

The Team Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood
TRUSTEES REPORT (YEARBOOK) 2025

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1. AIMS and OBJECTIVES

The Church exists to offer a Christian presence in society, through civic engagement, accessible worship and opportunities for spiritual, moral and faith development. It welcomes everyone to find their own level of engagement, whether as church members, friends and visitors, recognised volunteers or partner organisations. The Parish welcomes the perspective of critical friends.

"The Church is the Church only when it exists for others...not dominating, but helping and serving"
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945.

"The Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members" Archbishop William Temple, 1881-1944.

2. PARISH STRUCTURE

The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood is a Team Parish comprising four District Churches. Each church has their own annual meeting at which churchwardens and PCC members are nominated and annual reports and accounts presented. The Parish is served by a Team Rector (vacant during 2025), a Team Vicar, a Lay Reader, Church Officers, lay ministers and many active members.

All Saints Church

Sunday Service @ 11.15am

94 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, WD6 1EB

Revd Steven Young 07481 323040 / rector.eabw@gmail.com

Churchwarden, Mrs Pam Kubica pkubica@btinternet.com

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7534/>

Holy Cross Church

Sunday Service @ 9.30am

Balmoral Drive, Borehamwood, WD6 2QU

Revd Louise Collins 07759 283337 / louise.collins59@hotmail.com

Churchwarden, Mrs Anne Smith

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7535/>

St Nicholas Church

Sunday Service @ 9.15am

Elstree High Street, Elstree, WD6 3SW

Revd Steven Young 07481 323040 / rector.eabw@gmail.com

Churchwarden, Melita Lee 0208 207 3647 / charlesterence@aol.com

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7542/>

St Michael & All Angels Church

Sunday Services @ 9.30am

Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ

3. TEAM RECTOR VACANCY

The vacancy for a Team Rector continued throughout 2025. In October 2025, the Reverend Steven Young was successfully recruited as Team Rector of Elstree and Borehamwood, taking up post on February 28th 2026. The announcement was made by the Venerable Janet Mackenzie, Archdeacon of Hertford: "We are pleased to announce that The Revd Steven Young currently Vicar of the Parish of St Michael & All Angels, Mill Hill has been appointed as Team Rector of the Elstree and Borehamwood Team. This is subject to completion of the usual legal formalities after which further information will be announced. Please remember Steven, his partner Matthew, and their son Christian in your prayers at this time." Grateful thanks and appreciation to all our District and PCC Panel Reps for their commitment in representing the Districts and Parish throughout this lengthy vacancy. Welcome Reverend Steven!

4. PARISH REORGANISATION

The new Sunday service pattern came into effect from January 1st, 2025, following extensive Parish Reorganisation in 2024. There is no longer a weekly service of Holy Communion at Holy Cross and St Michael and All Angels. On average through the year, Holy Communion and a lay-led Service of the Word are offered at these 2 churches every other alternate week. New service times for St Nicholas and All Saints also began on January 1st 2025.

5. THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. It operates under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956. The Measure states that the PCC 'is to co-operate with the minister in promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical'. The PCC is a Registered Charity. PCC members are Trustees. The appointment of Trustees is governed by and set out in the Church Representation Rules.

During 2025-2026, there were 14 members of the PCC:

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| Revd Louise Collins, Team Vicar & Chair | Pat Clarke, Churchwarden |
| Grace Silvera, Lay Vice Chair & Deanery Synod rep | Carol McKee, Churchwarden |
| Melita Lee, Deanery Synod rep | Alana Davenport, Lay Rep |
| Hazlyn Hazel, PCC Safeguarding Officer | Jane Dyer, Lay Rep |
| Pam Kubica, Churchwarden | Tracey Stickland, Lay Rep |
| Anne Smith, Churchwarden | Stephen Vincent, Lay Rep |
| John Auton, Churchwarden | David Eggers, Lay Rep |

All PCC members duly confirmed their eligibility to serve as Trustees and are DBS checked. Thanks are due to Rebecca Whewell, out-going Trustee and District Treasurer (St Nicholas) for many years.

