

The Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood
All Saints * Holy Cross * St Michael and
All Angels * St Nicholas
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Sunday, August 2nd
TRINITY 9



Welcome to Church – Today's Services:

9.15am	St Nicholas	Service of the Word	Alana Davenport LLW
9.30am	Holy Cross	Service of the Word	Grace Silvera LLW
9.30am	St Michael's	Holy Communion	Rev'd Louise Collins
11.15am	All Saints	Holy Communion	Rev'd Louise Collins

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Gracious Father,
 revive your Church in our day,
 and make her holy, strong and faithful,
 for your glory's sake
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Father,
 who gathered us here around the table of your Son
 to share this meal with the whole household of
 God: in that new world where you reveal the
 fullness of your peace, gather people of every race
 and language to share in the eternal banquet of
 Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 32.22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives,
 his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed
 the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent

them across the stream, and likewise everything
 that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man
 wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man
 saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck
 him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out
 of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said,
 "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob
 said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."
²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he
 said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no
 longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have
 striven with God and with humans, and have
 prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me
 your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask
 my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob
 called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen
 God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."
³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel,
 limping because of his hip.

Psalms 17.1-7

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

From you let my vindication come;
Let your eyes see the right.

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
If you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

As for what others do, by the word of your lips I
 have avoided the ways of the violent.
My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
Incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O saviour of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand

Romans 9.1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying;
 my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ²I
 have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my
 heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were
 accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my
 own people, my kindred according to the flesh.
⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the
 adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of
 the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them
 belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to
 the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God
 blessed forever. Amen.

Matthew 14.13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from
 there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But

when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This Week...

Monday, August 3rd

9.30am Morning Prayer at All Saints

Tuesday, August 4th

- 12.00-2.00pm Lunchtime Prayers at All Saints
- 3.00pm **NEW!!!** Holy Communion and Pop-In Café at Holy Cross. **ALL WELCOME.**

Wednesday, August 5th

10.00am Holy Communion and Open Church at St Nicholas

Thursday, August 6th

- 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. All welcome.

Friday, August 7th

Sorry, there is NO Holy Communion at All Saints today.

Next Parish Service

Sunday, August 23rd 10.00am at Holy Cross
Sandwiches and cake after the Service.

Holy Cross Patronal

Sunday, Sept 13th @ 10.00am at Holy Cross with the Bishop of Hertford. In this special Parish Service, Revd Louise Collins will be Licenced as Team Vicar with special responsibility for Holy Cross. Followed by a **"Bring-and-Share" Buffet Lunch** in the church and grounds. Please see the sign-up sheets available in church and indicate if you can bring something, as you are able.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE Sunday, August 9th		
St Nicholas	9.15am	Holy Communion
Holy Cross	9.30am	Holy Communion
St Michael	9.30am	Service of the Word
All Saints	11.15am	Holy Communion

Holy Cross Postcards Project

As part of our Mission Action Plan, Holy Cross Church is aiming to deliver 100's of postcards to local homes in the coming weeks. We welcome members from across the Parish to join with us in helping with the delivery or supporting in prayer. Each delivery session is to last no more than 45 minutes, plus briefing before and de-briefing after. Please contact Revd Louise in advance to take part. Next session: **Sunday, August 9th at 11.00am.**

Action Love Liberia

Do you know of a lock-up garage in the Parish that Revd Louise and Cllr Alpha Collins could rent for a few months for use by their educational charitable organisation in Liberia?

Midweek Communions

