

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, December 7th
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TODAY'S SERVICES

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

THIS WEEK ...

Monday, December 8th

9.30am Morning Prayer @ All Saints
 Parkside School Christingle

Tuesday, December 9th

Kenilworth School Christingle

Wednesday, December 10th

St Nicholas School Nativity

Thursday, December 11th

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

Friday, December 12th

St Nicholas Art Festival, 10.00-4.00pm

Saturday, December 13th

St Nicholas Art Festival, 10.00-4.00pm

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Almighty God,
 purify our hearts and minds,
 that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
 judge and saviour,
 we may be ready to receive him,
 who is our Lord and our God.
 Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven,
 who sent your Son to redeem the world and will
 send him again to be our judge:
 give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and
 purity of his first coming that, when he comes
 again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful
 love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 11. 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The spirit
 of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom
 and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
 the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
³His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall
 not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what
 his ears hear; ⁴but with righteousness he shall
 judge the poor, and decide with equity for the
 meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with
 the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his
 lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be
 the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt
 around his loins. ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
 the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and
 the lion and the fatling together, and a little child
 shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
 their young shall lie down together; and the lion
 shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall
 play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child
 shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹They will not
 hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the
 earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as
 the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰On that day, the root of
 Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
 nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall
 be glorious.

Psalms 72. 1-7

Give the king your justice, O God,
And your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and
 your poor with justice.

**May the mountains yield prosperity for the
 people, and the hills, in righteousness.**

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
 give deliverance to the needy, and crush the
 oppressor.

**May he live while the sun endures, and as
 long as the moon, throughout all
 generations.**

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
 like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

Romans 15. 4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹²and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3. 1-12

In those days, John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹"I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his

wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

SUNDAY SERVICES, December 14 th		
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

St Nicholas Primary School

Our Church School of England School is faced with possible closure, further information at:
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-091BJ/page/96694/>

The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood
'The Joy of Christmas'

Christmas Art Festival

with Saint Nicholas CoE School
& many other local artists

St Nicholas Church, Elstree

High Street, WD6 3SW

Friday, Dec 12th and Saturday, Dec 13th
from 10.00am – 4.00pm each day

Coffee and Mince Pies

FREE ADMISSION

Meet the Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Alpha Collins, on Friday @ 10.30am
Collection for St Nicholas Church and the Mayor's charities: 'Careers in Hertfordshire, supporting Young Careers' and 'Learning through the Arts'.

To submit a work of art – Contact Melita Lee, St Nicholas Church Warden, by Nov 30th latest on charlesterence@aol.com


   

The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood
'The Joy of Christmas'
"And the Angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid! See, I am bringing you GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY for all the people!'"

Carols by Candlelight

St Nicholas Church, Elstree High Street, WD6 3SW

Sunday, December 14th
at 6.30pm



followed by Stilled Wine, Soft Drinks and Mince Pies

ALL WELCOME!

Free Car park at St Nicholas School, far end of St Nicholas Close