

All Saints' North Hillingdon
26th April 2026
4th Sunday of Easter
+ Baptism of Benjamin



Acts describes how the very first Christian community lived after Pentecost; “devoted to teaching, fellowship, prayer, and sharing with those in need”. They expected the bodily immanent return of Jesus. Church was never only about worship, but a community shaped by generosity, joy, and praise. **Question to ponder:** Is our church community so attractive that the Lord is adding to our number daily?

Peter encourages Christians facing hardship and injustice to endure faithfully, not returning abuse, just as Jesus did, and to live holy lives under the care of Jesus, the shepherd of our souls. **Question to ponder:** How do we react to hardship and injustice?

In John, Jesus uses the image of a shepherd and to describe his relationship with us. He is the true shepherd whose voice the sheep know and trust, and he is “the gate” through which we find safety, green pastures and life. However, there are also thieves after the sheep, also recognisable by their voices, who want to kill, steal and destroy. **Question to ponder:** Can I discern the voices of the good shepherd and also the thief?

New English Hymnal 10 am service:

Opening	374	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (omit v3,5)
<i>Psalm sung and response sung</i>		
Gradual	457	The King of love (omit 3,4)
Offert’y	376	I heard the voice of Jesus say
Comm’n	282	Faithful Shepherd, feed me
Sending	338	At the name of Jesus (omit 6)

DIARY DATES

Sun 24th May - Pentecost Sunday
 Sun 31st May - Trinity Sunday

FOOD BANK: Donations for our local food bank @ rear of church.

Regular Mid-week Events:

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



Giving is part of our worship
 You can use the QR code or place an offering in the basket >>>>>>>



THIS WEEK’S INTERCESSIONS (Submit names + if suitable, what we are praying for May update):

Michael Sullivan (in hospital) Mark Callaghan, David Rance, Hazel & Helen Parris, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones, Lynn Taylor, Pat Szymański (foot ulcer and depression), Ann Tutton, Ruth Heslop, Jo Haunton, Maria Woods, Margaret Brown, John Williams, Sheila Scoates, Melissa Sinclair, Jacqueline Potts, Marion Robinson: - *LORD, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.*



We remember anniversaries of the deaths of:

Pip Piper, Pat Chapman, Edward Hensley, Margaret Deaville, Harry Franklin.

Church Magazine: Articles to saintsalive.editor@gmail.com. Submit your favourite recipe? How you came to faith? A review of a play? Tell us about an activity you go to? Gardening tips? Local places to visit?

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.

Ryefield Care Home Communion Services:

Dates for 2026: 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July. Tuesdays at 11am. All Welcome.

‘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 26 April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things
which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Either **Acts 2:42-end**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Many were baptised and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Or **Genesis 7**

PSALM Psalm 23

R *I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green
pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they
comfort me. **R**
You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who
trouble me;
you have anointed my head with
oil and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy
shall follow me all the days of my
life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 Peter 2:19-end**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Brothers and sisters: It is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Or **Acts 2:42-end**

GOSPEL John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to
be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down
his life and rise again:
keep us always under his
protection,
and give us grace to follow in his
steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

