

All Saints' North Hillingdon

11th Oct † Proper 23 † Ordinary 28



Isaiah's post-apocalyptic vision, is when the cities of the ruthless are destroyed, and God himself is a refuge and comfort to the poor and needy, giving a feast for *all peoples*, with fine wines. He encourages; 'let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation' for an as yet unseen future.

Questions: *What is your vision of salvation, when you finally meet the Lord? Do you imagine it as a glorious homecoming feast? Can you rejoice in something that has not yet happened.*

Paul's letter from prison is full of affection and joy. He gently urges two women to settle their disagreement and gives encouragements to rejoice, to be gentle, be grateful, to pray instead of worrying, and fill our minds with what is good. He promises that God will be with us. **Questions:** *Could you write such a letter from prison? Does having gratitude change the way you pray and worry? If having peace in your heart is a measure of your relationship with God, how are you doing?*

Matthew: a parable of Jesus just before his arrest. The King invites guests to his son's wedding feast. What happens next is shocking: the invited guests refuse to come. The invitation goes out to everyone, "both good and bad". And a guest not wearing the right clothes and is thrown out. **Question:** *What disturbs you most here? If the right clothing for the wedding is rejoicing, gentleness, gratefulness and peace, how is your wardrobe looking?*

New English Hymnal 10 am:

Opening	443	Rejoice! The Lord is King
<i>Psalm said by Priest and response sung</i>		
Gradual	457	The King of love my Shepherd is
Offert'y	200	Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
Comm'n	282	Faithful Shepherd, feed me
Sending	394	Let all the world in every
<i>Large print NEH books at rear of Church</i>		

Regular Events:

Tues – 9am **Morning prayer** at St Nic's Hey
Wed - 10am **Holy Communion**
 10:30am **Cake, Coffee & Chat** in Hall



Thur – 7.30-8 am **Prayer meeting** in Church
Thur – 10am-12 noon **Men's Shed Group**
Sun – 8am & 10am **Eucharistic Service**

All Saints Diary dates:

Sun 11th Oct - 5:30 pm **Deanery Cluster**
Covenant Service St Andrew's Uxbridge
Fri 23rd Oct - **Deanery Prayer Pilgrimage**
 Starting 9.30am @ St Jerome
Sat 31st Oct – **Children's Fancy Dress Light Party**
Sun 1st Nov – **10am All Saints / Souls Day** with
 lighting of candles to remember the departed
Sun 8th Nov – Remembrance Sunday
Sat 28th Nov – Christmas Craft Fair

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THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS (*Please send names & if suitable, what we are praying*): Mark Callaghan, Hazel & Helen Parris, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones, Maria Woods (recovery from chemo), Jacqueline Potts (wrist), Frances Bright (knee), Marion Robinson, Pat Szymański, **LORD, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.**

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This Sunday we remember the anniversary of the deaths of: Henry Howell, Margaret Cullett, Walter Hunt, Douglas Mason, Marion Lane, Maureen Hargreaves, Sheila Morris

Ryefield Care Home Services: Dates for 2026: 3rd Nov, 1st Dec, 22nd Dec (not 5th Jan). Tues 11am. All welcome.

Visits / Home Communion / eMail list: Anyone who would like a chat, pray or home communion, let me know, or if you don't receive this Bulletin by email: Rev Ulric Gerry 07909 127 929 ulricgerry@icloud.com.

'Salt and light' social action: Email our MP on current issues: danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk

Church Magazine: October's issues out now! Submit articles for November: recipes, movie or play review? Gardening tips? Articles to saintsalive.editor@gmail.com.

COLLECT

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.

FIRST READING

Either Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Or Exodus 32:1-14

PSALM Psalm 23

R I will dwell 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 Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these



things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:1-14

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

POST 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.



I will dwell in your house for ever.