The PCC has four Committees:

| Committees | Membership / Terms of Reference |
|-----------------------------|--|
| PCC Standing Committee | Team Rector (Chair), Team Vicar, one Churchwarden from each District, the PCC Treasurer, PCC Secretary and PSO. Appointed annually by the PCC. |
| Health and Safety Committee | Membership as appointed annually by the PCC. Annual checks and Covid safety. To advise the PCC on ensuring compliance with current legislation. |
| Finance Committee | Chaired by Rector or Rector's nominee, composed of PCC Treasurer, District Church Treasurers and one lay PCC member from each church appointed by PCC. Overall control of the finances of the Parish is in the hands of the PCC, assisted by Finance Committee, who make recommendations to the PCC. |

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| Parish Social and Fund-raising Committee | This was established November 2025, with 5 lay members. Its Terms of Reference are summarised as co-ordinating Parish social and fund-raising activities with the PCC. The Chair of the Committee is yet to be confirmed. |
| Trustee Safeguarding Delegation | Established 2025. Hazlyn Hazel, Parish Safeguarding Officer. Revd Louise Collins, Team Vicar. Pat Clarke, Trustee. Terms of reference on application. |

The PCC met 9 times in 2024, 7 scheduled meeting and 2 Extraordinary Meetings. Meetings are held in-person. The main areas of work for the 2025/26 year include:

Strategic Mission & Governance

Mission Action Plan (MAP): Implementing the updated "Winter 2025" MAP, focusing on the St Albans Diocesan vision of "Living God's Love"

New Rector Transition: Integrating and supporting the new Rector's leadership to deepen faith teaching and expand neighbourhood outreach.

Property & Infrastructure

All Saints Faculty Application: Overseeing significant building works or alterations (identified under faculty application 020470-1024G).

Digital Infrastructure: Our weekly email of "Parish News" for those unable to attend in-person services. And the Bi-weekly update of our Benefice pages on "A Church Near You".

Worship & Spiritual Life

Year of Spiritual Renewal: Organising the "Growing Good Course" and parish pilgrimages (such as the pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey in late 2025).

Schools & Youth

Championing the "Save St Nicholas School Elstree" campaign and supporting Youth activities.

Financial Stewardship

Financial Recovery: Managing the budget to recover from previous years' deficits, fuelled by rising energy costs and inflation and covering our Parish Share. Stewardship Campaigns.

Committees

The PCC authorised 2 new committees in 2025 – a Trustee Safeguarding Delegation and the Parish Social and Fund-Raising Committee

6. PARISH COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL OUTREACH

This year has seen a significant strengthening of our digital presence and congregational communication. By bridging the gap between traditional weekly updates and digital engagement, we have ensured that our church remains a constant presence in our parishioners' lives, regardless of whether they can attend in person.

Weekly Pew Sheet & Newsletter: Our weekly digital mail-out is distributed every week. This newsletter serves as more than just a schedule; it is a vital pastoral link.

Consistency: The mail-out ensures that every member of the electoral roll and our wider community receive the Pew Sheet directly in their inboxes.

Success Metrics: We have had positive feedback across the Parish, with many people commenting on how useful it has been since we began in March.

Inclusivity: By providing a digital version of the physical Pew Sheet, we support those who are housebound or travelling, ensuring they remain spiritually connected to the life of the parish.

A Church Near You, Development and Maintenance: The parish website has evolved into a dynamic "digital front door." We now update it several times a week to reflect evolving church life.

Bi-weekly Updates: Regular refreshes include Sermons, Service times, stories from the Parish community outreach and notices.

User Experience: Frequent updates improve our visibility in search results, making it easier for newcomers and for those with baptism/wedding inquiries to find the information they need quickly. And all emails are answered within a good time frame.

Looking Ahead: The success of these platforms demonstrates a clear appetite for digital engagement. Our goal for the coming year is to integrate our digital presence with the website further to reach a wider demographic within the Parish.

7. ELECTORAL ROLL 2026

At March 2026 there are 124 names on the Parish Electoral Roll, as follows:

All Saints = 40
Holy Cross = 17
St Michael and All Angels = 57
St Nicholas = 10

8. SAFEGUARDING

The Parish is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, and to supporting those who have been victims of abuse, as well as those who may present a risk to others. The PCC has due regard, under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016, to the safeguarding guidance issued by the House of Bishops (including both policy and practice guidance) on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

The Church of England has made a significant change in its approach to safeguarding. The Bishop of St Albans, through acceptance of the House of Bishops' practice guidance and policies, as well as Promoting a Safer Church, has set minimum requirements for safeguarding training for ordained, licensed and other Church officers. A Church officer is anyone appointed by, or on behalf of, the Church to a post or role, whether ordained or lay, paid or unpaid. These changes and requirements came into effect in 2022.

All PCC and DCC members must:

- hold an up-to-date Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check
- complete Trustee Eligibility Declarations (TED)
- complete relevant safeguarding training specific to their role with vulnerable children and adults.

Some roles such as those involving contact with children and vulnerable persons additionally require a Confidential Disclosure Form (CDF). Role descriptions are being developed for all roles. Failure to complete the required safeguarding training, TED, CDF and to hold a clear DBS check would affect a person's ability to be a PCC member / trustee. The link to training is as follows:

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/> Further details will be provided by the Incumbent.

