

All Saints' North Hillingdon

1st March 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent



In Genesis God calls Abram to leave his people for the promised land, that his descendants might become a great nation and a blessing to all the earth. Faith begins with trustful obedience to God's plan for us. *What might God be asking you to leave behind so that you can enter your promised land?*

In Romans, St Paul reminds us that Abraham was righteous not by good works or law, but by faith in God's promises. Our relationship with God rests not on our achievements, but on trusting the God who gives life and keeps promises. *Where am I tempted to rely on my own effort instead of trusting God's grace?*

In John's gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus, that God loves us so much he gave his son for us, and that we are saved by believing in him, a faith that is not religious knowledge, but a surrender to the king, that we might live in his Kingdom. What might it mean for me to live as "born from above" in this season?

From Abram's call to Christ's cross, we are invited to have faith in the God who loves us.

New English Hymnal 10 am service:

Opening	338	At the Name of Jesus
Gradual	76	Take up thy cross (v 1,5,6)
Offert'y	439	Praise to the holiest (omit *v)
Comm'n	178	Tis good lord to be here
Sending	375	I danced in the morning

Regular Mid-week Events:

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



Diary Dates:

Fri 6th March – 2pm Women World Day of Prayer
 North Hillingdon Methodist Church
Sat 14th March – "Gary Barlow" is singing
 in our hall. See Lesley for tickets.

Sun 15th March - Mothering Sunday – No 8am
 Sunday service or Wed service on 18th March
Sun 29th March - Palm Sunday

LENT STUDY GROUPS:

Tuesdays Eve: 'The Way' 7.30pm from 24th Feb
 at Jonathan Mead's 36 Sweetcroft Lane.
Thursday morn: 'The Way' 10.00am, from Thur
 26 March at North Hillingdon Baptist
Wed eve: 'Who is Christ' St Johns Grondon Room
 and on **zoom** Wed 7:30pm - 9pm and
Sat morn: St Johns Café Area 11am - 12:30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays in Lent 6pm in church.

FOOD BANK: Collection @ rear of church.

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 and Melissa Sinclair: **Lord, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.**



We remember anniversaries of the deaths of:

Albert Jones, Eileen Dawson, Steve Peabody, Ethel Barrington, Dorothy Gibson, Myra Jones, Jean Tucker, Louisa Alison, Nellie Boote, Terry Western.

Ryefield Care Home Services:

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

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.

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

Sunday

1 March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

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 12:1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from
your country and your kindred and your
father's house to the land that
I will show you. I will make of you a
great nation, and I will bless you, and
make your name great, so that you will
be a blessing. I will bless those who
bless you, and the one who curses you
I will curse; and in you all the families of
the earth shall be blessed." So Abram
went, as the LORD had told him; and
Lot went with him.

PSALM Psalm 121

R *The Lord shall keep you from all evil.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
he who watches over you will not sleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R**

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right
hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by
day,
neither the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul

The Lord shall keep watch over your
going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5. 13-17

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Romans.*

What are we to say was gained by
Abraham, our ancestor according to
the flesh? For if Abraham was justified
by works, he has something to boast
about, but not before God. For what
does the scripture say? "Abraham
believed God, and it was reckoned to
him as righteousness." Now to one who
works, wages are not reckoned as a gift
but as something due. But to one who
without works trusts him who justifies
the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as
righteousness. For the promise that he
would inherit the world did not come to
Abraham or to his descendants through
the law but through the righteousness
of faith. If it is the adherents of the law
who are to be the heirs, faith is null
and the promise is void. For the law
brings wrath; but where there is no
law, neither is there violation. For this
reason it depends on faith, in order that
the promise may rest on grace and be
guaranteed to all his descendants, not
only to the adherents of the law but also
to those who share the faith of Abraham
(for he is the father of all of us, as it is
written, "I have made you the father of
many nations") – Abraham believed in
the presence of the God who gives life
to the dead and calls into existence the
things that do not exist.

GOSPEL John 3:1-17

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John.*

There was a Pharisee named
Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He
came to Jesus by night and said to
him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a
teacher who has come from God; for
no one can do these signs that you
do apart from the presence of God."
Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell
you, no one can see the kingdom of

God without being born from above."
Nicodemus said to him, "How can
anyone be born after having grown old?
Can one enter a second time into the
mother's womb and be born?" Jesus
answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one
can enter the kingdom of God without
being born of water and Spirit. What
is born of the flesh is flesh, and what
is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be
astonished that I said to you, 'You must
be born from above.' The wind blows
where it chooses, and you hear the
sound of it, but you do not know where
it comes from or where it goes. So it is
with everyone who is born of the Spirit."
Nicodemus said to him, "How can these
things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are
you a teacher of Israel, and yet you
do not understand these things? Very
truly, I tell you, we speak of what we
know and testify to what we have seen;
yet you do not receive our testimony.
If I have told you about earthly things
and you do not believe, how can you
believe if I tell you about heavenly
things? No one has ascended into
heaven except the one who descended
from heaven, the Son of Man. And just
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the
wilderness, so must the Son of Man be
lifted up, that whoever believes in him
may have eternal life. For God so loved
the world that he gave his only Son, so
that everyone who believes in him may
not perish but may have eternal life.
Indeed, God did not send the Son into
the world to condemn the world, but
in order that the world might be saved
through him."

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.

