

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

TRINITY 10

Welcome to Church – Today's Services:

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

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 37.1-4,12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. ²This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. ¹²Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." ¹⁴So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" ¹⁶"I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the

flock." ¹⁷The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." ²²Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Psalms 105, 1-10

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

The covenant that he made with Abraham, his sworn promise to Isaac,

Which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant.

Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not

say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Matthew 14.22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

This Week...

Monday, August 10th

9.30am Morning Prayer, All Saints

Tuesday, August 11th

3.00pm Holy Communion and Pop-In Café, Holy Cross.

Wednesday, August 12th

10.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas

Thursday, August 13th

- 9.30am Morning Prayer, St Nicholas
- 12.00-3.00pm Welcome Café, St Michael's
- 3.00pm Holy Communion, St Michael's.

Friday, August 14th

12.00pm Holy Communion, All Saints

Saturday, August 15th

7.00pm The Preservation Society of St Nicholas Church Candlelit Supper, St Nicholas. Free booking.

Next Parish Service

Sunday, August 23rd 10.00am at Holy Cross

Sandwiches and cake after the Service.

Holy Cross Postcards Project

Holy Cross welcomes members from across the Parish to join in helping with the delivery. Please contact Revd Louise to take part. Next dates:

- **Tuesday, August 18th at 9.30am**
- **Saturday, August 29th at 9.30am**

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 Licensed as Team Vicar with special responsibility for Holy Cross. Followed by a **"Bring-and-Share" Buffet Lunch.** Please see the sign-up sheets available in church and indicate if you can bring something.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE Sunday, August 16th		
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