It has been clarified this year by Diocesan Safeguarding that District Safeguarding Officers are in fact Deputy Safeguarding Officers, i.e. in the position to deputise for the Parish Safeguarding Officer. They are required to do the same Leadership Safeguarding Training as Parish Safeguarding Officers.

The PCC is currently 86.7% compliant with the training requirement and 93.3% compliant with the DBS requirement. Training details for each PCC member are displayed at the back of each church.

Contact details for anyone wishing to obtain advice, raise concerns, or make referrals to the statutory authorities are displayed at the back of each church and can also be found on the church website:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-091BJ/>

There were two (2) safeguarding issues during the 2025/2026 period which were referred to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. On 25th July 2025, a Serious Incident Report was submitted by the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer to the Charity Commission, on behalf of the parish, as we had not fully applied the House of Bishops' safeguarding guidance. There have been no reports of concerns or allegations against church officers during the year.

Hazlyn Hazel, Parish Safeguarding Officer

9. PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Parish Finance Committee has met regularly throughout the year, and always prior to PCC meetings in order to prepare a report to Trustees.

The work of the Parish Finance Committee happens in the vacuum presented by the lack of a Parish Treasurer. It is 4 years since the Parish has had a Treasurer. In the absence of a Parish Treasurer, the Parish Finance Committee offers support to the Trustees in their shared responsibility for Parish Finance.

In the absence of a Parish Treasurer, the PCC accepted the Parish Finance Committee recommendation to engage MYKE accountants to prepare the annual account (see Finance Statements 2025, below).

Areas of work covered by the Parish Finance Committee in 2025 include:

- a. Checked all correspondence for Treasurer received via email / Parish Office
- b. Ensured cheques received are paid in directly
- c. Settled PCC invoices in a timely manner e.g. photocopier
- d. Kept accurate records of transactions
- e. Disbursed wedding and funeral fees
- f. Settled insurance premiums on behalf of the churches
- g. Oversaw Parish share payments to DBF
- h. Recommended annual budget to the PCC
- i. Gave regular updates on budget
- j. Compiled annual Parochial Fees table (weddings and funerals)
- k. Processed clergy expenses
- l. Liaised with the Diocesan Board of Finance
- m. Liaised with district gift aid officers
- n. Liaised with MYKE accountants in their preparation of the annual account
- o. Arranged for the annual account to be Independently Examined
- p. Presented the Independently Examined accounts for approval to the PCC
- q. Presented the approved Accounts on behalf of the PCC to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- r. Made annual returns to the Charity Commission within the required timescale
- s. Made annual financial returns to St Albans Diocese within the required timescale.
- t. Supported the Stewardship and Giving campaign leaflet

The PCC achieved its target of 90% payment of the Parish Share 2025, see porch card:

Pat Clarke and Louise Collins

Thank you

to the people of the Parish of

Elstree and Borehamwood

We are so very grateful for the generous financial support given by church members that allows the life of your parish to thrive. Returning our financial resources to God for His work in the parish and the world is part of our worship to Him.

Thank you for your part in our diocesan vision of Living God's Love. Your financial contribution to the diocese is essential for the provision of clergy in our parishes and the support is available from the diocesan officers.

We pray God's richest blessing on this parish as we continue to serve together.

The amount of Parish Share paid in 2025 was:

£75,559



David White Richard Atkinson Jane Mairwaring
Diocesan Secretary Bishop of Bedford Bishop of Hertford

10. CHURCH FABRIC

Holy Cross (Church & Hall) has a regular caretaker check along with routine maintenance and repairs by church members. Items addressed since the last reporting period:

- **June 2025** The gas central heating was serviced by a Gas Safe engineer.
- **June** broken toilet seat in the Ladies (hall) was replaced
- **Aug** broken toilet seat in the Ladies (hall) was replaced
- **Aug** After the lead flashing from around the base of the church chimney was stolen (daylight could be seen from inside the church) it was replaced, as a matter of urgency, with non-lead flashing.
- **Sept** A broken toilet cistern handle in the Ladies (hall) was replaced.
- **Oct** The outer Hall door has, for some time, needed to be doublechecked to ensure that it has securely closed. It has been adjusted so that it closes (and opens) easily.
- **Oct** The safe in the Vestry was sometimes difficult to unlock. It has been lubricated and now opens easily.
- **Dec** Moss and leaf clearance on flat roof above Vestry.
- **Dec** Fire Extinguisher service carried out by Complete Fire Protection (Watford) Ltd. All extinguishers are compliant.
- **Dec** A NAPIT-certified Electrician attended on 29th Dec (re: water leak in church roof) to inspect the ceiling light fitting affected by the water ingress and, made said fitting safe. A report was issued with a summary of work carried out.
- **Jan 2026** After one of the heaters in the body of the church stopped working, an engineer from *Vulcana Gas Appliances* came along to check it and, also, service the remaining two heaters (all Vulcana appliances.) The heater that does not work is too old to repair as the parts are not available.
- **FEB** broken toilet seat in the Gents (hall) was replaced

Grateful thanks are expressed to Nigel for his continued help with ongoing maintenance and repairs.

