

The Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood

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

Sunday, October 25th

BIBLE SUNDAY

Welcome To Church

Today's Services		
St Nicholas	9.15am	Service of the Word
Holy Cross	9.30am	Holy Communion
St Michael	9.30am	Service of the Word
All Saints	11.15am	Holy Communion

Today, we welcome and pray for our newly confirmed members: Lilly-May Thacker, Aiden Thacker, Jodie Murat, Dorsa Asadzadeh, Peyton Brown, Moley Brown and Charles Brown.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written
for our learning: help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your
holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life, which you have given
us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Nehemiah 8.1-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden

platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁷Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." ¹¹So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." ¹²And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Psalms 119.9-16

How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments,

I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes,
With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.

I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches,

I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes,

I will not forget your word.

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,

meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Matthew 24.30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ³²"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

This Week...

Sorry, there are no Midweek Church Holy Communion Services this week.

Monday, October 26th

9.30am Morning Prayer, All Saints

Thursday, October 29th

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
- 12.00-3.00pm Welcome Cafe, St Michael

Next Sunday's Services

Sunday, November 1 st		
St Nicholas	9.15am	Holy Communion
Holy Cross	9.30am	Holy Communion
St Michael	9.30am	Holy Communion
All Saints	11.15am	Holy Communion

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.stalbandsdiocese.org/event/2026/11/16/sharing-stories-of-hope-diocesan-interfaith-event/>



Churchwarden for details

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Donations needed: Raffle prizes, Tombola prizes, Christmas stall items, Books, Gifts (new), Cakes. Please see your



PATRONAL LUNCH

All are warmly invited to celebrate All Saints Sunday with a Patronal Buffet at All Saints Church. Please sign the invitations in each Church, so we know how many to cater for. BYO contributions welcome.

