

All Saints' North Hillingdon
19th April 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter



In Zephaniah, the people have suffered under God's judgement. Now Zephaniah promises restoration; that God will take his people home, rejoice over them with love, restoring them and turn their shame into praise. **Question to ponder:** *Do I know that God delights thus in me?*

In Acts, after Pentecost, Peter tells the crowd they crucified the Messiah, and tells them to repent, be baptised, and receive the Holy Spirit. **Question to ponder:** *How would I respond to Peter's call today?*

1 Peter reminds us we are judged by our deeds, but have been ransomed and born anew, and are called to live holy, loving lives. **Question to ponder:** *Is my daily life reflecting the costly love by which I have been redeemed?*

On the road to Emmaus, two disciples encounter the risen Jesus, though they do not recognise him at first. Jesus reveals himself through Scripture and the breaking of bread, turning confusion into understanding, and despair into joy. **Question to ponder:** *What am I carrying on the road of life that needs to be transformed by the risen Christ?*

New English Hymnal 10 am service:

Opening	345	Christ is the King, O friends
<i>Psalm sung and response sung</i>		
Gradual	400	Light of the minds - verses 1,4
Offert'y	375	I danced in the morning
Comm'n	115	Now the green blade riseth
Sending	362	Glorious things of thee

DIARY DATES

- Sun 19th April - APCM after service
- Sun 26th April - Baptism of Benjamin William Peter Short
- Sun 24th May - Ascension
- Sun 31st May - Trinity Sunday

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
This week: St George's day bacon rolls!

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



THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS:

Mark Callaghan, David Rance, Hazel & Helen Parris, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones, Lynn Taylor, Pat Szymański, Ann Tutton, Ruth Heslop, Jo Haunton, Maria Woods, Margaret Brown, John Williams, Sheila Scoates, Melissa Sinclair, Jacqueline Potts, 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:

Maud Clemens, Kay Clark, Dorothy Pannifer, Betty Child, Margaret Clements, Hazel Fischer, Robert Baldwin, Alex Cole, Maurice Colewell, Mildred Van Hove, George Brasnell, Jill Whitehead.

Visits / Home Communion:

Anyone who would like a chat, pray or home communion, let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 07909 127 929 ulricgerry@icloud.com.

Ryefield Care Home Communion Services:

Dates for 2026: 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July. Tuesdays at 11am. All Welcome.

'Salt and light' social action:

Because if we aren't, no one is!
 Email our MP about current debates:
danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the
disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence
with us,
that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness
and truth;
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

The reading from Acts must be used as
either the first or second reading.

Either **Acts 2:14a. 36-41**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing
with the eleven, raised his voice and
addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house
of Israel know with certainty that God has
made him both Lord and Messiah, this
Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they
heard this, they were cut to the heart and
said to Peter and to the other apostles,
"Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said
to them, "Repent, and be baptised every
one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so
that your sins may be forgiven; and you will
receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the
promise is for you, for your children, and
for all who are far away, everyone whom
the Lord our God calls to him." And he
testified with many other arguments and
exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves
from this corrupt generation." So those
who welcomed his message were baptised,
and that day about three thousand persons
were added.

Or **Zephaniah 3:14-end**

PSALM Psalm 116:1-3. 10-end
(or **116:1-7**)

R Gracious is the Lord and righteous.

I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my
supplication;
because he inclined his ear to me
on the day I called to him.
The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held. **R**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul."
How shall I repay the Lord
for all the benefits he has given to me? **R**

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful servants. **R**

O Lord, I am your servant,
your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord. **R**

I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Alleluia. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 Peter 1:17-23**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges
all people impartially according to their
deeds, live in reverent fear during the time
of your exile. You know that you were
ransomed from the futile ways inherited
from your ancestors, not with perishable
things like silver or gold, but with the
precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb
without defect or blemish. He was destined
before the foundation of the world, but was
revealed at the end of the ages for your
sake. Through him you have come to trust
in God, who raised him from the dead and
gave him glory, so that your faith and hope
are set on God. Now that you have purified
your souls by your obedience to the truth
so that you have genuine mutual love, love
one another deeply from the heart. You
have been born anew, not of perishable
but of imperishable seed, through the
living and enduring word of God.

Or **Acts 2:14a. 36-41**

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

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

On that same day, two of the disciples
were going to a village called Emmaus,
about seven miles from Jerusalem, and
talking with each other about all these
things that had happened. While they
were talking and discussing, Jesus himself
came near and went with them, but their
eyes were kept from recognising him.
And he said to them, "What are you
discussing with each other while you
walk along?" They stood still, looking
sad. Then one of them, whose name was
Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only

stranger in Jerusalem who does not know
the things that have taken place there in
these days?" Jesus asked them, "What
things?" They replied, "The things about
Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet
mighty in deed and word before God
and all the people, and how our chief
priests and leaders handed him over to be
condemned to death and crucified him.
But we had hoped that he was the one to
redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this,
it is now the third day since these things
took place. Moreover, some women of
our group astounded us. They were at the
tomb early this morning, and when they
did not find his body there, they came back
and told us that they had indeed seen a
vision of angels who said that he was alive.
Some of those who were with us went to
the tomb and found it just as the women
had said; but they did not see Jesus."
Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish
you are, and how slow of heart to believe
all that the prophets have declared! Was
it not necessary that the Messiah should
suffer these things and then enter into his
glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all
the prophets, he interpreted to them the
things about himself in all the scriptures. As
they came near the village to which they
were going, he walked ahead as if he were
going on. But they urged him strongly,
saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost
evening and the day is now nearly over."
So he went in to stay with them. When he
was at the table with them, he took bread,
blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened, and they
recognised Jesus; and he vanished from
their sight. They said to each other, "Were
not our hearts burning within us while he
was talking to us on the road, while he
was opening the scriptures to us?" That
same hour they got up and returned to
Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and
their companions gathered together. They
were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed,
and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they
told what had happened on the road, and
how he had been made known to them in
the breaking of the bread.

POST COMMUNION

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his
disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming
work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.



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