- Church cleaning takes place on a routine basis by church members.
- The upkeep of most of our grounds and gardens is being maintained by church members.
- The front grass is cut, monthly, by a paid gardener.

David McAuliffe, Church Member

St Michael and All Angels

The year has passed and we achieved our usual aims and expectations. The routine maintenance and upkeep of the hall is ongoing. The boilers in the church and kitchen were serviced, as were the gas heaters in church and another heater was condemned as unsafe. The fire extinguishers were serviced, the lightning conductor checked and the PAT testing carried out. The CO monitor in the kitchen was replaced. The gutters were also cleared.

2 new striplights were fitted in the hall, the broken control panel in the kitchen was repaired and is now covered by a locked box to stop anything of this nature happening again. A small leak on the boiler was dealt with, hand dryers were fitted in the toilets and 2 soap dispensers were repaired. The stage curtains and rails were repaired (thank you David and Carol) and Carol laundered the curtains, a mammoth task indeed. The fire door in the hall had to be repaired due to misuse and notices are now attached to both fire doors that they are for emergency use only.

Carol and I were Sworn In as Wardens on 11th June at St Barnabas church, Thorley.

The Archdeacons Inspection took place on 11th August and the Archdeacon was accompanied by Canon Richard Osborn. No written report has been received but we were pronounced to be in good heart once again.

There was a gas leak on the church grounds in the Summer and this was dealt with by Cadent at no cost to the church and with very little disturbance to the church grounds. A new ignition switch was fitted to the heater in the creche.

St Nicholas

Terry Lee presented the Fabric Report. The church is in good order at present. Small plaster repair in hand on the wall over the entrance to the choir vestry. No signs of rising damp. The gutters have been recently cleaned by a volunteer. Another volunteer is clearing away vegetation from around the church walls outside. The storage heater element in the vestry has been replaced and a light-sensitive switch fitted in the toilet to prevent the light and extract fan being left on and wasting electricity.

The graveyard around the church is in good order; grass cut by EBTC, paid for by EBTC. They also clear obstructions from paths when necessary.

The Open Grave yard is in good condition. From the end of April EBTC will be cutting the grass, paid for by St Nicholas Church. In May 2026 EBTC are cutting down a dead tree and clearing away a fallen tree in the Open Graveyard.

All Saints

Maintenance and Repairs: Randall and Hall have been called out on two occasions so far this year, a broken ballcock and handle, and an emergency call out for a leak, both in the Gentleman's toilet. This is now complete with no further issues.

Routine reports on the "Fabric, Goods, and Ornaments" of the church were received. Maintenance carried on as usual with boiler service. Richard Butler has completed the Annual PAT testing and other jobs that needed attention. There are still light bulbs that need to be replaced, but they have been noted, and Richard will return to replace.

BC Shepherd fixed the organ valve during Holy Week; the valve had become stuck, and the engineer performed a basic tune-up.

Pam Kubica

11. PUBLIC WORSHIP

Services have been held in all four churches every Sunday, except when Parish Services have been held 8 times a year. This has been possible through the extensive ministry of Visiting Clergy, Bishops, Lay Readers and Lay Leaders of Worship and Team Vicar. With permission from the Bishop of Hertford, Communion by Extension has been offered on several occasions. All Saints Church continues to welcome the Town as its 'Civic Church', hosting the Remembrance Service, the Christmas Memorial Service and monthly lunch groups. Morning Prayer is said on Mondays (All Saints) and Thursdays (St Nicholas) and Evening Prayer via Xoom on Sunday. Safeguarding Sunday is marked annually.

12. YEAR OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

2025 was designated by the Diocese as a 'Year of Spiritual Renewal and Well Being', with generous funding from the Jane Cart Trust. The Parish held several events, also encouraging members to take advantage of the extensive programme of quiet days, retreats and more on offer by the Diocese. Highlights in the Parish included the Parish Prayer Breakfast "I call you friends", the Growing Good Course, and 'Four Churches, One Vision' Parish Morning. Confirmation candidates from the Parish were confirmed at St Albans Cathedral in June and October.



13. MISSION ACTION PLAN 2025

Four Churches, One Vision ...

