

*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, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
 EASTER SUNDAY**



**Alleluia, Christ is Risen!  
 He is Risen indeed, alleluia!**

*Welcome to Church – Today’s Services:*

<b>9.15am</b>	<b>St Nicholas</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd Steven Young</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd Louise Collins</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Michael’s</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	<b>Mrs Pat Clarke LLW</b>
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>All Saints</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd Steven Young</b>

**PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Lord of all life and power,  
 who through the mighty resurrection of your  
 Son overcame the old order of sin and death  
 to make all things new in him:  
 grant that we, being dead to sin  
 and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
 may reign with him in glory;  
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
 be praise and honour, glory and might,  
 now and in all eternity.  
 Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of life,  
 who for our redemption gave your only-begotten  
 Son to the death on the cross,

and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us  
 from the power of our enemy:  
 grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may  
 evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

*Jeremiah 31.1-6*

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all  
 the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.  
<sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the  
 sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel  
 sought for rest, <sup>3</sup>the LORD appeared to him from far  
 away. I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
 therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you.  
<sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O  
 virgin Israel! Again, you shall take your  
 tambourines and go forth in the dance of the  
 merry-makers. <sup>5</sup>Again, you shall plant vineyards on  
 the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant,  
 and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day  
 when sentinels will call in the hill country of  
 Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD  
 our God."

*Psalms 118.14-24*

The Lord is my strength and my might,  
**He has become my salvation.**

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of  
 the righteous,  
**"The right hand of the Lord does  
 valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is  
 exalted!"**

I shall not die, but I shall live,  
**And recount the deeds of the Lord.**

The Lord has punished me severely,  
**But he did not give me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
**That I may enter through them and give  
 thanks to the Lord.**

This is the gate of the Lord, the righteous shall  
 enter through it.  
**I thank you that you have answered me  
 and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected, has  
 become the chief cornerstone.  
**This is the Lord’s doing, it is marvellous  
 in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made,  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Matthew 28.1-10*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him, the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

<b>NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>St Nicholas</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>
<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>
<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>All Saints</b>	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>

*This Week*

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

No Morning Prayer at All Saints.

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

12.00pm-2.00pm Lunchtime Prayers and Coffee at All Saints, BYO Lunch.

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Annual District Church Meetings**

This year's ADCMs are on **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. Formal notices and nomination forms will be available from next week, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Please be thinking if you could nominate someone as a churchwarden, DCC, PCC or Deanery Synod member. April 26<sup>th</sup> will also be a 'Gift Day'. We will dedicate the entire Sunday offering (collection) towards payment of this year's Parish Share **£87,930**. Last year we managed 90% of our Parish Share. Let's see what we can do in 2026!

Barnet Deanery Quiet Afternoon  
GOBIONS WOOD, BROOKMAN'S PARK

**'Bluebell Pilgrimage'**



**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- ❖ A quiet hour or so among the bluebells in Gobions Wood, near Brookmans Park
- ❖ Moderate walking, some uneven paths, trip hazards
- ❖ BYO poems / drinks / snack / mobile phone
- ❖ Meet at **1.45pm** in the Car Park on Jonas Way, off Moffats Lane, AL9 7RW (down a short narrow track)

Just turn up or contact Revd Louise Collins: 07759 283337 / [louise.collins59@hotmail.com](mailto:louise.collins59@hotmail.com)

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