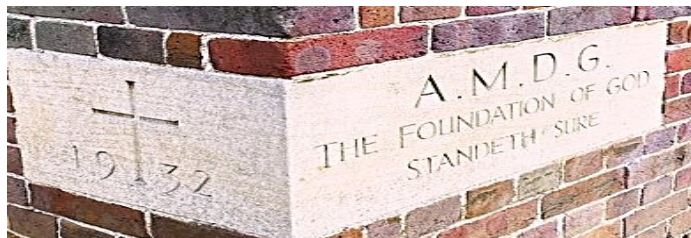


All Saints' North Hillingdon
12th Jan 2025
Baptism of Christ



John the Baptist's message was one of law and warnings of God's immanent judgement and his baptism was one of an external washing by water.

Jesus did not need to be baptised by him, instead his heavenly Father 'baptised' Jesus with the Holy Spirit, not like burning fire, but like a gentle dove. Jesus' gospel was one of grace and forgiveness, not law and judgement. As Christians we live in a time of grace; the final judgement, is yet to come.

We are called to use this time on earth to get fit for heaven, to be changed into the likeness of Christ, to become Holy, not through our own strength, but through the refining help of the gentle Holy Spirit. In the words of the post-communion prayer "by the power of your Holy Spirit complete the heavenly work of our re-birth"

HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Gathering	12	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Gradual	52	O worship the Lord
Offertory	55	Hail to the Lord's .. (omit 3)
Comm'n	486	We have a gospel to proclaim
Sending	352	Crown him with many crowns

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion	10:30am Cake, Coffee and Chat in Hall
Church Dates For 2025:	
2nd February:	- Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)
Social Event Dates for 2025:	
8th March	- Quiz night 7.30 in hall
10th May	- Live music event
5th July	- Summer Fete 12 to 3pm
Lent and Easter Dates:	
5th March:	- Ash Wednesday 7.30 pm
30th March:	- Mothering Sunday
13th April:	- Palm Sunday
17th April:	- Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm
18th April:	- Good Friday (walk + vigil)

20th April:	- Easter Sunday
29th May:	- Ascension Day
8th June :	- Pentecost Sunday
15th June:	- Trinity Sunday

GIVING/ BOILER UPDATE

Our 40-year-old boiler is no longer serviceable. A new heating system will cost around £30,000. It would warm our hearts and bodies if you would consider increasing your weekly offering, or giving a one-off donation to:

"All Saints Church Hillingdon Parish Church"

Sort Code: 20-89-16 a/c number: 00107344

(please fill in a gift-aid form so we can re-claim tax)

THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS: We lift up to the Lord those who have asked for our prayers;

Mark Callaghan, Michael Worrell, Simon Matthews, David Rance, Hazel & Helen Parris, John Clarke, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones, James Wills, Linette & Barry Coombs, Lyn Prior, Lynn Taylor. May they know his grace, strength, blessing, healing and salvation.

+

We give thanks for the lives of who have died around this time:

William Barker, Edmund Hounslow, Ida Williamson, Ray Gates, Caroline Buckingham, William Buckingham, John Longley, Dorothy Bounden, Ronald Blake, Michael Garner, Jean Holgate.

Call for MAGAZINE EDITORS and CONTENT

We are still looking for a permanent editor for the church magazine, so if anyone feels inspired to edit or contribute articles, let us know.
saintsalive.editor@gmail.com

VISITS / HOME COMMUNION

If you know of anyone who needs a visit, home communion or prayer, please let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 01895 262024 ulricgerry@icloud.com

SOCIAL ACTION: email our MP e.g on his vote against an inquiry into grooming gangs.
danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk

Parish Website:

www.allsaintsnorthhilligdon.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ASHillingdon



COLLECT

Eternal Father,
 who at the baptism of Jesus
 revealed him to be your Son,
 anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
 grant to us, who are born again by
 water and the Spirit,
 that we may be faithful to our
 calling as your adopted children;
 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 Isaiah 43:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who
 created you, O Jacob, he who
 formed you, O Israel: Do not fear,
 for I have redeemed you; I have
 called you by name, you are mine.
 When you pass through the waters,
 I will be with you; and through the
 rivers, they shall not overwhelm
 you; when you walk through fire
 you shall not be burned, and the
 flame shall not consume you. For I
 am the LORD your God, the Holy
 One of Israel, your Saviour. I give
 Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and
 Seba in exchange for you. Because
 you are precious in my sight, and
 honoured, and I love you, I give
 people in return for you, nations in
 exchange for your life. Do not fear,
 for I am with you; I will bring your
 offspring from the east, and from
 the west I will gather you; I will say
 to the north, "Give them up," and
 to the south, "Do not withhold;
 bring my sons from far away and my
 daughters from the end of the earth
 – everyone who is called by my
 name, whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made."

PSALM Psalm 29

R *The Lord shall give his people
 the blessing of peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of
 heaven,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.



Ascribe to the Lord the honour due
 to his name;
 worship the Lord in the beauty of
 holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the
 waters; the God of glory thunders;
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters. **R**

The voice of the Lord is mighty in
 operation;
 the voice of the Lord is a glorious
 voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the
 cedar trees;
 the Lord breaks the cedars of
 Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
 and Sirion like a young wild ox. **R**

The voice of the Lord splits the flash
 of lightning; the voice of the Lord
 shakes the wilderness;
 the Lord shakes the wilderness of
 Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak
 trees writhe and strips the
 forests bare;
 in his temple all cry, "Glory!" **R**

The Lord sits enthroned above the
 water flood;
 the Lord sits enthroned as king for
 evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his
 people;
 the Lord shall give his people the
 blessing of peace. **R**

SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17

*A reading from the Acts of the
 Apostles.*

When the apostles at Jerusalem
 heard that Samaria had accepted
 the word of God, they sent Peter
 and John to them. The two went
 down and prayed for them that
 they might receive the Holy Spirit
 (for as yet the Spirit had not come
 upon any of them; they had only
 been baptised in the name of the
 Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John
 laid their hands on them, and they
 received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17. 21-22

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

As the people were filled with
 expectation, and all were questioning
 in their hearts concerning John,
 whether he might be the Messiah,
 John answered all of them by
 saying, "I baptise you with water;
 but one who is more powerful
 than I is coming; I am not worthy
 to untie the thong of his sandals.
 He will baptise you with the Holy
 Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is
 in his hand, to clear his threshing-
 floor and to gather the wheat into
 his granary; but the chaff he will
 burn with unquenchable fire."
 Now when all the people were
 baptised, and when Jesus also had
 been baptised and was praying,
 the heaven was opened, and the
 Holy Spirit descended upon him in
 bodily form like a dove. And a voice
 came from heaven, "You are my
 Son, the Beloved; with you I am well
 pleased."

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity,
 you opened the heavens and
 revealed yourself as Father
 in the baptism of Jesus your
 beloved Son:
 by the power of your Spirit
 complete the heavenly work of
 our rebirth
 through the waters of the new
 creation;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.