

All Saints' North Hillingdon

22nd Feb 2026

1st Sunday of Lent



In the garden the serpent sows doubt about God's goodness, leading to Adam's disobedience and shame. Mistrusting God's goodness opens the door to sin, broken relationships and hiding from God. *Q: Where are you tempted to "improve" your life by yourself, rather than trusting God?*

In Romans, Paul contrasts Adam's disobedience that brought sin and death with Christ's obedience that lead righteousness and life. *Do you live more in Adam's shadow of guilt and shame, or in Christ's gift of grace and new life?*

Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness. He faces the devil's temptations: to gain a messianic following by feeding people, by doing miracles, by a political take over. Instead, Jesus chooses obedience and the way of the cross. *When you make decisions, is the Lord and his Word at the heart of your decision-making?*

Together these readings trace the story from Adam's disobedience in the garden, that brought death, and the cross-shaped obedience of Jesus, that brought life. We are invited to live not under Adam but in Christ.

New Hymns and worship songs 10 am service:

Opening	12	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's Cry
Gradual	67	Forty days and forty nights (verses 1,5,6 only)
Offert'y	383	Jesu, lover of my soul (omit v3)
Comm'n	307	Sweet sacrament divine
Sending	495	God is working His purpose out (omit v2)

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 - 10am service only

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, Lyn Prior, Lynn Taylor, Tony Bond, Pat Szymański, Ann Tutton, Ruth Heslop, Jo Haunton, Mika 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: Jean Edington, Peter Morgan, Val Davies, Joyce Smith, Lucy Du Feu, Kikeloma Ayandipo, Noel Anderson, Henry Hayward, Fr Raymond Phillips, Arthur Jones, Ian Marchant, Trevor Ford, John Smith, Betty Mayer, Bob Bell.

Ryefield Care Home Communion 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.

Sunday 22 February 2026 First Sunday of Lent

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in
the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without
sin:

give us grace to discipline ourselves in
obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

PSALM Psalm 32

R Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.

Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven,
and whose sin is covered.
Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile. **R**

For I held my tongue;
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all the day long.
Your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and my iniquity I did not hide. **R**

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.

You are a place for me to hide in;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with songs of deliverance. **R**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding;
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." **R**

Great tribulations remain for the wicked,
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned – sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass,

death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so the act of righteousness of one leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one person's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

