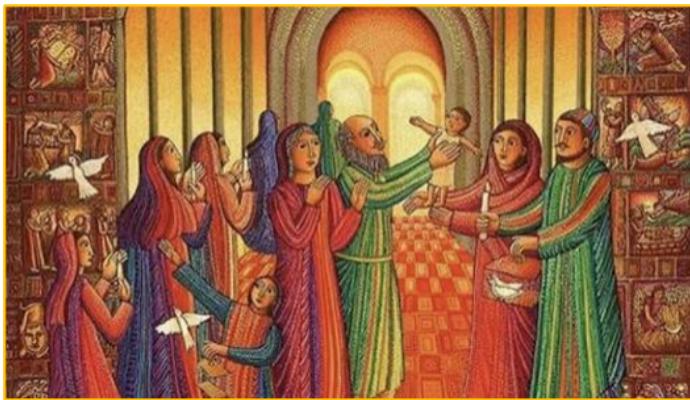


**Sunday, February 1st 2026
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TODAY'S SERVICES

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| 9.15am | St Nicholas | Service of the Word | Mike Ford, Lay Reader |
| 9.30am | Holy Cross | Holy Communion | Revd Louise Collins |
| 9.30am | St Michael | Service of the Word | Mrs Pat Clarke LLW |
| 11.15am | All Saints | Service of the Word | Mrs Pam Kubica |
| 5.00pm | Evening Prayer | By Zoom | Contact Revd Louise |

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ,
 light of the nations and glory of Israel:
 Make your home among us, and present us pure
 and holy to your heavenly Father,
 your God and our God.
 Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
 who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we,
 who have received these gifts beyond word,
 prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
 to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns,
 now and for ever.
 Amen

TODAY'S READINGS

Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand

when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
The world, and those who live in it;

For he has founded it on the seas,
And established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Hebrews 2.14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,²⁹ "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

the Muslim festival of Ramadan commences. Symbolising community spirit, faith & togetherness.

Monday, February 2nd

9.30am Morning Prayer @ All Saints

Wednesday, February 4th

12.00-2.00pm Lunchtime Prayers @ All Saints

Thursday, February 5th

- 9.30am Morning Prayer @ St Nicholas
- 10.30am The Funeral of Tina Sussex at St Michael and All Angels
- 12.30-3.00pm St Michael's Warm Space

The Anglican Team Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood

Parish Wardens Mrs Pam Kujbica, Mrs Melita Lee, Mrs Anne Smith and Mrs Pat Clarke invite you to,

A Service of Institution, Induction and Installation of the

Reverend Steven Young as Team Rector of the Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood

With the Bishop of Hertford, the Right Reverend Jane Mainwaring

Saturday, February 28th

at 5.00pm

at All Saints Church, 94 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB

*4.30pm Seating and Private Prayer in Church
4.40pm Musical Prelude with Borehamwood Brass
4.55pm Introduction – the Area Dean of Barnet
5.00pm The Service*

Followed by Buffet Reception at the Community Centre next door at No. 96 Shenley Road

*RSVP by Tuesday, February 3rd 2026 to Ms Alana Davenport, PCC
Secretary: alana.pccsec@gmail.com
Or*

PCC Secretary, The Parish Office, All Saints Church, 94 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES, Sunday, Feb 8th

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| St Michael's | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
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This Week

TODAY February 1st – Tree-Planting

You are cordially invited to a faith and community tree-planting this Sunday at 2.00pm. Meet outside Maxwell Community Centre, Maxwell Road, WD6 1JJ. Convened by faith leaders to coincide with the Jewish festival of Tu Bishvat, the Christian festival of Candlemas and the start of the month in which

The Parish of Eustree and Borehamwood

Baptism & Confirmation Classes



Easter 2026

Classes are being held from **Sunday, February 8th**

Anyone aged 16 or over considering Christian Baptism and/or Confirmation or any wishing to refresh the foundations of their faith are warmly invited.
See poster for full details.

To register your interest, please contact Revd Louise Collins
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