

The Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood
**All Saints * Holy Cross * St Michael and
 All Angels * St Nicholas**

Sunday, October 11th
Trinity 19
WELCOME TO CHURCH



“Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.” Psalm 126

Today's Services		
St Nicholas	9.15am	Service of the Word
Holy Cross	9.30am	Harvest Service of the Word
St Michael	9.30am	Holy Communion
	2.45pm	Confirmation Class
All Saints	11.15am	Holy Communion

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O God,
 forasmuch as without you
 we are not able to please you;
 mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
 may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.
 Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God,
 you have fed us with the body and blood
 of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
 may we honour you, not only with our lips
 but in lives dedicated to the service
 of Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS

Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! ²²Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the

wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. ²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
We were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy,
Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears,
Reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
Shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

2 Corinthians 9.6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with

many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Matthew 6.25-33

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

St Michael's Harvest Appeal

The Appeal raised £360 for Noah's Ark Children's Hospice, Barnet. Donations still can be made:
<https://www.charityextra.com/fromthatmoment/st-michaels-all-angels>

This Week...

Monday, October 12th

9.30am Morning Prayer, All Saints

9.30am-2.30pm The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) visit to the Parish:

- 9.30am Holy Cross
- 10.30am St Michael's
- 11.30am St Nicholas
- 1.30pm All Saints

Tuesday, October 13th

3.00pm Holy Communion and Café, Holy Cross

Wednesday, October 14th

10.00am Holy Communion, St Nicholas

Thursday, October 15th

- 9.30am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas
- 9.20am Safer Foods Induction, St Michael's
- 12.00-3.00pm Welcome Café, St Michael's
- 3.00pm Holy Communion with Songs of Praise, St Michael's

St Michael and All Angels Church, Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ
 'WARM SPACE, HOT MEALS SCHEME' 2026-27

SAFER FOOD METHODS

Induction Morning

Essential for volunteers with 'WARM SPACE, HOT MEALS SCHEME' and open to other churches / charities serving light refreshments

Thursday, OCTOBER 15th 9.20am - 11.30am

!!!NEW DATE!!!

9.20am Arrive and Coffee

9.40am Introduction and Hospitality

10.00am Safer Food Systems:

- Before You Start
- Opening and Closing Checks
- Safer Food Methods
- Record-Keeping
- Flagging Issues

10.30am Safeguarding Support

10.45am Self-Care and Looking after Each Other

11.00am Working as a Dream Team and Rotas

11.15am Certification + 'Warm Space, Hot Meals' Applications

11.30am Thanks and Close

To register your interest, please RSVP by October 11th to Revd Louise Collins, Team Vicar via 07759 283337 / louise.collins59@hotmail.com or David Golding, Chatter Tables via dgolding601@gmail.com **THANK YOU!**

Friday, October 16th

12.30pm Funeral of Linda Brenyah at All Saints.

No Open Church today.

Saturday, October 17th

Confirmation pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey (poster below). See Revd Louise if you would like to join.

Confirmations

Please pray for those making Pilgrimage on Sat 17th and being Confirmed on Sat 24th Lilly-May Thacker, Aiden Thacker, Peyton Brown, Moley Brown, Charles Brown, Dorsa Asadzadeh, Jodie Murat

The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood

Confirmation Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey

Saturday, October 17th

1.00pm – 3.30pm

Welcome to St Albans Cathedral

Meet at 1.00pm at the Welcome Centre (near the bookshop / café) in St Albans Abbey Cathedral

An afternoon Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey for those being Baptised and / or Confirmed at the Abbey on October 24th and friends.

Meet at **1.00pm** at the Abbey Welcome Centre to join a guided tour of the Abbey. This starts at 1.05pm and lasts up to one hour. Followed by an opportunity for private prayer at the Shrine of St Alban. We end the afternoon with a coffee together in the Abbey Café.

Please let Revd Louise know so we can book online.

No charge. The Cathedral welcomes donations.

Next Sunday's Services

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