

All Saints' North Hillingdon

16th Aug † Proper 15 † Ordinary 20



In Isaiah, the Judeans are rebuilding their lives after exile. But what to do with the foreigners among them? God's answer is to welcome all 'who join themselves to the Lord' and keep his law. God's salvation is inclusive (it is open to all) and exclusive (they need to love Him and obey His law). **Question to ponder:** *How can we ensure our Christian faith and church is 'a house of prayer for all', without losing our Christ-centred identity?*

Paul explains to the Romans that God has not rejected His people, Israel; rather God's gifts and calling are irrevocable, and for all. God remains faithful even when we are unfaithful.

Questions to ponder: *Do I take God's grace for granted? Do I look down on the faith of others?*

In Matthew, Jesus firstly reminds us that holiness is of the heart, not external. Elsewhere Paul says that righteousness is only available by faith in Christ. **Question:** *How can I be righteous? Is my heart clean?* - When a Canaanite woman shouts at Jesus for deliverance of her daughter, Jesus tests her. Only when she humbly bows the knee before him, asking for a 'crumb' from her master, he answers her prayer. **Question:** *Do I persist in prayer with this woman's boldness and humility, even when God seems silent?*

New Hymns of Songs and Worship 10 am:

Opening	263	Think of a world without any
<i>Psalm said by Priest and response sung</i>		
Gradual	28	Blessed assurance, Jesus is
Offert'y	285	When I needed a neighbour
Comm'n	173	Make me a channel
Sending	297	You shall go out with joy 3x

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 23rd Aug – 10am service Cluster Pulpit swap with St Nicolas and Rev Dave Scott

Sun 6th Sept - Coffee Morning for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre after 10am Service

Sat 19th Sept - Bollywood Night in All Saints Hall

Sun 27th Sept - Harvest Festival

Sat 31st Oct – Children's Fancy Dress Light Party

Sun 1st Nov – All Saints Day

Sun 8th Nov – Remembrance Sunday

Deanery notices – Leaflets at back of church

- See "Misson Zone Update June 2026" information on 'Clusters' and initiatives and 'Covenant Service' 4th October.
- **Prayer Pilgrimage** 10th Sept, 26th Sept, 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 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, Rosemary Bounden, Pat Szymański, *LORD, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.*



This Sunday we remember the anniversary of the deaths of: David Collier, Dulcibe Child, Michael Maunder, Brian Wyatt, Muriel Wraight, Jim Davies, Brian Kannevischer, Richard Hargreaves, Rene Morris, Bernard Whitfield, Nancy Atkins, Rose Smith.

Ryefield Care Home Services: Dates for 2026: 1st Sept, 29th Sept (not 6th Oct), 3rd Nov, 1st Dec, 22nd Dec (not 5th Jan). Tuesdays 11am.

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

16 August 2026 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure
of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 56:1. 6-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Or **Genesis 45:1-15**

PSALM Psalm 67

R *Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.*

God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations. **R**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples
righteously and govern the nations
upon earth.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.
God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a. 29-32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL (Short or long reading)

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

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

[Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without

understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."] Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have
celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the
gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

