

# All Saints' North Hillingdon

## 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025 – Green

### Trinity 7 / Proper 13



In Ecclesiastes, the Teacher asks what is the meaning of life if we are all going to die. *Do you feel your life is “in vain”? And what does this say about your life? How does faith in Christ change your understanding of the meaning of life?*

In Paul's letter to the Colossians, he contrasts the old earthly self and desires (greed, anger, lies, lust), under God's judgement, with the new life “hidden with Christ in God.” Paul calls for a radical change, reflecting baptism: dying and rising to new righteous life with Christ. *What does it mean for you to “put on the new self”? Which part of your “earthly nature” is God calling you to give up?*

At the time of the gospels, property disputes were brought to teachers for resolution. Jesus tells a counter-cultural parable that warns against greed and self-reliance. The rich fool is not condemned for being rich, but trusting in wealth and failing to be “rich toward God.” *What does it mean to be “rich toward God” in your life? Are there any “barns” you're building that keep you from trusting God today?*

#### New English Hymnal - 10 O'Clock

Gathering	334	All people that on earth
Gradual	480	In Christ there is no East or West
Offertory	263	All creatures of our God and King
Comm'n	373	How shall I sing that majesty
Sending	359	Fight the good fight with all

#### Mid-week Events:

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

#### Diary Dates for 2025:

- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Aug – 2.30-5.30pm Afternoon Tea  
Vicarage Garden for Breast Cancer Now
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Aug – (No 8am service) 10am service  
Rev Michael Bolle
- Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Aug – (No 8am service) 10am service  
Rev Andrew Chapman
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Sept: Macmillan Coffee Morning

(after 10am Eucharist) and 6pm Long Lane churches joint service at Methodists

5<sup>th</sup> Oct - Harvest Festival Sunday  
with shared lunch 12:15 after 10am service

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

9<sup>th</sup> 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:** Ann Brasnell, Ivor Chapman, Arnold Wheatley, Amy Maunder.

#### This Sunday: 'Concerts in the Park':

The Stardust Big Band (featuring Simon Hamlin on Baritone Saxophone) @Pinner Memorial Park Sun 3rd August 2025 2:30- 4:30pm (free).

**Confirmation:** The Bishop is coming Sunday morning 16<sup>th</sup> November if you are interested, let me know: [ulricgerry@icloud.com](mailto:ulricgerry@icloud.com)

**Ryefield Court Care Home:** Holy Communion Tuesdays 11am on: 12<sup>th</sup> Aug, 9<sup>th</sup> Sep, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ulricgerry@icloud.com)

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# Sunday

3 August 2025

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

## COLLECT

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your  
name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the  
same;  
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

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.*

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Or **Hosea 11:1-11**

**PSALM Psalm 49:1-12 [or 49:1-9]** 

**R** *Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.*

Hear this, all you peoples;  
listen, all you that dwell in the world,  
You of low or high degree,  
both rich and poor together. **R**



My mouth shall speak of wisdom  
and my heart shall meditate on  
understanding.  
I will incline my ear to a parable;  
I will unfold my riddle with the lyre. **R**

Why should I fear in evil days,  
when the malice of my foes surrounds  
me,  
Such as trust in their goods  
and glory in the abundance of their  
riches?  
For no one can indeed ransom another  
or pay to God the price of deliverance. **R**

To ransom a soul is too costly;  
there is no price one could pay for it,  
So that they might live for ever,  
and never see the grave.  
For we see that the wise die also;  
with the foolish and ignorant they  
perish  
and leave their riches to others. **R**

Their tomb is their home for ever,  
their dwelling through all generations,  
though they call their lands after their  
own names.  
Those who have honour, but lack  
understanding,  
are like the beasts that perish. **R**

## SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have

clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

## GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to the crowd, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God."

## POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine  
and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may  
live:  
may we so receive within ourselves the  
power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup, we may share his  
glory and be made perfect in his  
love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for  
ever.