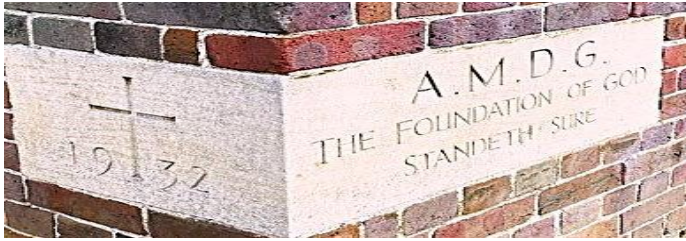


**All Saints' North Hillingdon**  
**16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**



How do we react when faced with a challenge that seems overwhelming and we don't have the resources to deal with it? That was the situation faced by Jesus and the disciples when they needed to find food for over 5000 people. Whereas Philip saw a problem that couldn't be solved, Andrew had a bright idea which seemed ridiculous but he was willing to give it a try. And then there was the little boy, willing to offer his meagre packed lunch for Jesus to transform into food that fed thousands.

**Our preacher today is Revd Richard Young, Mission Enabler for South Hillingdon.**

Richard will be speaking about the challenges faced by our churches in South Hillingdon as well as the opportunities for resourcing and renewal offered by the South Hillingdon Mission Zone. Which of the characters do we identify with in the feeding of the 5000? And what part does All Saints, and each of us as individuals, have to play in God's plans for renewing the CofE in South Hillingdon?

**HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK**

<b>Gathering</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>All my hope on God is founded</b>
<b>Gradual</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>Blest are the pure in Heart</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>I Danced in the morning</b>
<b>Comm'n</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>Bread of the world (twice)</b>
<b>Sending</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>Dear Lord and father of Mankind</b>

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

<b>Wednesday 10am Holy Communion</b>	<b>10:30am Cake, Coffee and Chat in Hall</b>
<b>Social Event Dates for 2025:</b>	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>– Quiz night 7.30 in hall</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>– Live music and Dancing night</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>– Summer Fete 12 to 3pm</b>
<b>Lent and Easter Dates:</b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>– Ash Wednesday 7.30 pm</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>– Mothering Sunday</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>– Palm Sunday</b>

<b>17<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>– Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>– Good Friday (walk + vigil)</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> April:</b>	<b>– Easter Sunday</b>

**BOILER UPDATE**

We are now pursuing getting permission for replacing the gas boiler rather than electric heating. The cost is around £26k, so far we have raised £6k. Well done! We'll let you know how we are doing. Donations to: **"All Saints Church Hillingdon Parish Church"** Sort Code: **20-89-16** a/c number: **00107344** (please fill in 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, Lyn Prior, Lynn Taylor, Tony Bond.* **May they know his grace, healing and salvation.**

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**We remember those who have died around this time:** *Gwen Gibson, Thomas Mayer, Mary Baker, Nellie Pannifer, Robert Brain, Hetty Coleman, Jean Edington, Peter Morgan, Val Davies*

**Banns of Marriage: 16, 23 Feb:** We publish the banns of marriage between **Darryl Jackson and Amy Chapman.** If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is the 2nd time of asking.

**Please bring...**

**Palm crosses** back to church for Ash Wednesday And **Children's Society Boxes** you have one

**Call for MAGAZINE CONTENT**

If you feels inspired to contribute articles please email [saintsalive.editor@gmail.com](mailto:saintsalive.editor@gmail.com)

**VISITS / HOME COMMUNION**

If you know of anyone who needs a home or hospital visit, Holy communion or prayer, please let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 07909 127 929 [ulricgerry@icloud.com](mailto:ulricgerry@icloud.com)

**SOCIAL ACTION:** email our MP on recent issues: [danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk)

**Parish Website:**

[www.allsaintsnorthhilligdon.co.uk](http://www.allsaintsnorthhilligdon.co.uk)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/ASHillingdon](https://www.facebook.com/ASHillingdon)

**COLLECT**

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are  
transformed  
into the image of Christ our Lord.

**FIRST READING Jeremiah 29: 1-14**

*A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah*

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your

fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

**PSALM Psalm 1**

**R** *The Lord knows the way of the righteous.*

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night. **R**

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, • whatever they do, it shall prosper. As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **R**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish. **R**

**GOSPEL John 6 1:15**

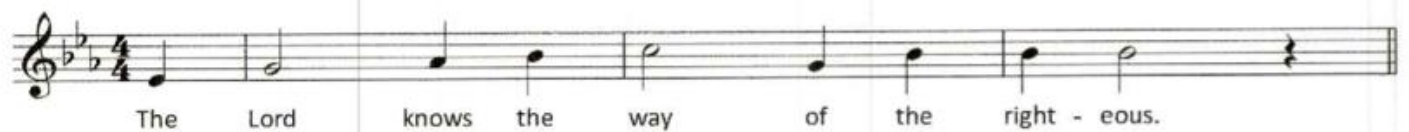
*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him,

Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they<sup>[b]</sup> sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

**POST COMMUNION**

Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



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