

Parish News: 27th September 2026

Note: St Michael and All Angels will have a slightly different Pew Sheet for readings and prayers.

Dear Church Family,

As we gather on this Feast of St Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas), we step into the fresh rhythm of late September and the changing of the seasons.

This week, our Gospel reading from the Lectionary brings us to Jesus' teaching on authority and response (Matthew 21:23–32).

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" — Matthew 21:31

Our Prayers

We hold Reverend Steven Young in prayer, asking God for strength, comfort, and ongoing progress in his recovery. We also pray for healing for Father Matthew and his son, Christian. May God protect Reverend Steven and his family as he leads our parish, blessing his ministry for years to come.

Lord, we thank You deeply for Reverend Louise—for her dedicated service, compassionate heart, and bright presence in our community. Grant her good health, restful time with her family, and Your peace. May she always feel supported by the love she gives so freely.

Amen.

Our Sunday Services: September 27th

- **9:15 am** | St Nicholas: Holy Communion
- **9:30 am** | Holy Cross: Holy Communion
- **9:30 am** | St Michael: Harvest Festival and Michaelmas Service
- **11:15 am** | All Saints: Holy Communion and Holy Baptism
- **2:00 pm** | St Michael: Holy Baptism

Weekday Eucharist, Prayers & Open Church

- **Monday, September 28th:** 9:30 am Morning Prayer, All Saints
- **Tuesday, September 29th:** 3:00 pm Holy Communion with Songs of Praise and Pop-up Cafe, Holy Cross
- **Wednesday, September 30th:** 10:00 am Holy Communion, St Nicholas
- **Thursday, October 1st:** 9:30 am Morning Prayer, St Nicholas
- **Thursday, October 1st:** 3:00 pm Holy Communion with Songs of Praise, St Michael and All Angels

- **Friday, October 2nd:** 12:00–2:00 pm Open Church and Holy Communion (12:30 pm), All Saints

***Can you spare an hour?** We are always looking for volunteers to keep our beautiful churches open to the public during the week. If you can help, please contact Reverend Steven for details, email: rector.eabw@gmail.com or reply to this email with "Volunteer" in the Subject line.*

Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, October 18th:** Godparent Sunday, "The Shape of Love", a special service of Holy Communion and Thanksgiving for Godparents, with all your favourite hymns.
 - **RSVP:** Reverend Louise Collins | **Email:** louise.collins59@hotmail.com
- **Sunday, 29th November, 10:00 am:** Parish Service at All Saints. Presided by The Right Reverend Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of St Albans.

A Moment of Reflection

In Matthew 21:23–32, the chief priests and elders question Jesus about his authority, and he responds with the Parable of the Two Sons. One son says no but later changes his mind and works in the vineyard; the other says yes but does nothing. This passage challenges us to look beyond mere words and focus on authentic obedience and humble turning toward God.

- **Faith in Action:** Are our actions aligning with our commitments to God and our community, or are we paying mere lip service?
- **Changing Direction:** Where in our lives might God be inviting us to change our minds, set aside pride, and step into his work with open hearts?

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon you and those you love this week and always.

With every blessing,

Alana,

On behalf of the Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood

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