The Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood

All Saints * Holy Cross * St Michael and All Angels * St Nicholas

Sunday November 1st
All Saints Day



Welcome To Church

Today's Services		
St Nicholas	**9.15am**	**Holy Communion**
Holy Cross	**9.30am**	**Holy Communion**
St Michael	**9.30am**	**Holy Communion**
All Saints	**11.15am**	**Holy Communion**

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints to
the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Revelation 7.9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. [10]They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" [11]And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12]singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."[13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" [14]I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15]For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. [16]They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; [17]for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Psalm 34.1-10

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

1 John 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5. 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2]Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. [5]"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. [6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. [7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. [8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. [9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. [10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [11]"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This Week …

Monday, November 2nd
9.30am Morning Prayer, All Saints
7.00pm Parish Finance Meeting, Parish Room

Tuesday, November 3rd
- 12.00-2.00pm Lunchtime Prayers, All Saints
- 3.00pm Holy Communion and Café, Holy Cross

Wednesday, November 4th
10.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas

Thursday, November 5th
- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
- 12.00-3.00pm Warm Spaces Hot Meals, St Michael's
- 3.00pm Holy Communion with Songs of Praise, St Michael's

Friday, November 6th
12.00pm-2.00pm Open Church with Holy Communion (12.30)

Next Sunday's Services

Sunday, November 8th		
St Nicholas	9.15am	Holy Communion
Holy Cross	9.30am	Service of the Word
St Michael	9.30am	Service of the Word
All Saints	11.15am	Civic Service of Remembrance

Coming Soon …

Annual Diocesan Interfaith Event "Sharing Stories of Hope" Monday November 16th from 6.15pm at St Albans Cathedral. Conversation, reflection and music from the Zemel Choir. https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/event/2026/11/16/sharing-stories-of-hope-diocesan-interfaith-event/

Choral Evensong at St Albans Cathedral Saturday, November 21st at 5.00pm
All are warmly welcome to attend a special service of Choral Evensong at St Albans Cathedral as we give thanks for the ministry of the Rt Revd Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford. Bishop Richard is retiring at the end of this year. Following the service, there is an opportunity to greet Bishop Richard and refreshments in the Lady Chapel.



CHRISTMAS FAIR
Donations needed!! Raffle prizes, Tombola prizes, Christmas stall items, Books, Gifts (new), Cakes.

INTER-FAITH WEEK

