

All Saints' North Hillingdon

2nd Aug † Proper 13 † Ordinary 18



Isaiah writes to the Israelites who have returned from exile, who have lost their temple, their land and their confidence in God. He invites them to listen to God and "come to the waters" and eat "without money". It's a powerful image of abundance and blessing. For us it points to Christ, the one who offers "living water" and satisfies hunger that money cannot buy. **Question to ponder:** What am I spending money or time on that doesn't satisfy?

Paul agonises that his fellow Jews, God's chosen people, have not embraced Jesus as Messiah, the One who fulfilled all the promises of God to them. He insists God's plan is irrevocable and that the Jews will one day find salvation in the messiah. **Question to ponder:** Is there anyone on my heart I have stopped praying for salvation for?

In Matthew, the crowds follow Jesus to a desert place, and he has great compassion on them, healing the sick and feeding them. It echoes Moses providing manna in the wilderness and Elisha feeding a hundred with barley loaves. Some see the loaves and fish like scripture that nourishes our souls. Others the disciples' role, God blessing what inadequate human hands provide. **Question:** Do I feel compassion for the lost? Do I want to send them away? Or trust the little I have to offer might be enough?

New Hymns of Songs and Worship 10 am:

Opening	436	Praise, my soul the King of ..
<i>Psalm said by Priest and response sung</i>		
Gradual	376	I heard the voice of Jesus say
Offert'y	372	He who would valiant be
Comm'n	95	When I survey
Sending	368	Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Regular Mid-week Events:

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

Thur - 7.30-8am Prayer meeting in Church

Thur - 10am-12 noon Men's Shed Group



All Saints Diary dates:

Sun 23rd Aug – 10am service Cluster Pulpit swap with St Nicolas and Rev Dave Scott

Sun 6th Sept - Coffee Morning for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre after 10am Service

Sat 19th Sept - Bollywood Night in All Saints Hall

Sun 27th Sept - Harvest Festival

Sat 31st Sept – Children's Fancy Dress Light Party

Sun 1st Nov – All Saints Day

Sun 8th Nov – Remembrance Sunday

Deanery notices – Leaflets at back of church

- See "Misson Zone Update June 2026" information on 'Clusters' and initiatives and 'Covenant Service' 4th October.
- Prayer Pilgrimage 10th Sept, 26th Sept, 23rd October.

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), Frances Bright (knee), Marion Robinson: *LORD, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.*

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This Sunday we remember the anniversary of

the deaths of: Bert Wright, David Burridge, Shirley Robertson, Tim Stapleton, David Pluck, Douglas Miller, Alice Barnett, Albert Russell, Kathleen Monahan

Ryefield Care Home Services: Dates for 2026: 4th Aug, 1st Sept, 29th Sept (not 6th Oct), 3rd Nov, 1st Dec, 22nd Dec (not 5th Jan). Tuesdays at 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.

Sunday

2 August 2026 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your
Church:
open our hearts to the riches of
your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of
the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 Isaiah 55:1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Or **Genesis 32:22-31**

PSALM Psalm 145:8-9. 15-end

[or 145:15-end]

R Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great
goodness.

The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his
creatures. **R**

[The Lord upholds all those who
fall

and lifts up all those who are
bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you,
O Lord,
and you give them their food in
due season. **R**

You open wide your hand
and fill all things living with plenty.
The Lord is righteous in all his
ways

and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call
upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully. **R**

He fulfils the desire of those who
fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
The Lord watches over those who
love him,
but all the wicked shall he destroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of
the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy
name for ever and ever.] **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

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

I am speaking the truth in Christ.
I am not lying; my conscience
confirms it by the Holy Spirit. I
have great sorrow and unceasing
anguish in my heart. For I could
wish that I myself were accursed
and cut off from Christ for the sake
of my own people, my kindred
according to the flesh. They are
Israelites, and to them belong the
adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship,
and the promises; to them belong
the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, comes
the Messiah, who is over all, God
blessed for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

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

When Jesus heard that Herod had
beheaded John the Baptist, he
withdrew in a boat to a deserted
place by himself. But when the
crowds heard it, they followed
him on foot from the towns. When
he went ashore, he saw a great
crowd; and he had compassion for
them and cured their sick. When it
was evening, the disciples came to
him and said, "This is a deserted
place, and the hour is now late;
send the crowds away so that they
may go into the villages and buy
food for themselves." Jesus said
to them, "They need not go away;
you give them something to eat." They
replied, "We have nothing
here but five loaves and two fish." And
he said, "Bring them here to
me." Then he ordered the crowds
to sit down on the grass. Taking
the five loaves and the two fish, he
looked up to heaven, and blessed
and broke the loaves, and gave
them to the disciples, and the
disciples gave them to the crowds.
And all ate and were filled; and
they took up what was left over of
the broken pieces, twelve baskets
full. And those who ate were
about five thousand men, besides
women and children.

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the
table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language to share in the eternal
banquet of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

