

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, May 3rd
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Welcome to Church – Today's Services:

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's	Holy Communion	Fr Tom Baron
11.15am	All Saints	Holy Communion	Revd Steven Young

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Risen Christ,
 your wounds declare your love for the world
 and the wonder of your risen life:
 give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves
 for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth
 and the life: grant us to walk in his way,
 to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
 who is alive and reigns with you, now and forever.
 Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 8. 1-19

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; ²the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, ³and the waters gradually receded from the earth.

At the end of one hundred fifty days the waters had abated;⁴and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. ⁵The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared.⁶At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made ⁷and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. ⁸Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; ⁹but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. ¹⁰He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; ¹¹and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. ¹²Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.¹³In the six hundred first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. ¹⁴In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶"Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."¹⁸So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. ¹⁹And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

Psalm 31. 1-5

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame.

In your righteousness, deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

For your name's sake, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that is hidden for me,

For you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

John 14. 1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES Sunday, May 10 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	Holy Communion

Today

Annual District Church Meetings at Holy Cross (10.30am) and All Saints (12.30pm)

This Week

Monday, May 4th

No Morning Prayer at All Saints

Tuesday, May 5th

12.00-2.00pm Lunchtime Prayers and Coffee at All Saints

Thursday, May 7th

- 9.30 am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
- 12.00-3.00pm Welcome Café, St Michael's

Town Civic Festival, July 4th 2026

As many of you know, the Elstree and Borehamwood Civic Festival is the highlight of our town's summer calendar—and this year, it falls on Saturday, 4th July! If your church or church group would like to have a stall, please contact Alana Davenport, PCC Secretary, for an application form from the Town Council: alana.pccsec@gmail.com This is a wonderful opportunity for us to step outside our doors, meet our neighbours, and show the vibrancy of our church community.

