offer:

- Help with leafletting in Elstree on Dec 2nd, 3rd or 6th Contact Grace Silvera, Melita Lee or Tracey.

St Nicholas Art Festival, Dec 12th / 13th

Can you help / offer:

- Come and support?
- Help serve teas and coffees?

Spreading Christmas Joy!

Do You Love Singing Christmas Carols?

- Thursday, Nov 27th at 5.30pm - Singing Practice at St Nicholas for the Candlelit Carols in Dec.
- Monday, Dec 1st at The Wellington Pub, Theobald Street from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. All singers and instrumentalists welcome.

Carol Singing



Monday, December 1st
7.00pm-8.00pm
 The Wellington Pub,
 4 Theobald Street,
 Borehamwood, WD6 4SE

Just turn up or contact Revd Louise Collins on 07759 283337
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 https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-091BJ/service-and-events/

The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood

Christmas Memorial Service
Saturday, December 6th
@ 3.00pm
 Carols, Reflections, Candle-Lighting



All Saints Church
 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB

Please contact us by December 1st if you would like the name of a departed loved one read out during the service, as the candles are lit
louise.collins@btinternet.com / 07759 283337

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CRAFTY CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 2nd
10.00am – 11.30am
 Christmas Craft-Making & Coffee

*** For Pre-school Children + Carers ***

At St Nicholas Church, Elstree
 High Street, Elstree, WD6 3EW

To register for your free place, please contact Head Teacher, Mrs Kate Johnston-Grant, St Nicholas Church of England School, St Nicholas Close, Elstree, Hertfordshire WD6 3EW. Tel: 0208 953 3093. Parking at St Nicholas School, St Nicholas Close, Elstree, WD6 3EW

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PAINT & PIZZA

Christmas Crafting
Tuesday, December 2nd
5.00pm-6.30pm

*** For young people 9-14 years ***

At St Nicholas Church, Elstree
 High Street, WD6 3EW

To register for your free place and to complete a parental consent form, please contact Head Teacher, Mrs Kate Johnston-Grant, St Nicholas Church of England School, St Nicholas Close, Elstree, Hertfordshire WD6 3EW. Tel: 0208 953 3093. Parking at St Nicholas School, St Nicholas Close, Elstree, WD6 3EW

Stop Press!

The Licensing of Revd Steven Young as our new Team Rector of Elstree and Borehamwood is on **Saturday, February 28th at 5.00pm at All Saints Church, Borehamwood.**