

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 24th
PENTECOST**



Welcome to Church – Today's Services:

St Nicholas	9.15am	Holy Communion Revd Steven Young
Holy Cross	9.30am	Holy Communion with Baptism of Charlie Brown, Peyton Brown and Azzi Brown
St Michael's	9.30am	Service of the Word Alana Davenport LLW
	1.30pm	Holy Baptism of Gracie August
	3.00pm	Holy Baptism of Jonathan Nziza
All Saints	11.15am	Holy Communion Revd Steven Young

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy Spirit,
sent by the Father, ignite us in your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us
your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and
nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your
Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."¹⁴But 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. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Psalm 104. 24-31

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

When you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works!

1 Corinthians 12. 3b-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

John 7. 37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE Sunday, May 31st		
St Nicholas	9.15am	Holy Communion
Holy Cross	9.30am	Service of the Word
St Michael	9.30am	Holy Communion
All Saints	11.15am	Holy Communion

This Week

Monday, May 25th

No Morning Prayer at All Saints

Thursday, May 28th

- 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

Parish Summer Events!

Please RSVP to Revd Steven rector.eabw@gmail.com if you would like to take part in or attend these events!

CHORAL EVENSONG
sung with
The Universities in London Church Choir

SATURDAY 20 JUNE EVENINGSONG STARTS 4.45 PM ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOREHAMWOOD WD6 1EB

FOLLOWED BY A Cream Tea IN THE RECTORY GARDEN ALL WELCOME

"BOREHAMWOOD BAKE OFF"
PLEASE BRING A CAKE FOR US TO SHARE HOMEMADE OR SHOPBOUGHT
PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!

THE PARISH OF ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD

Please RSVP before 12 June to: RECTOR.EABW@GMAIL.COM so we can plan the catering!

Would YOU like to be beside the Seaside?

Expressions of interest for a **PARISH DAYTRIP** to Southend on Saturday 18th July

FISH N CHIPS ICE-CREAMS AND HOLY COMMUNION on the Beach?

33 Seater Coach available at cost price of £21 per head for a return journey!

Declare your interest to rector.eabw@gmail.com or in person.

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED