

The Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood
**All Saints * Holy Cross * St Michael and
 All Angels * St Nicholas**
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**Sunday, February 22nd
 The First Sunday of Lent**



9.15am	St Nicholas	Service of the Word	Mike Ford Lay Reader
9.30am	Holy Cross	Service of the Word	Melvyn Eddon LLW
9.30am	St Michael	Holy Communion	Revd Louise Collins
11.15am	All Saints	Service of the Word	Stephen Davidson Lay Reader
2.15pm- 3.30pm	St Michaels	<u>CONFIRMATION CLASS</u>	Revd Louise Collins
Sorry, no 5.00pm Evening Prayer by zoom during Confirmation preparation			

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Heavenly Father,
 your son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love.
 In Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
 you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
 teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 2.15-16;3.1-7

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.¹⁶ And the LORD

God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, **And shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

Romans 5.12-19

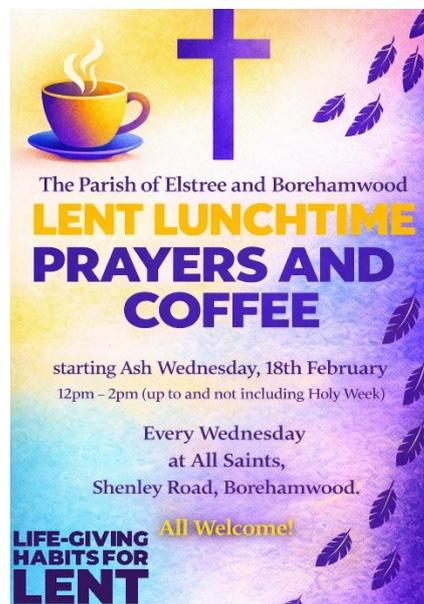
Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law.¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification.¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4.1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."⁴ But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour;⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Church Electoral Roll

Anyone wishing to apply to the Church Electoral Roll is invited to do so **before March 8th** in order to vote in Church elections in April/May.



NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES, Sunday, March 1st

All Saints, Shenley Road	10.00am	Parish Service
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(No services at the other churches today)

This Week

TODAY, Sunday, February 22nd

Baptism and Confirmation Class at 2.15pm
at St Michael and All Angels

Monday, February 23rd

9.30am Morning Prayer at All Saints

Wednesday, February 25th

- 12.00pm Lent Lunchtime Prayers, All Saints

Thursday, February 26th

- 9.30am Morning Prayer @ St Nicholas
- 12.30-3.00pm St Michael's Warm Spaces
- 1.00pm Funeral of Marjorie Read, All Saints

Friday, February 27th

Rehearsal for Induction, 6.30pm All Saints

Saturday, February 28th

Induction of our new Team Rector, Revd Steven Young, at All Saints Church, 4.30pm for 5.00pm.

The Anglican Team Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood
*Parish Wardens Mrs Pam Kubica, Mrs Melita Cze, Mrs Anne Smith
and Mrs Pat Clark 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