All Saints' North Hillingdon 31st August 2025 – Green Trinity 11 / Proper 17



This week's readings are all about humility, love and service. Ecclesiasticus reminds us of the destructive effects of pride, alienating us from God, and how, in contrast, the humble inherit the earth. Where in your life might pride be quietly pulling you away from the Lord?

In Hebrews the writer encourages Christians to keep the faith, to keep loving, showing hospitality, remember the suffering, honouring marriage and not loving money. Why? Because God is faithful "I will never leave you or forsake you", and Christ doesn't change, so we should keep praising, loving and serving. Which of these should I be more intentional about this week?

In Luke Jesus uses table etiquette to teach humility and generosity, to not seek the place of honour and offer hospitality. *Is there anyone I can help who cannot repay me?*

New English Hymnal - 10 O'Clock

Gathering 258 O Christ the same through all Gradual 64 Be thou my guardian and my

Offertory 294 Just as I am

Comm'n 127 To Thee our God we fly

Sending 186 Tell out, my soul, the greatness

Mid-week Events:

Wed - 10:30am Cake, Coffee & Chat in Hall
NB no 10am Wed services in August

Diary Dates:

Sun 31st Aug – (No 8am service) 10am service Rev Andrew Chapman

Sun 21st Sept: Macmillan Coffee Morning (after 10am Eucharist) and 6pm Long Lane churches joint service at Methodists

5th Oct - Harvest Festival Sunday

With shared lunch 12:15 after 10am service

2nd Nov – All Souls service 5pm with lighting of candles to remember the departed

9th Nov - Remembrance Service 10am

with laying of wreaths

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. May they know the Lord's healing, grace and blessing.

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We remember the anniversaries this week of the deaths of: Lydia Hounslow, Leslie Constable, Scottie Coleman, Rose Marriott, Mignon Hargreaves, Frank Longman, Arthur Gigg, Bill Wilson, Margaret Blake, Edward Johnson, Sandra Barton, Mary Keen, Audrey Francis

Confirmation: The Bishop is coming 10 am Sunday 16th Nov if you are interested, let me know: ulricgerry@icloud.com

Ryefield Court Care Home:

Holy Communion Tuesdays 11am on: 9th Sep, 7th Oct, 4th Nov, 2nd December.

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

'Salt and light' social action:

Email our MP on recent issues such as asylum & the economy, danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk

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Sunday 31 August 2025 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,

that we, running the way of your commandments,

may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure:

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 Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Or Proverbs 25:6-7

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Or Jeremiah 2:4-13

PSALM Psalm 112

R The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

Alleluia.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land.

a generation of the faithful that will be blest. **R**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright:

gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. **R**

It goes well with those who are generous in lending

and order their affairs with justice, For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. R

Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes. They have given freely to the poor;

their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair;

the desire of the wicked shall perish. R

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8. 15-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said. "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually

offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL Luke 14:1. 7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,

we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice

which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:

by our communion

keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel

and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.





