

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, July 12th
TRINITY 6



Welcome to Church – Today's Services:

9.15am	St Nicholas	Service of the Word	Melita Lee
9.30am	Holy Cross	Holy Communion	Revd Louise Collins
9.30am	St Michael's	Service of the Word	Grace Silvera LLW
11.15am	All Saints	Holy Communion	Revd Steven Young

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Creator God,
 you made us all in your image:
 may we discern you in all that we see,
 and serve you in all that we do;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
 You have led us to the living water:
 refresh and sustain us
 As we go forward on our journey,
 In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 25.19-end

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac

was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." ²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore, he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Psalms 119.105-112

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Romans 8.1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending

his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!" ¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Notice of SPCM

SPECIAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

A Special Parochial Church Meeting will be held in St Nicholas Church, Elstree, on the 19th July 2026 at 11.20 am. Financial statements to view at: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-091BJ/page/99181/>

This Week...

Monday, July 13th

9.30am Morning Prayer at All Saints

Wednesday, July 15th

10.00am Holy Communion and Open Church at St Nicholas

Thursday, July 16th

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
- 12.00-3.00pm Welcome Café, St Michael's
- 3.00pm Holy Communion with Songs of Praise at St Michael's

Friday, July 17th

12.00-2.00pm Holy Communion and Open Church at All Saints

Coming Soon...

Our next three Parish Services are:

Sunday, July 19th 10.00am at St Nicholas

Sunday, August 23rd 10.00am at Holy Cross

Sunday, September 13th 10.00am at Holy

Cross as we celebrate our Patronal Festival! We are delighted that the service will be led by the Right Revd Jane Mainwaring, Bishop of Hertford. This special Parish Service will be a double celebration, as we also welcome and formally install our Team Vicar, Reverend Louise Collins. Come and share in this joyful milestone for our church community as we look forward to the next chapter of our journey together. All are welcome!

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE - Sunday, July 19th		
St Nicholas, Elstree	10.00am	Parish Service, coffee and PCC
NO SERVICES IN THE OTHER CHURCHES		