

*The Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood*  
**All Saints \* Holy Cross \* St. Michael and  
All Angels \* St. Nicholas**  
**"Four Churches, One Vision"**  
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**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**



## *Welcome to Church*

Today is a Parish Service held for 'Safeguarding Sunday' at St Nicholas, Elstree at 10.00am. There are no morning services at St Michael's, Holy Cross or All Saint today. Evening Prayer at 5.00pm via zoom. Details from Revd Louise. PCC meeting at 11.30am after coffee.



### **This Week ...**

#### **Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Morning Prayer @ All Saints  
5.30pm Singing Practice at St Nicholas

#### **Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Morning Prayer @ St Nicholas  
12.30-3.00pm St Michael's Warm Space

#### **Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

6.30pm Christmas Fair setting up, St Michael's

### **PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope that all creation  
will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament you give substance  
to our hope; bring us at the last for which  
we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
Amen.

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

*Isaiah 61.1-3*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

*Psalms 13*

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
**How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
and have sorrow in my heart all day  
long? How long shall my enemy be  
exalted over me?**

Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed", my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

**But I trusted in your steadfast love; my  
heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will  
sing to the Lord, because he has dealt  
bountifully with me.**

*James 2.1-7, 14-18*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? .... <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save

you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. <sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

*Matthew 5.13-16*

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

| NEXT SUNDAY SERVICES, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> |         |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| St Nicholas                                     | 9.15am  | Holy Communion      |
| Holy Cross                                      | 9.30am  | Holy Communion      |
| St Michael's                                    | 9.30am  | Service of the Word |
| All Saints                                      | 11.15am | Holy Communion      |

## *Christmas Memorial Service*

This year's Parish Christmas Memorial Service on Saturday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 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*

Christmas cards are available this morning, with details of upcoming events. Additional cards will be available in the churches from next **Sunday, Nov 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please let Alana know today how many your church would like: [alanadavenport95@gmail.com](mailto:alanadavenport95@gmail.com)



## *Advent & Christmas*

Advent and Christmas give us lots of opportunities to connect with neighbours and share the message of joy at Christ's coming. Here are some opportunities to get involved: delivering Christmas cards, joining a singing group or choir, helping serve refreshments, clearing up after the Fair...

### **Publicity Across the Parish**

#### **Can you help / offer:**

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

### **Christmas Fair, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> at St Michael's**

#### **Can you help / offer:**

- ✚ Help with setting up on Friday at 6.30pm?
- ✚ Donate raffle prizes? Bake cakes?
- ✚ Carol-singing with Borehamwood Brass, 12.30

### **St Nicholas Art Festival, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Can you help / offer:**

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

### **Spreading Christmas Joy!**

#### **Do You Love Singing Christmas Carols?**

- ✚ Monday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm - Singing Practice at St Nicholas for the Candlelit Carols in Dec.
- ✚ Monday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at The Wellington Pub, Theobald Street from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. All singers and instrumentalists welcome.

