

All Saints' North Hillingdon

11th May 2025 - White

4th Sunday of Easter



Our Acts passage recounts the raising of Tabitha by Peter. It reminds us of i) The compassionate ministry that the early church was known for, ii) The reality of the resurrection, and iii) Peter learning to imitate Christ's ministry of signs and wonders in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Revelation passage's glimpse of heaven encourages us that suffering for our faith is worthwhile; one day we will be cared for and comforted by God himself.

In John's gospel, the religious leaders demand to know who Jesus is. Jesus replies that his works tell of who he is, and that his followers, his sheep, know and follow him, that he protects them and gives them eternal life. Context: in biblical times, sheep were not abandoned in a hillside, but lived their whole lives cared for by their shepherd.

HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Gathering	374	How sweet the name of Jesus
Gradual	369	Happy are they, they that love
Offertory	463	Thine forever! God of love
Comm'n	282	Faithful Shepherd, feed me
Sending	457	The King of love my Shepherd is

This week:	
Wednesday 10am	10:30am Cake, Coffee
Holy Communion	and Chat in Hall
Bible Study: 7.30 pm Tuesday @ vicarage	
Social Event Dates for 2025:	
5 th July	– Summer Fete: 12 to 3pm
20 th July	– All Saints Dedication Lunch
AGM Sunday 18th May after 10am Service:	
- <i>Please stand for the PCC, particularly if you think you could contribute in areas such as finance / worship / maintenance / outreach / media. Also opportunities to be Sides-persons and Chalice Servers</i>	

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for giving to
All Saints
Church:



THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS: We lift up to the Lord those who have asked for our prayers; Mark Callaghan, Simon Matthews, David Rance, Hazel & Helen Parris, John Clarke, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones, James Wills, Lyn Prior, Lynn Taylor, Tony Bond, Pat Szymański, Ann Tutton. **May they know the Lord's healing grace and blessings.** †

We remember the recently departed: Philip Kemish, **and the anniversaries this week of the deaths of:** Daisy Fallowell, Michael John Roe, Julian Monk, Belle Topley.

Electoral Role: is available for inspection – not publicly for GDPR data.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: When we review the last year & look ahead to the next, and vote for members of the Church Council, Deanery Synod Rep.

New Defibrillator: on the outside hall wall. It does talk to users but we will organise training.

Ryefield school Visit: Mon 16th June, 9am & 11 am. Helping hands welcome.

Cursillo Weekend Retreat: Thursday 30th Oct - Sunday 2nd Nov at Wychroft House, nr Redhill, Surrey £140 (subsidised). "Take time out of your everyday life to rediscover the depth and joy of the Christian faith" www.londoncursillo.org.uk (Leaflets at back of church).

VISITS / HOME COMMUNION: Next Holy Communion service at Ryefield Court 3rd June (and 1st July). (Fri 9th May Ryefield Birthday Party: 1-5pm, all welcome. If you know of anyone who needs a home or hospital visit, please let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 07909 127 929 ulricgerry@icloud.com)

Social Action: Being salt and light in the world is part of our Christian faith. Email our MP on recent issues: danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk

Parish Website:
www.allsaintsnorthhillingdon.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/ASHillingdon

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life;
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things which
are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

*The reading from Acts must be used
as either the first or second reading.*

Either Acts 9:36-end

*A reading from the Acts of the
Apostles.*

In Joppa there was a disciple whose
name was Tabitha, which in Greek
is Dorcas. She was devoted to good
works and acts of charity. At that time
she became ill and died. When they
had washed her, they laid her in a
room upstairs. Since Lydda was near
Joppa, the disciples, who heard that
Peter was there, sent two men to him
with the request, "Please come to
us without delay." So Peter got up
and went with them; and when he
arrived, they took him to the room
upstairs. All the widows stood beside
him, weeping and showing tunics
and other clothing that Dorcas had
made while she was with them. Peter
put all of them outside, and then he
knelt down and prayed. He turned
to the body and said, "Tabitha, get
up." Then she opened her eyes, and
seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her
his hand and helped her up. Then
calling the saints and widows, he
showed her to be alive. This became
known throughout Joppa, and many
believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he
stayed in Joppa for some time with a
certain Simon, a tanner.

**Or Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18;
9:8-13**

PSALM Psalm 23

R *I will dwell in your house for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green
pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they
comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who
trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy
shall follow me all the days of my
life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-end

*A reading from the book of
Revelation.*

After this I looked, and there was a
great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before
the Lamb, robed in white, with palm
branches in their hands. They cried
out in a loud voice, saying "Salvation
belongs to our God who is seated
on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
And all the angels stood around the
throne and around the elders and
the four living creatures, and they fell
on their faces before the throne and
worshipped God, singing, "Amen!
Blessing and glory and wisdom and
thanksgiving and honour and power
and might be to our God for ever and
ever! Amen." Then one of the elders
addressed me, saying, "Who are
these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?" I said to him, "Sir,
you are the one that knows." Then

he said to me, "These are they who
have come out of the great ordeal;
they have washed their robes and
made them white in the blood of the
Lamb. For this reason they are before
the throne of God, and worship him
day and night within his temple, and
the one who is seated on the throne
will shelter them. They will hunger
no more, and thirst no more; the sun
will not strike them, nor any scorching
heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the
throne will be their shepherd, and he
will guide them to springs of the water
of life, and God will wipe away every
tear from their eyes."

Or Acts 9:36-end

GOSPEL John 10:22-30

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John.*

At that time the festival of the
Dedication took place in Jerusalem.
It was winter, and Jesus was walking
in the temple, in the portico of
Solomon. So the Jews gathered
around him and said to him, "How
long will you keep us in suspense? If
you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."
Jesus answered, "I have told you, and
you do not believe. The works that
I do in my Father's name testify to
me; but you do not believe, because
you do not belong to my sheep. My
sheep hear my voice. I know them,
and they follow me. I give them
eternal life, and they will never perish.
No one will snatch them out of my
hand. What my Father has given me
is greater than all else, and no one
can snatch it out of the Father's hand.
The Father and I are one."

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be
the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his
life and rise again;
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his
steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

