

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 17th
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



Welcome to Church – Today's Service:

10.00am	Parish Service of Holy Communion at All Saints Church	Revd Steven Young & Revd Louise Collins
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Today

- 11.00am Annual Parochial Church Meeting at All Saints followed by coffee and cake
- 1.00pm First Meeting of the newly elected PCC

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the Gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 36.24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. ²⁸Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Psalm 68.1-10

Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds.

His name is the Lord—be exultant before him!
Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity.

But the rebellious live in a parched land.

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,
The earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God.

You are the God of Sinai, the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished.

Your flock found a dwelling in it;

In your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

Acts 1. 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive

power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.”⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This Week

Monday, May 18th

9.30 am Morning Prayer at All Saints

Thursday, May 21st

- 9.30 am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
- 12.00-3.00 pm Welcome Café, St Michael’s
- Deanery Synod at All Saints, Revd Dan Drew Diocesan “Growing Younger” Team

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.

PCC news

Dates for your diary, details to follow:

June 20th All Saints Vicarage Garden Party

July 18th Coach trip to the seaside

August 23rd Parish BBQ at Holy Cross

NEXT WEEK’S SERVICES Sunday, May 24th PENTECOST SUNDAY

St Nicholas	9.15am	Holy Communion
Holy Cross	9.30am	Holy Communion Baptism of Charlie Brown, Peyton Brown and Azzi Brown
St Michael’s	9.30am	Service of the Word
	1.30pm	Holy Baptism of Gracie August
	3.00pm	Holy Baptism of Jonathan Nziza
All Saints	11.15am	Holy Communion

St Michael & All Angels Church,
Brook Road, Borehamwood

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday, June 6th

10.00am – 12.30pm

Plants	CD’s
Knit and Natter	Tombola
Refreshments	Raffle
Cake Stall	Music
Gifts	Christenings +
Books	Weddings Stall

Free Entry