❤️ Dear Church Family,

As we gather this Remembrance Sunday, our hearts turn to memory, gratitude, and pr ayer. We honour the brave men, women and animals who gave their lives in service to protect our freedom, acknowledging the profound sacrifice of those who stood for us during times of darkness and war.

As we reflect on their sacrifice, we are reminded of the ultimate expression of love found in Scripture.

**¨No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" -John 15.13**

Their selflessness reflects the heart of Christ, who laid down His life so that we might know true peace. Today, as we observe the quiet silence together, let us commit ourselves afresh to being instruments of God's peace, reconciliation, and hope in a world that longs for healing.

May the peace of the Lord, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds today and always.

Amen.

## 🙏 Our Prayers

We continue to pray for Reverend Steven Young, asking God to grant him strength, comfort, and continued progress in his recovery. We also pray for Father Matthew and his son, Christian, asking the Lord to surround them with His healing presence, peace and protection. May God sustain Reverend Steven and his family, strengthen him in his ministry and bless him with renewed health and many more years of faithful service to our Parish.

We give heartfelt thanks to Reverend Louise for her dedicated service, compassionate heart, and joyful presence in our community. We pray that God will grant her good health, precious time to rest with her family, and deep peace. May she continue to feel cherished and supported by the love she has so generously shared with others.

Lord, hear our prayers, bring healing where there is suffering, hope where there is uncertainty, and peace to all who need Your comforting presence.

Amen.

## ⛪ Our Sunday Services – 8th November

- **9:15 am | St Nicholas:** Holy Communion
- **9:30 am | Holy Cross:** Service of the Word

- **9:30 am | St Michael and All Angels:** Service of the Word
- **11:15 am | All Saints:** Civic Service of Remembrance

## Weekday Eucharist, Prayers & Open Church.

- **Monday, 9th November | 9:30 am:** Morning Prayer, All Saints
- **Tuesday, 10th November | 3.00 pm:** Holy Communion at Holy Cross, with pop-up cafè
- **Wednesday, 11th November | 10.00 am:** Holy Communion at St Nicholas
- **Thursday, 12th November |** No Morning Prayer, St Nicholas
- **Thursday, 12th November | 3.00 pm:** Songs of Praise, St Michael and All Angels
- **Friday, 13th November | 12.00 pm-2.00 pm:** Holy Communion and Open Church at All Saints (TBC)

### *Can you spare an hour?*

*We are always grateful for volunteers who help keep our beautiful churches open to the public during the week. This simple act of service offers others a quiet place to pray, reflect and encounter God's peace.*

*If you can, please contact Reverend Steven at **rector.eabw@gmail.com**, or reply to this email with **"Volunteer"** in the subject line.*

## 🎄 Upcoming Parish Events

- **Saturday, 21st November | 10:00 am–2:30 pm:** Christmas Fair at St Michael and All Angels Church and Hall. Please see the pew sheets for further details.
- **Sunday, 29th November | 10:00 am:** Parish Service at All Saints, presided over by the Right Reverend Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of St Albans.

We look forward to sharing these special occasions with you and celebrating the fellowship that makes our Parish such a precious part of our lives.

## 🕊️ A Moment for Reflection

As we go forth from this service of Remembrance, let our gratitude for past sacrifices shape our commitment to the future. Grounded in the call of Christ, we take to heart the promise of the Beatitudes

**9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. - Matthew 5.9**

Remembering the fallen calls us not only to look back in quiet honour, but to walk forward as active builders of peace. Where there is division, may we bring reconciliation; where there is discord, may we reflect Jesus' gentle, restorative love.

May the God of peace go with you this week, equipping you to shine His light and carry His peace into your homes, your workplace, and your community.

*Amen.*

*With every blessing,*

*Alana*

On behalf of the Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood

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