All Saints

Lunchtime Prayer

- Established ministry since 2023, held on the 1st Wednesday of every month, 12.00-2.00pm
- Led by the All Saints Team
- Support needed: Yes, prayers, spreading the word, coming along

Open Church

- All Saints to ask, "What would we need to open the church more often?"
- Led by All Saints DCC
- Christmas Lights 'Switch On' - Sunday, November 30th
- 'Finding Hope @ Christmas' Parish Memorial Service on Saturday, December 6th @ 3.00pm
- Support needed: Yes, prayer and practical support will be needed

Holy Cross

Mission Sunday Service on October 5th

- Holy Cross to ask, "How can we re-engage with the community?"
- Distribute Church-Near-You postcards in the local area?
- Led by Holy Cross congregation
- Support needed: Yes, prayer and practical support will be needed

St Michael and All Angels

Welcome Café and Warm Spaces

- Established ministry since 2021, every Thursday afternoon
- Led by the St Michael's Team.
- Support needed: Yes, relies on prayer support, volunteers from the other churches & wider community and local grants

Care Home Ministry

- Extend this established ministry that leads a fortnightly service at The Mead, Borehamwood to other Care Homes in Elstree
- Led by Pat Clarke and Team
- Support needed: Yes, prayers and liaise with St Nicholas Church

St Nicholas

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

- Sunday, December 14th at 6.30pm TBC
- Led by the St Nicholas Team and the Parish Singing Group
- Rehearsals for the Singing Group: contact Emma @ St Nicholas
- Support needed: Yes, leafletting morning led by Grace Silvera on Saturday, Dec 6th – meet @ St Nicholas Church @ 9.30am

... Supporting One Another in Mission

Parish

The Parish Christmas Fair

- Saturday, November 22nd, 10.00am- 3.00pm
- Raise Funds For Parish Share / Bring People Together / Promote Our Churches / Carol-Singing with Borehamwood Brass
- At St Michael's Hall and Church
- Led by the PCC
- Support needed: Yes, leafletting beforehand, led by Stephen Vincent. Can you help give out leaflets in Leeming Road shops on the day? Help needed setting up on Friday, Nov 21st @ 6.30pm.

Youth Church

- Nando's Annual Youth Church Christmas Meal
- Saturday, December 6th
- Led by Grace Silvera and the Youth Church Team
- Support needed: Yes, prayers and Revd Louise to apply for a Diocesan Small Mission Grant

14. MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Ministry with children and young people remains a high priority. We have engaged with:

Woodlands Primary – Pat helps assemblies with Pathways. Revd Louise visits at Christmas.

Parkside Primary – Revd Louise and Pat led a Christingle at Christmas and classes visited church.

Meryfield Primary – Revd Louise offers assemblies and schools visits throughout the year.

Cowley Hill Primary – Classes from Cowley Hill visit St Michael's during the year.

Kenilworth Primary – School and church visits (below)

Saffron Green Primary – School and church visits (below)

St Nicholas Church of England Primary Elstree – Significant support through a year of uncertainty, including Leavers Service, Harvest Service, Christmas Service and Easter Service.

St Nicholas Paint and Pizza and **Tots Craft** morning, both in December, were both well received. In October 2025 St Nicholas Church of England School was put under notice of closure. There followed a significant and wholehearted campaign to attempt to keep the School open, led by Head Teacher Kate Johnston-Thomson and supported by the Town and Borough Councils, parents, teachers, faith groups, many local people. Sadly, it was announced on April 22nd 2026 that the school will close.

Holy Cross currently has seven children in its congregation. There is a dedicated children's table in church, lovingly maintained by Christine Vincent. Children enjoy meaningful activities under the watchful eye of their parents or carers. Following an absence of several years, we welcomed Kenilworth Primary School and Saffron Green Primary School with a music combo of Saffron Green music teacher on piano and David on guitar. The children from both schools enjoyed the events. These highly successful visits were ably supported by Anne, Hazel and David.

St Michael's Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. Again, four of our Youth Church members were narrators and Tracey's grandson was our D.J. As usual the church was full and everyone enjoyed our telling of the story. Special thanks to Rosie and her girls for all their help, Tracey and her grandsons for their help. If anyone sews or knows someone who can, we need more costumes and can get patterns but would need someone to sew for us, if you can help, or know some who can please let us know. St Michael's Hall support Tea and Tots.

Air Cadets Revd Louise found it difficult to fulfil all the extra requirements of her role. With regret, she resigned as Chaplain to RAFAC Air Cadets Squadron 1372 Borehamwood in September 2025.

