

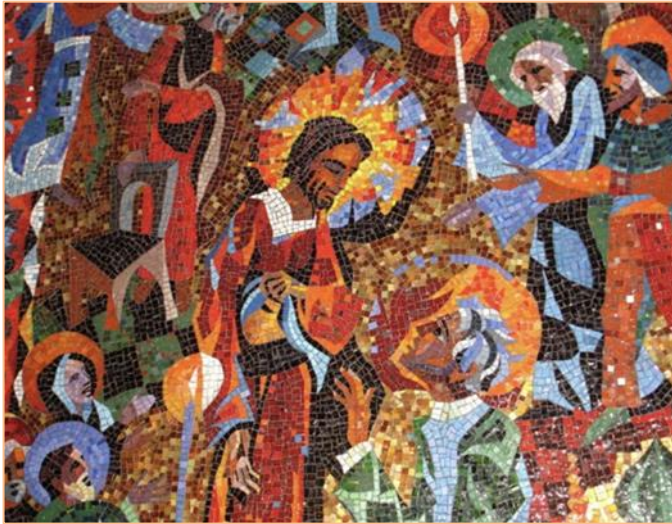
*The Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood*

All Saints \* Holy Cross \* St Michael and  
All Angels \* St Nicholas

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**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*Welcome to Church – Today's Services:*

9.15am	St Nicholas	Service of the Word	Melvyn Eddon LLW
9.30am	Holy Cross	Service of the Word	Anne Smith LLW
9.30am	St Michael's	Holy Communion	Revd Louise Collins
11.15am	All Saints	Holy Communion	Revd Louise Collins

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance  
barred: open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.  
Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord God our Father,  
through our saviour Jesus Christ,  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

*Acts 2.14a,22-32*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>22</sup>"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' <sup>29</sup>"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

*Psalms 16*

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
**I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.  
**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.  
**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.  
**I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol or let your faithful one see the Pit.**

You show me the path of life.

**In your presence, there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*1 Peter 1.3-9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*John 20.19-end*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."<sup>26</sup>A week later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the

presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

<b>NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>St Nicholas</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>
<b>All Saints</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

### *This Week*

#### **Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Morning Prayer at All Saints

#### **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **ANNUAL DISTRICT CHURCH MEETINGS**

**The ADCMs 2026 will take place as follows:**

**ST NICHOLAS - Sunday, April 26th at 8.00am**

**ST MICHAEL'S - Sunday, April 26th at 10.45am**

**ALL SAINTS - Sunday, April 26th at 12.30pm**

**HOLY CROSS - Sunday, May 3rd at 10.45am**

The purpose of the Annual District Church Meetings is to hear reports on church life last year, to elect our churchwardens and lay representatives for the coming year and to look to the future.

The following papers are available in church and on the church websites:

1. Formal Notices of Meetings and Agendas
2. Nomination forms, to be returned by April 25<sup>th</sup>:  
Churchwardens  
DCC lay reps  
Deanery Synod Reps
3. Role Descriptions are required for these roles, outlining what is involved. Draft Role Descriptions are provided, to be adopted by the PCC in May.

Do prayerfully consider who to nominate.

### *Gift Day*

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> is a Gift Day when the Sunday offering (collection) will go towards payment of this year's Parish Share.

### *Bluebell Pilgrimage*

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Details on the posters.