

All Saints' North Hillingdon

5th July † Proper 9 † Ordinary 14



Last week Isaiah invited the thirsty and the weary to come, now the image is of God sending his word into a dry, discouraged people and promising that it will bear fruit. His word is like rain: it brings fruit; joy, peace, the whole of creation celebrating. It is a reminder that the bible is not just a story; it has a power in itself to change lives. **Question to ponder:** Do you have this expectation from reading and hearing the bible, and for God to work in your life?

Paul answers his struggles with sin in Romans 7 with: "there is no condemnation for those in Jesus Christ". He contrasts two ways of life, one governed by the flesh and death, the other by the Spirit, life, and peace. This is the heart of Paul's letter; we will never be perfect, and are saved by grace. Our identity is forgiveness, not shame. **Question to ponder:** Do you live under a sense of shame or grace?

The familiar Parable of the Sower explains why the kingdom message produces different results in different hearts. Jesus is teaching that the issue is not the seed, but the soil of the human heart. **Question to ponder:** Which kind of soil best describes your life right now, and those around you?

New English Hymnal 10 am service:

Opening	408	Love Divine, all loves excelling
<i>Psalm said by Priest and response sung</i>		
Gradual	74	O for a heart to praise my God
Offert'y	137	Come down, O Love divine
Comm'n	358	Father of Heaven, whose love
Sending	466	Thou whose almighty word

FOOD BANK: Donations for our local food bank @ rear of church.

Regular Mid-week Events:

- Wed** - 10am Holy Communion
10:30am Cake, Coffee & Chat in Hall
- Thur** - 7.30-8am **Prayer meeting** in Church
- Thur** - 10am-12 noon **Men's Shed** Group



All Saints Diary dates:

- Sun 19th July** – All Saints Dedication + Lunch
Sign up list at back of church for attendance and donations of food or money.
- Sun 27th Sept** - Harvest Festival
- Sun 1st Nov** – All Saints Day
- Sun 8th Nov** – Remembrance Sunday

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- See "Mission Zone Update June 2026" for information on 'Clusters' and initiatives and 'Covenant Service' 4th October.
- Prayer Pilgrimage 10th and 26th Sept and 23rd October.

Giving is part of our worship
You can use the QR code or place an offering in the basket >>>>>>>



THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS (Please send me names + if suitable, what we are praying)

Michael Sullivan, Mark Callaghan, Hazel & Helen Parris, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones, Maria Woods, Jacqueline Potts (wrist), Frances Bright (knee), Marion Robinson: *LORD, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.*



We remember anniversaries of the deaths of:

Louise Hollings, Danny Brooks, Brenda Margiotta, Pam Redhead, Jeanette Florey, Andrew Gowling, Cyril Baker, and Daphne Dix (funeral is 11am 15th July at Greenacres, Beaconsfield, contact Elaine Dix on 077 09515437), and Joan Tanner, whose funeral is Thursday 16th July at All Saints 11am.

Ryefield Care Home Services: Dates for 2026: 14th July, 4th August, 1st Sept, 29th Sept (not 6th Oct), 3rd Nov, 1st Dec, 22nd Dec (not 5th Jan). Tuesdays at 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.

Sunday 12 July 2026 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our
understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above
all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 55:10-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Or **Genesis 25:19-end**

PSALM Psalm 65 [or 65:8-end]

R *Be joyful in God, all the earth.*

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be
paid.

To you shall all flesh come to confess their
sins;

when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away. **R**

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of
your house, even of your holy temple.
With wonders you will answer us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas. **R**

In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.
You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing
your praise. **R**

[You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out
the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and
bless its increase. **R**

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the pastures of the wilderness flow
with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks
of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.] **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you,

though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Be joy-ful in God, all the earth.