

All Saints' North Hillingdon

18th Oct † Proper 24 † Ordinary 29



Isaiah encourages God's people to be strong; the Lord is coming. They will return home, the desert will bloom, the blind will see... Jesus quotes this as referring to him. **Question:** *Are there areas in your life you feel weak, and can you find strength in God's promise?*

In Acts, Paul is guided first by the spirit preventing (?) him, and then by a vision. The story shifts to "we" when Luke joins them, and they cross for the first time to Europe. **Question:** *Can you reflect on times that God has closed or opened doors in your life, and why?*

Paul's last letter. He charges Timothy to endure hardship and fulfil his ministry. His own life has been like a sacrifice, a fight, a race, and he longs for his prize. He reflects on those who have attacked or deserted him, asks for his cloak and books. And he recalls how God strengthened him. **Question:** *How does it feel, knowing that apostles can feel worn out, lonely, betrayed, in need of clothing, friendship, & still responsible for others?*

In Luke, Jesus sends out disciples. They are to travel light, in pairs, be a peaceful presence, cure the sick, invest in relationship, and announce God is near. **Question:** *Is there someone who you might bring the peaceful presence of God to?*

New Hymns of Songs and Worship 10 am:

Opening	85	God of grace and God of glory
<i>Psalm said by Priest and response sung</i>		
Gradual	179	Meekness and Majesty
Offert'y	37	Christ triumphant
Comm'n	157	Let there be love
Sending	83	God is working his purpose out

Regular Events:

Daily - 5pm Cluster Zoom Evening prayer
 - www.stedmundschurch.com/worship.htm (not Fri)
Tues - 9am **Morning prayer** at St Nic's Heys
Wed - 10am **Holy Communion**
 10:30am **Cake, Coffee & Chat** in Hall
Thur - 7.30-8 am **Prayer meeting** in Church
Thur - **Men's Shed Group** - times tba
 contact Rev Ulric



Sun - 8am & 10am **Eucharistic Service**

All Saints Diary dates:

Fri 23rd Oct - Deanery Prayer Pilgrimage
 starting from St Jerome's 9am
Sat 31st Oct - **Children's Fancy Dress Light Party**
Sun 1st Nov - **10am All Saints / Souls Day** with
 lighting of candles to remember the departed
Sun 8th Nov - Remembrance Sunday
Sat 28th Nov - Christmas Craft Fair

**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), Marion Robinson, Pat Szymański, Rosemary Bounden:
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: Archibald Russell, Frances Longley Maudie Cole, Enid Johnson, Eileen Young, Betty Fordham, Julie Adamson, Jean Birch, Paul Buckingham, Harold Child, Peter Homewood

Ryefield Care Home Services: Dates for 2026: 3rd Nov, 1st Dec, 22nd Dec (not 5th Jan). Tues 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.

'Salt and light' social action: Email our MP on current issues: danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk

Church Magazine: October's issues out now! Submit articles for November: recipes, movie or play review? Gardening tips? Articles to saintsalive.editor@gmail.com.

Safeguarding: We are committed to be a safe and caring space for all. Our Safeguarding officer is Jane Turnbull. Please contact her if you have any concerns.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel, to be
an evangelist and physician of
the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine
of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and
power to heal;
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

Either **Isaiah 35:3-6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Or **Acts 16:6-12a**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul and Timothy went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to

Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony.

PSALM Psalm 147:1-7

R Great is our Lord and mighty in power.

Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God,
how joyful to honour him with praise.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel. **R**

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up all their wounds.
He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.
Great is our Lord and mighty in
power;
his wisdom is beyond all telling. **R**

The Lord lifts up the poor,
but casts down the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the lyre. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:5-17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above

all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

GOSPEL Luke 10:1-9

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in
tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to
preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of
your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

