

All Saints' North Hillingdon
16th March 2025
2nd Sunday of LENT



Although God promised Abram an heir, the promise has not come to pass, so he has a 'Plan B'; Elizer of Damascus. Abram prepares a covenantal sacrifice, and promptly falls asleep (thus validating the multitudes throughout history who have fallen asleep during sermons), and wakes to God making the covenant promise alone. It's a reminder of God's grace and a foretaste of what Christ does for us on the cross.

In Philippians, Paul reminds us that we are citizens of heaven, that Jesus will one day transform our lowly, earthly bodies to become glorious (the word used of Roman emperors). Paul calls us to 'stand firm' in God's calling to this glorious future.

Finally in the Gospel reading, Jesus aware that everyone wants to kill him, as they have killed the previous prophets, declares his love for humanity, as a mother hen loves her chicks. So out of love, he presses on towards his suffering and death, to save humanity.

HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Gathering	238	New every morning is the love
Gradual	76	Take up thy cross (Omit v2,3,4)
Offertory	68	Jesu Lord of life and glory (Omit 3,5)
Comm'n	148	The God of Abraham (Omit 2,3,5)
Sending	436	Praise, my soul

This week:

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion	10:30am Cake, Coffee and Chat in Hall
Lent: Stations of the Cross: Every Friday 6pm in Lent in Church.	
Social Event Dates for 2025:	
10th May	– Live music and Dancing night
5th July	– Summer Fete 12 to 3pm

Lent and Easter Dates:

- 30th March:** - **Mothering Sunday**
- 6th April – Sunday 5.30pm Hillingdon Deanery**
Evening prayer for Mission in our Parish
- 13th April:** - **Palm Sunday**
- 17th April:** - **Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm**
- 18th April:** - **Good Friday (walk + vigil)**
- 20th April:** - **Easter Sunday**

BOILER UPDATE:

We have permission for replacing the gas boiler. The cost around £26k, so far we have raised £9. Well done! 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, Pat Szymański, Ann Tutton.* **May they know his blessings, healing, grace and salvation.**

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We remember the anniversaries this week of the deaths of: *Gladys Dennis, Cecil Hearne, Betty Mason, Robert Stock, George Birch, Charles Brown, Margery Child, 'Gwen' Beryl Bristowe, and Father Eldred Thomas Tipper:*



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VISITS / HOME COMMUNION

Holy Communion services at Ryefield Court: 1st Apr, 29th Apr 11am. All welcome. If you know of anyone who needs a home or hospital visit, please let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 07909 127 929 ulricgerry@icloud.com

Social Action: email our MP on recent issues: danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk

Parish Website: www.allsaintsnorthhilligdon.co.uk
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COLLECT

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the
light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

PSALM Psalm 27

R *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life; of
whom then shall I be afraid?
When the wicked, even my enemies and my
foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh,
they stumbled and fell. **R**

Though a host encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid,
and though there rise up war against me,
yet will I put my trust in him.
One thing have I asked of the Lord and
that alone I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life. **R**

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek his will in his temple.
For in the day of trouble he shall hide me
in his shelter;
in the secret place of his dwelling shall he
hide me and set me high upon a rock. **R**

And now shall he lift up my head
above my enemies round about me;
Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an
oblation with great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy upon me and answer me. **R**

My heart tells of your word, "Seek my
face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
Hide not your face from me,
nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
You have been my helper;
leave me not, neither forsake me, O God
of my salvation. **R**

Though my father and my mother forsake
me,
the Lord will take me up.
Teach me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of those
who lie in wait for me. **R**

Deliver me not into the will of my
adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against
me, and those who breathe out violence.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of
the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall
comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the Lord. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me,
and observe those who live according to
the example you have in us. For many live
as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have
often told you of them, and now I tell you
even with tears. Their end is destruction;
their god is the belly; and their glory is in
their shame; their minds are set on earthly
things. But our citizenship is in heaven,
and it is from there that we are expecting
a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will
transform the body of our humiliation
that it may be conformed to the body of
his glory, by the power that also enables
him to make all things subject to himself.
Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I
love and long for, my joy and crown, stand
firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL Luke 13:31-end

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

At that very hour some Pharisees came
and said to him, "Get away from here, for
Herod wants to kill you." He said to them,
"Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am
casting out demons and performing cures
today and tomorrow, and on the third day
I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow,
and the next day I must be on my way,
because it is impossible for a prophet to
be killed away from Jerusalem.' Jerusalem,
Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets
and stones those who are sent to it!
How often have I desired to gather your
children together as a hen gathers her
brood under her wings, and you were not
willing! See, your house is left to you. And
I tell you, you will not see me until the
time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the
one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities which may happen to the
body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.