

All Saints' North Hillingdon

26th July † Proper 12 † Ordinary 17



In Kings, God appears to Solomon in a dream and invites him to ask for anything. Solomon is young and insecure and asks not for wealth or long life, but for a discerning mind to govern God's people well, which God grants. Yet, as Solomon's reign goes well, in the latter part of his life he loses his humility and dependence on God. *To ponder: What would you ask for if God offered you anything tonight; and if you got it, would you keep trusting him?*

In Romans, Paul reassures us that the Spirit intercedes for us "with groans too deep for words" when we don't even know how to pray, and that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. This passage has comforted believers for centuries because it doesn't promise an easy life, but that God is in control and his unbreakable love is with us through difficult times. *To ponder: Where in your life right now do you most need to hear that nothing can separate you from God's love?*

In Matthew, Jesus paints the kingdom of heaven through everyday things: a mustard seed, yeast, hidden treasure, a fine pearl, a net full of fish. In each, God's kingdom starts small and hidden, yet grows, and is of great value. These parables invite us to see and seek out the hidden kingdom of God at work quietly around us. *To ponder: in your busy life, where is God's Kingdom? Where might God be inviting you to seek his treasure?*

New Hymns of Songs and Worship 10 am:

Opening	198	x248 How Great Thou art
<i>Psalm said by Priest and response sung</i>		
Gradual	232	Seek ye first (? NO chorus **)
Offert'y	71	Give me joy in my heart
Comm'n	33	Brother, sister, let me serve you
Sending	115	I cannot tell

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 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.

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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:

Edith Thorne, Trudy Major, Bert Wright, David Burrige, and Mim Hewlett who passed on 18th July and Michael Sullivan who passed 20th July.

Church Magazine: July out now! Submit articles next issues: Favourite recipe? How you came to faith? Play review? A local activity? Gardening tips? Articles to saintsalive.editor@gmail.com.

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.

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of
your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Or **Genesis 29:15-28**

PSALM Psalm 119:129-136

R *The opening of your word gives light.*

Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The opening of your word gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple. **R**

I open my mouth and draw in my breath,
as I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love
your name. **R**

Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have dominion
over me.
Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your commandments. **R**

Show the light of your countenance upon
your servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes run down with streams of water,
because the wicked do not keep your
law. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,

nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33. 44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed with the
fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.



The op'-ning of your word gives light.