

All Saints' North Hillingdon

25th Jan 2026 - 2nd Epiphany

Conversion of St Paul



God destined Jeremiah to be a prophet from the womb, reassuring him that not to fear, as he will be given him the words to say and change nations. It's all about God's grace, not our human abilities or confidence. *Question: What might God be calling you to do, despite feelings of inadequacy or fears?*

In Acts, Saul encounters the risen Christ on the Damascus Road. He learns that the Church is Christ's body, that Jesus is risen, is Messiah and Lord God, and that God is calling him to bring the message to the world. We have also encountered Christ. What might God be calling for you to change or do ?

In Galatians Paul reminds us that his conversion, gospel message and life-calling came from God and not people. How is your life changed by Christ?

In Matthew, Peter worries he has giving up everything to follow Jesus. Jesus says his disciples may well lose houses, family and land, but '*at the renewal of all things*' will get eternal life and sit on thrones. Is your hope in heaven or in earthly things?

New English Hymnal for 10 am service:

Opening	197	For all the Saints who from whom..
Gradual	377	Immortal, Invisible v1,3,4
Offert'y	359	Fight the good fight with all
Comm'n	376	I heard the voice of Jesus say
Sending	415	O for a thousand tongues

Regular Mid-week Events:

Tues - 7.30pm Bible Study @ Vicarage
Wed - 10 am Holy Communion
10:30am Cake, Coffee & Chat in Hall



Diary Dates:

Sun 1st Feb - Presentation of Christ (Candlemass)

Sun 8th Feb - Evening Prayer 5.30pm
St Laurence Cowley

Wed 18th Feb - Ash Wednesday service
10am and 7.30 pm

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

Sun 22nd Feb – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

Sat 14th March – “Gary Barlow” is singing in our hall

Sun 15th March - Mothering Sunday

Sun 29th 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, 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:

Peter Capes, Joseph Burrows, David Turnbull, Stanley Waterman, Muriel Collins, Daphne Cox, Bryan Child, Zena Ediss, Joan Smith.

Ryefield Care Home Communion Services:

Dates for 2026: 3rd February, 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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant

Saint Paul:

grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your 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

Either **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Or **Acts 9:1-22**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see

nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptised, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

PSALM Psalm 67

R Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. **R**

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,

and God, our own God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **Acts 9:1-22**

Or **Galatians 1:11-16a**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being.

GOSPEL

Matthew 19:27-end

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

Peter said to Jesus: "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

