

All Saints' North Hillingdon

29th June 2025 - Green

Trinity 2 / Proper 8



After Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal and Jezebel he is exhausted. God speaks in a 'still small voice', reassures him, and gives him new purpose. *When you sit down and listen, what does the still small voice of God say to you?*

Paul's letter to the Galatians, is about whether non-Jews need to follow the Jewish law. Paul says that the answer for our human sinful behaviours is not more law, both of which enslave us, but love and service of others. This is true freedom. He contrasts living lives enslaved to our fallen flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. *What does freedom mean to you? What are some "works of the flesh" you notice in the world or even in yourself? Which fruit of the Spirit do you most desire to grow in your own life right now? And why?* Paul speaks of crucifying the flesh. *What does that mean for you personally?*

The gospel passage marks the point when Jesus turns from ministry to the cross. *What is your heart set on?* There are many obstacles to the way to the cross; rejection, seeking comfort, seeking revenge, responsibilities, and family pressures. *What makes discipleship hard for you?* Jesus became the most influential human being to ever have lived by following this path. *How will we be remembered?*

New English Hymnal - Hymns at 10 O'Clock

Gathering	354	Eternal Father, strong to save
Gradual	353	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
Offertory	465	Thou didst leave thy throne
Comm'n	86	My song is love unknown
Sending	467	Through all the changing scenes

Events this week:

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

Bible Study: Tuesdays in the Vicarage 7.30pm

Social Event Dates for 2025:

5th July – Summer Fete: 12 noon to 3pm
20th July – All Saints Dedication Lunch

Our Guest preacher next Sunday 6th July at the 10am will be Wilton Grey MBE

QR code for giving to All Saints Church: (gift aid forms on side table)



THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS: We lift up to the Lord those who have asked for our prayers; Mark Callaghan, Simon Matthews, David Rance, Hazel & Helen Parris, John Clarke, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones, James Wills, Lyn Prior, Lynn Taylor, Tony Bond, Pat Szymański, Ann Tutton, Reilly McNamara. **May they know the Lord's healing, grace and blessing.**

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We remember the anniversaries this week of the deaths of: Ann Brasnell, Ivor Chapman, Arnold Wheatley, Amy Maunder.

Confirmation: The Bishop is coming Sunday morning **16th November** to do a confirmation service; if you are interested, let me know; ulricgerry@icloud.com

'Salt and light' social action: Email our MP on recent issues such as welfare reforms, late term abortion and assisted dying danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk

Visits / Home Communion: If you know of anyone who needs a home or hospital visit, or needs prayer, let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 07909 127 929 ulricgerry@icloud.com

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COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us
that all our doings without love are
nothing worth:
send your Holy Spirit
and pour into our hearts that most
excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted
dead before you.
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's
sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:15-16. 19-end

A reading from the first book of Kings.

The LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place." So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Or **2 Kings 2:1-2. 6-14**

PSALM Psalm 16

R *The Lord is at my right hand; I shall not fall.*

Preserve me, O God, for in you have
I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my lord,
all my good depends on you."
All my delight is upon the godly that are
in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart. **R**

Though the idols are legion
that many run after,

their drink offerings of blood I will not
offer,
neither make mention of their names upon
my lips.
The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune. **R**

My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the Lord who has given me
counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my
heart. **R**

I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit
rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure. **R**

For you will not abandon my soul to
Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for
evermore. **R**

SECOND READING Galatians 5:1. 13-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit

the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 9:51-end

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

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another Jesus said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

POST COMMUNION

Loving Father,
we thank you for feeding us at the supper
of your Son:
sustain us with your Spirit,
that we may serve you here on earth
until our joy is complete in heaven,
and we share in the eternal banquet
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