15. CARE HOME MINISTRY

It has been my privilege and my pleasure to lead a service at The Mead every other Friday over the last year, and it is both humbling and uplifting. I am usually accompanied by Tracey and Elaine who operate the CD player and interact with those attending. I find the staff extremely helpful and the persons attending the service a delight. Our average attendance is around 15 - 18 each time, depending on other factors, of course. We have hymns, a gospel reading, prayers, a chat and a blessing for us all at the end of the service. We tend to use the well-known hymns because, even if someone is unable to read the words in the hymnal, they know the tune and can join in. All in all, it is a very rewarding experience, and I hope to continue for some time to come.

Pat Clarke

16. THE WELCOME CAFÉ AND 'WARM SPACES'

From the winter of 2025 through the spring of 2026, St. Michael and All Angels successfully hosted the **Warm Spaces & Hot Meals** initiative for the third year running. This scheme was designed to provide a sanctuary of warmth, nutrition, and community for residents during the coldest months of the year. It is a safe, welcoming space and open to all who need it.

Partnerships & Funding:

The program's success was made possible through the generous support of our key partners:

- **Clarion Futures:** Provided the essential funding to facilitate the space and logistics.
- **Akshaya Patra:** Supplied the high-quality, nutritious hot meals served at each session at a reasonable cost per head.
- **Our dedicated volunteers:** those who greeted, served, and drove to pick up the food each week.

Key Highlights & Successes:

The primary focus of this initiative was to foster fellowship and alleviate the pressures of food insecurity and isolation.

- **The Social Atmosphere** fostered a sense of belonging, making guests feel valued and connected, which is essential for strengthening community bonds.
- **Nutritional Support:** All meals were provided **entirely free of charge**, ensuring that financial barriers did not prevent anyone from accessing a healthy dinner.
- **Monthly Special:** Our monthly **Fish and Chips** treat became a clear favourite, drawing the highest attendance and creating a "restaurant-style" experience for our guests.
- **Five-Star Hygiene Rating:** All volunteers received in-house training on maintaining a clean, hygienic work environment.
- The scheme received **100% positive feedback**, demonstrating that our efforts truly resonated with guests and made a meaningful difference in their lives.
- **The "Dream Team"**, most of our Volunteers returned for a third year! And received glowing feedback from our guests. The volunteers were treated to an afternoon of "Cream Teas" at The Manor, Elstree, as a "Thank You".

Alana Davenport, Volunteer

17. HIGHLIGHTS

The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood
St Michael and All Angels Church Hall, Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ

Saturday, January 18th 2025

Parish Prayer Breakfast
"I Call You Friends..."
9.00am - 11.30am

"You are my friends if you do what I command you" - John 15:14

- 9.00am Arrivals and Breakfast
- 9.50am - 10.45am Groups and Discussion
- 10.45am Morning Prayer

Rsvp to your churchwarden for numbers

THE PARISH OF ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD
ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS HALL

QUIZ AFTERNOON

SATURDAY 8TH FEB
2.00-4.00PM

BUFFET INCLUDED

£6 ADULT
£3 CHILDREN

PLEASE CONTACT TRACEY FOR TICKETS ON 07888 727129

The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood

Lent & Easter 2025 **Growing good**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY CUF

When?
Saturday Mornings, 9.30am - 11.00am

- March 1st PRESENCE: Explore how your church can be more visible and actively present in your community.
- April 5th HOSPITALITY: Explore how your church can develop its culture of invitation & welcome.
- May 3rd PARTICIPATION: Explore how social action can be an entry point for discipleship into your church.
- June 2nd PERSISTENCE: Explore how your church can fruitfully invest in local people and institutions over the long-term.

Where?
St Michael and All Angels, Brook Road, WD6 5EQ

What?

- Coffee and Ice Breaker
- Bible Reflection / Short Film
- Activity / Discussion
- Prayer
- Next Steps ...

For contact Revd Louise: 0208 903 2362 / Louise.collins@elstreeandborehamwood.org.uk
See more at: <https://growing-good.org.uk/>

THE PARISH OF ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD
ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS HALL

Let's hop into Easter with an EGGSTRAVAGANZA PARTY

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL
12.30-2.30PM

BUFFET INCLUDED
£6 ADULT
£3 CHILDREN

PLEASE CONTACT TRACEY FOR TICKETS ON 07888 727129

Elstree and Borehamwood Christian Council invites you ...

Good Friday 'WALK OF WITNESS'

Friday, April 18th

Start: 11.00am - Leaving from St Theresa's RC Church Car Park 291 Shenley Road, WD6 1TG
Walk: Along Shenley Road ...
Finish: At Borehamwood Baptist Church, 12 Furzehill Road, WD6 2GD for hot cross buns + coffee

Wear Something Red If You Can

Barnet Deanery Quiet Afternoon
GLOBES WOOD, BROOKMAN'S PARK

'Bluebell Pilgrimage'

Sunday, April 27th 2025

A quiet hour or so among the bluebells in Globes Wood, near Brookmans Park, AL8 7AF

- Moderate walking, some uneven paths, trip hazards
- BVO poems / drinks / snack
- Meet at 2.00pm in the Car Park on Jonas Way, off Moffats Lane, AL8 7BY

Just turn up or contact Revd Louise Collins: 020 893 2362 / Louise.collins@elstreeandborehamwood.org.uk

Further info at: <https://www.barnetdiocese.org.uk/nature>
#2025YearOfSpiritualRenewalWellbeing

THE PARISH OF ELSTREE & BOREHAMWOOD
ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS HALL

PRIZE BINGO

SATURDAY 17TH MAY
2-4PM

BUFFET INCLUDED

£6 ADULT
£3 CHILDREN

PLEASE CONTACT TRACEY FOR TICKETS ON 07888 727129

St Michael and All Angels Church Hall, Brook Road, Borehamwood

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 7th June
10.00am-12.30pm

FREE ENTRY

Plants
Kitt & Natter
Refreshments
Cake Stall
Gifts
Books

CD's
Tombola
Raffle
Music
Weddings & Christening Stall
Guided Tours of Church

Plus lots more!

The Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood
We would like to say a big

THANK YOU

to all Ministers, PCC & DCC's from the last 2 years

You are all welcome +! for a Nice get together with a Buffet

Saturday 12th July 2025
3.00pm - 5.00pm

At St Michaels & All Angels
Brook Road, Borehamwood WD6 5EQ

Please let Tracy know if you can make it: 07888 727129
Tracystickland@gmail.com

The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood
'Four Churches, One Vision' - Parish Meeting

Saturday, September 6th 2025
St Michael's Church Hall, 4.00pm - 5.30pm

9.00am ARRIVE + pastries, fruit, yoghurt + tea and coffee
9.30am WELCOME - Opening Prayer
9.45am "WHOSE ARE YOURS?" - Genesis 1:3
Partnership with what you are bringing with you today, what do you have today, what do you hope for?
9.50am "WHAT DO YOU WANT?" - James 1:8
Talk with the person next to you about our Parish life, then all together:
• What do we see that is hopeful, encouraging, life-affirming?
• What do we see that is discouraging, brings us down, holds us back?
10.10am "WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO FOR YOU?" - 2 Kings 4:5-7
Bible exposition and open discussion
• In what ways are our Churches a providential gift of GOD to the people of Elstree and Borehamwood?
• In what ways are our Churches a blessing to those who live and work here?
• How do we help and support each other across the Parish?
• What more might we do to encourage and help each other in ministry?
10.40am COFFEE
11.00am "WHAT ARE YOU DISCUSSING WITH EACH OTHER WHILE YOU WALK AWAY?" - Luke 14:19, 27-32
• What is "walking with us hearts"? Ex 13:21
• When do we "renew the land"? Ex 10: coming out
• When have "our eyes been opened"? Ex 10:1
• When do we want to "go home"?
12.00pm "WHAT DO YOU WANT ALL TO DO FOR YOU?" - Mark 10:46-52
Closing Prayers
12.30pm Depart

The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood

Parish Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey

Tuesday, November 11th
7.15pm-9.15pm

Meet at St Albans Abbey Cathedral Welcome Centre (the bookshop) of 7.15pm

Evening Pilgrimages offer a guided walk through the Cathedral accompanied by historical insights, prayers, and silence. They start with light refreshment in the Welcome Centre, and end with Communion by candlelight and a visit to the Shrine of St Alban.

<https://www.stalbanscathedral.org/evening-pilgrimages>

Please book yourself online or let Revd Louise know o.s.p. or by **October 24th**, as there are limited places.

No charge, but a donation to the Cathedral is requested.

Carols with Borehamwood Brass @ 12.30pm

Christmas Fair

Saturday, November 22nd
10.00am - 3.00pm

St Michael and All Angels Church and Hall, Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ

Refreshments, Stalls, Cakes, Gifts, Raffle ...

Free Entry

Join us for activities, storytime, and nativity reading.

Switch on Christmas

Festive Fun at All Saints Church
Shenley Road Borehamwood
Sunday 30th November 2025
2 pm - 4 pm

Celebrate the start of the festive season, enjoy fun activities, storytime, and a special Nativity Gospel reading. All proceeds will support the Church Urban Fund. Everyone is welcome-bring your family and friends!

JOY

CHURCH URBAN FUND

Carol Singing

Monday, December 1st
7.00pm-8.00pm

The Wellington Pub,
4 Theobald Street,
Borehamwood, WD6 4SE

Just turn up or contact Revd Louise Collins on 0779 283337
louise.collins@elstreeandborehamwood.org.uk
info@theobaldpub.com
<https://www.theobaldpub.com/brochure/17-2018-brochure.pdf>

The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood
'The Joy of Christmas'

Christmas Art Festival
with Saint Nicholas CoE School
& many other local artists

St Nicholas Church, Elstree
High Street, WD6 3SW

Friday, Dec 12th and Saturday, Dec 13th
from 10.00am - 4.00pm each day

Coffee and Mince Pies

FREE ADMISSION

Meet the Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr Alpha Collins, on Friday @ 10.00am
Collection for St Nicholas Church and the Mayor's charities: 'Cares in Hertsmere', supporting 'Young Carers' and 'Learning through the Arts'.

To submit a work of art - Contact Melita Lee, St Nicholas Church Warden, by Nov 21st latest on charistaterow@elstreeandborehamwood.org.uk

St Michael and All Angels
Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ

Carols at the Welcome Cafe

Thursday, December 18th

1.30pm

Mince Pies and Candlelight
With Paul Lomax and friends

St Michael and All Angels Church,
Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24th
Starts at 5.00pm

Nativity Play & Christingle

Come early to take part, dressed as an Angel, Star, Sheep, Shepherd, Donkey, Camel ...!!!!

A Prayer Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sunday, January 18th 2026 @ 4.00pm

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

"One Body, One Spirit"

St Michael and All Angels Church,
Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ

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

Ash Wednesday
February 18th at 7.30pm

Parish Service of Holy Communion
with the Imposition of Ashes

St Michael and All Angels, Brook Road, Borehamwood, WD6 5EQ

Monthly Lunchtime PRAYERS & COFFEE

Now on the First Tuesday of the Month

Starting 7th April 2026

All Saints Church, Shenley Road, Borehamwood, Herts, WD6 1EP

All Welcome

18. BARNET DEANERY SYNOD 2025

The Deanery Synod meets three times a year, rotating among the churches in the Diocese and each one usually has a guest speaker:

Deanery Synod meeting on Wednesday 12th February 2024, at Holy Trinity Lyonsdown

- Guest Speaker: The Venerable Janet Mackenzie, the Archdeacon of Hertford about 'The Diocese of St Albans' Year of Spiritual Renewal & Wellbeing and Spiritual Gifts in The Feeding of the 5,000'
- Update on Barnet Deanery's participation in the 2025 Year of Spiritual Renewal & Wellbeing
- Commissioning of The Revd Stefan Chrysostomou, Vicar of St Mary the Virgin & All Saints, Potters Bar, as the Area Dean of Barnet by the Archdeacon of Hertford, the Venerable Janet Mackenzie

Deanery Synod meeting on Tuesday 20th May 2025 at St Mark's Barnet Vale

- Guest Speaker: Richard Jackson, Local Church Income Support Officer at the Diocese of St Albans Parish Income Generation
- Update on the process for the appointment of the next Bishop of St Albans: Canon Richard Osborn

Deanery Synod meeting Tuesday 14th October 2025 at St Mary's East Barnet

- Guest Speaker: Revd. Alec Corio, Rector of St. Mary's & St. Albans Diocese Interfaith Advisor Interfaith Community Collaborations

Grace Silvera, Deanery Synod Rep

19. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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| Name: | The Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood |
| Address for PCC Correspondence: | Parish Office, All Saints Church, 94 Shenley Road, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 1EB |
| Phone Number: | There is no Parish Office phone number. Contact via: Revd Steven Young 07481 323040 Revd Louise Collins 07759 283337 |
| Email: | There is no Parish email address. District churches can be contacted via their websites or: Revd Steven Young rector.eabw@gmail.com Revd Louise Collins louise.collins59@hotmail.com All Saints churchwarden Pam Kubica pkubica@btinternet.com St Michael's churchwarden Pat Clarke pat.clarke132@gmail.com St Nicholas churchwarden Melita Lee charlesterence@aol.com |
| Websites: | https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-091BJ/ https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7536/ https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7534/ https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7535/ https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7542/ |
| Charity Registration: | The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood, Registered charity number: 1132871 https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/charity-search/-/charity-details/5005255/charity-overview |
| PCC Bank Details: | CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, KENT, ME19 4JQ Sort: 40-52-40, ACC: 00012619 |
| PCC Bank Signatories: | Patricia Clarke, Pam Kubica, Grace Silvera |
| Independent Auditor for 2025 | Julie Kuriti My Key Accountants Ltd |
| Governing documents: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Team Parish of Elstree and Borehamwood Constitution (draft 2005) 2. The Parish of Elstree & Borehamwood, Team Ministry Working Practices Convention (revised 2005) |

20. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025

see overleaf ...