



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS,  
NORTH HILLINGDON UB10 9BT  
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THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME  
(YEAR A)

8 OCTOBER 2017

This *Bulletin* has had to be prepared a bit in advance, so please listen out for any further notices on the day.

To-day we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned and cared for if there is to be any fruit; there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations of a good crop. How heartbreaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending them and giving them what they needed, but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants, who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce? We pray that, by living the Christian life, it will be a good one.

**We welcome** any visitors to All Saints' this morning. Please come across to the Hall for coffee and a chat after the 10 o'clock Parish Eucharist, even if you cannot stay for very long.

**HYMNS TO-DAY AT 1000 (NEH & \*NHWS)**

Procession:	205
Offertory:	86 (Omit *verses.)
Communion:	17
Post-Communion:	285
Recessional:	418 (Omit * verses.)

**Introit:** O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world and no-one can make it otherwise. For it is your creation, the heavens and the earth and the stars: you are the Lord of all.

**Collect:** Father, your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires. Forgive our failings, keep us in your peace and lead us in the way of salvation. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**TO-DAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah (5:1-7):**  
*The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel.*

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but

sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

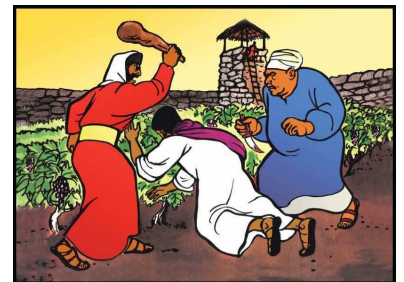
**At 8 o'clock the response in the psalm (79/80) is:** *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

**A reading from the letter of S Paul to the Philippians (4:6-9):** *The peace of God will be with you.*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**The Gospel acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! "I call you friends," says the Lord, "because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my Father." **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (21:33-43):** *He will lease the vineyard to other tenants.*



Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next, he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the

heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants, who will deliver the produce to him, when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

### AT THE INTERCESSIONS

Intercessor: Lord and Saviour of all:

**All: hear us and help us.**

### THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

**We pray:** for our parish and for its needs; for those unjustly imprisoned; for those preaching to-day (in the Hillingdon Deanery); for missionaries abroad; for the life and witness of Westminster Abbey and those visiting there to-day.

**We commend** to God our Father:

**the sick, the housebound & others in any kind of trouble or need:** Mary Coleman, Karol Schlachter & Rob Scoates.

**those whose anniversary falls at about this time:** Olive Barber, Albert Cotter, Helen Louisa Cousins, David John Hayes & 'Jim' Roper.

**May they rest in peace and rise in glory!**

We commend all that we have just prayed for, our families, our friends and those we love to the intercession of Mary (the mother of Jesus), S Joseph (her spouse), S Wilfrid (of York), S Edward (the Confessor) & all the saints: **Hail Mary,...**

### HYMNS THIS EVENING AT 6 O'CLOCK (NEH)

1. 84
2. 404
3. Choral Anthem
4. 439

Psalm: 23 (*Metrical Version in NEH 459*)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1. **The Eucharist at All Saints' this week:**  
Wednesday, 4 October; 10<sup>15</sup> (so slightly later than the usual time): S Francis of Assisi, deacon, friar & preacher; +1226 at Assisi. The celebrant will be Father Nicholas Wheeler from S Mary's, Hayes.
2. For the avoidance of doubt: Vestry Hour takes place at the usual time next Saturday, 14 October.
3. Tuesday, 10 October; 1730-2030: Open Evening at Bishop Ramsey School, Ruislip HA4 8EE. There is a flyer at the back of the church with



further information. (Please note that there is no on-site parking available.)

4. **NEXT SUNDAY, 15 October; the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time & our 'Third' Sunday**
  - a. 0800: Said Eucharist
  - b. 1000: Sung Parish Eucharist
5. Tuesday, 17 October; 1930: Open Meeting of the Hillingdon Deanery Synod at S John's, Hillingdon Hill, when the subject will be *Grave Talk*. All are welcome.
6. The next Meeting of the PCC Standing Committee will take place at 1930 on Thursday, 19 October.

### FATHER DESMOND'S NOTES THIS WEEK

- a. Don't forget that we have our monthly Evening Service to-day at 6 o'clock. It is an excellent way to bring the week-end to a close and to prepare for the new week ahead. If anyone would like to read one of the lessons, please tell me, so this can be arranged (either this evening or next time).
- b. Copies of the October edition of *Saints Alive!* are still available this morning. There is a really pleasing range of interesting articles to be read this time, so make sure you get your copy. Items for the November edition need to be received by 22 October. *Please try to submit them in the format requested in this month's Magazine; this reduces considerably the work for the editorial team. Thank you.*
- c. Thank you for your Harvest offerings this year. As previously announced, they will go to a local foodbank.
- d. We are actively looking for one or two more people to join our parish choir, which greatly enhances our worship on Sundays. Could this be you? Please have a word with Jane Turnbull or me.



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*To book **Banns of Marriage, Weddings, Baptisms** and so on, please come along to Vestry Hour in church on Saturdays between 0930 & 1015. (No appointment is necessary.)*



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