

# All Saints' North Hillingdon

## 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2026 - 4<sup>th</sup> Epiphany

### Presentation of Christ



Malachi speaks of God coming suddenly to judge, renew, and restore his people. God's coming is comforting and uncomfortable; like a fire that cleanses, so true worship and justice in society can be restored. *God will visit as soon. Is there any area of your life you might want to put right before he comes?*

Hebrews reflects on Christ's incarnation, stressing that Jesus fully shared our humanity, including suffering and death, so that he can help us in our struggles, and his sacrifice might atone for our sins.. *Are you aware of Christ's solidarity with you, or is he distant?*

In Luke, Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the temple, where humble, prayerful and watchful Simeon and Anna recognise God's salvation. And Mary's heart will be broken, reminding us that faith does not mean we avoid pain. *Our our hearts also broken? Are we watchful for Jesus?*

Together these passages remind us that God is seeking us out; but his coming involves both joy and pain, judgement, refining and renewal.

#### New English Hymnal for 10 am service:

Opening	197	Hail to the lord's anointed
Gradual	377	Lead us heavenly father lead us
Offert'y	359	Lift up your heads
Comm'n	376	Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Sending	415	Love divine all loves excelling

#### Regular Mid-week Events:

Wed - 10am Holy Communion  
Followed by  
10:30am Cake, Coffee & Chat in Hall



#### Diary Dates:

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feb - Evening Prayer 5.30pm

St Laurence Cowley

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb - Ash Wednesday service

10am and 7.30 pm

\*\*don't forget to return your crosses  
at the beginning of February\*\*

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Tuesdays in Lent: Study Group 7.30pm  
at Jonathan Mead's home.

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March – “Gary Barlow” is singing  
in our hall. See Lesley for tickets.

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> March - Mothering Sunday

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday

**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, Lyn Prior, Lynn Taylor, Tony Bond, Pat Szymański, Ann Tutton, Ruth Heslop, Jo Haunton, Mika Woods, Margaret Brown and John Williams; Lord, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

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**We remember anniversaries of the deaths of:**  
Kath Parsons, Aileen Giddens, Joyce Owen.

#### Ryefield Care Home Communion Services:

Dates for 2026: 3rd February, 3rd March, 14th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July.

**'Salt and light' social action:** Because if we aren't, no one is! Email our MP about current debates: [danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk)

#### 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](mailto:ulricgerry@icloud.com)

## COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

## PSALM Psalm 24:[1-6] 7-end

R The Lord of hosts: he is the king of glory.

[The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

R

"Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who can rise up in his holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,

who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie; R

"They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the company of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. R]

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is the King of glory?" "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord who is mighty in battle." R

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. "Who is this King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory." R

## SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14-end

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

## GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of

the Lord, "a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

## POST COMMUNION

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

