

The Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood
**All Saints * Holy Cross * St Michael and
All Angels * St Nicholas**
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Sunday, August 16th

TRINITY 11

Welcome to Church – Today's Services:

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

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one
true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace: by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 45.1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor

harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalms 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head,

Running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Romans 11.2-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15. 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did

not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

This Week...

Monday, August 17th

9.30am Morning Prayer, All Saints

Tuesday, August 18th

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

Wednesday, August 19th

10.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas

Thursday, August 20th

- 9.30am Morning Prayer, St Nicholas
- 12.00-3.00pm Welcome Café, St Michael's
- Sorry, no Communion today at St Michael's

Friday, August 21st

12.00pm Holy Communion, All Saints

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE Sunday, August 23rd		
"Emergency Services Day Service"		
Holy Cross (No services in the other churches)	10.00am	PARISH SERVICE Followed by 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 Service

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 use the sign-up sheets in church if you can bring something to share.

DAY	TIME	SERVICE	FOLLOWED BY	CHURCH
Monday	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Coffee at No. 96	All Saints
Tuesday	3.00pm	Holy Communion	Pop-In Café	Holy Cross
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion	Coffee and Bible Study	St Nicholas
Thursday	9.30am	Morning Prayer	-	St Nicholas
Thursday	3.00pm	Holy Communion with Songs of Praise	Service follows the Welcome Café	St Michael's
Friday	12.00pm	Holy Communion	Church Open for Prayer until 2.00pm	All Saints

St Michael and All Angels,
Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ

Harvest Festival & Michaelmas



Harvest Service + Bring & Share Buffet

Sunday, September 27th

- ✓ **Festival Service of Holy Communion at 9.30am**
Please bring any non-perishable Harvest food donations to the service. They will go to Borehamwood Foodbank.
- ✓ **Bring & Share Harvest Buffet from 11.00am to 12.30pm**
Sign up sheet and Home Bakers Guide in church.
- ✓ **Harvest Collection** in aid of  **NOAH'S ARK** children's hospice
- ✓ **Invitations for Family and Friends** – ALL WELCOME.

Installation of Bishop Andrew

Saturday, September 19th at 2.00pm at St

Albans Abbey Cathedral. Tickets required. Free tickets available to book via the Cathedral website: <https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/Event/installation-of-the-11th-bishop-of-st-albans>

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 their charity?

Midweek Church

Missed Church on Sundays? Do your working hours or domestic needs make it difficult for you to get to Church on Sunday morning? Why not try our new **'Midweek Church'**? All the services have their own unique flavour. Whichever Church you regularly attend, a warm welcome is waiting for you at any of our Midweek Services: