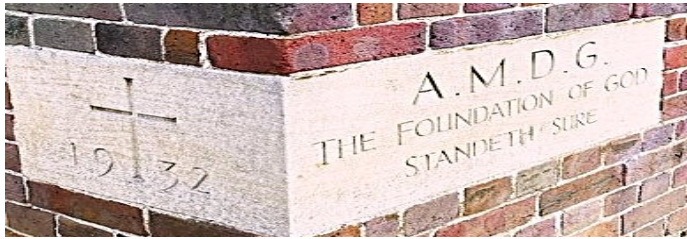


All Saints' North Hillingdon
9th February 2025
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What embarrasses us? Of what are we ashamed? Perhaps it is not always what we think. When Isaiah had his vision of God on his throne, he feels ashamed of the words he has spoken “Woe is me, I am a man of unclean lips”. When Simon Peter follows Jesus’s fishing tip, and miraculously gets a large catch of fish he feels ashamed “Get away from me Lord for I am an unclean man”. In both cases the Lord is less concerned about the men’s past shame, and more concerned with their future service. Isaiah is called to speak out be a prophet to the nation of Israel in difficult times. Simon Peter is called to be a fisher of men. Our God is more concerned with us making the most of our future lives, than judging us and having us dwelling morosely on our pasts. What a wonderful God we serve.

HYMNS AT 10 O’CLOCK

- Gathering 122** I the Lord of sea and sky
- Gradual 164** Lord Jesus Christ
- Offertory 15** And Can it be that I should
- Comm’n 24** Be still my soul
- Sending 292** Will you come and follow me

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion	10:30am Cake, Coffee and Chat in Hall
<i>Rev Richard Young, South Hillingdon Mission Enabler, will visiting us for our 8am and 10am services on 16th February</i>	
Social Event Dates for 2025:	
8th March	– Quiz night 7.30 in hall
10th May	– Live music and Dancing night
5th July	– Summer Fete 12 to 3pm
Lent and Easter Dates:	
5th March:	- Ash Wednesday 7.30 pm
30th March:	- Mothering Sunday
13th April:	- Palm Sunday
17th April:	- Maundy Thursday 7.30 pm
18th April:	- Good Friday (walk + vigil)
20th April:	- Easter Sunday

BOILER UPDATE

We are now pursuing getting permission for replacing the gas boiler rather than electric heating. The cost is around £26k, so far we have raised £5.5k. Well done! We’ll let you know how we are doing. Donations to: **“All Saints Church Hillingdon Parish Church”** Sort Code: **20-89-16** a/c number: **00107344** (please fill in gift-aid form so we can re-claim tax)

THIS WEEK’S INTERCESSIONS: We lift up to the Lord those who have asked for our prayers; *Mark Callaghan, Michael Worrell, Simon Matthews, David Rance, Hazel & Helen Parris, John Clarke, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones, James Wills, Lyn Prior, Lynn Taylor, Tony Bond.* **May they know his grace, healing and salvation.**

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We remember those who have died around this time: *Ernest Mosby, Doris Lilian Blair, Len Trett, Emily Bake, Kit Williams, Angela Anderson, Arthur Wheatley, Peter Glover and Laurie Hicks.*

Banns of Marriage: 9, 16, 23 Feb: We publish the banns of marriage between **Darryl Jackson** and **Amy Chapman**. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is the ... time of asking.

Call for MAGAZINE EDITORS and CONTENT

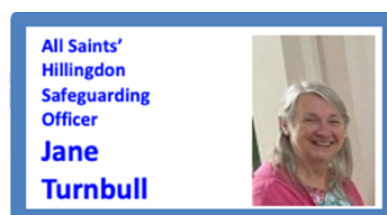
We are still looking for a permanent editor for the church magazine, so if anyone feels inspired to edit or contribute articles, let us know. saintsalive.editor@gmail.com

VISITS / HOME COMMUNION

Holy Communion service at Ryefield Court 11am Tuesday 11th Feb; Church members are welcome. If you know of anyone who needs a home or hospital visit, Holy communion or prayer, please let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 07909 127 929 ulricgerry@icloud.com

SOCIAL ACTION: email our MP on recent issues: danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk

Parish Website: www.allsaintsnorthillingdon.co.uk
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Sunday

9 February 2025

Fourth Sunday before Lent

COLLECT

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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 (Short or long reading)

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-end]

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled. The holy seed is its stump."]

PSALM Psalm 138

R *Your loving kindness, O Lord, endures forever.*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
I will bow down towards your holy temple
and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things. **R**

In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you,
O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth. **R**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;
as for the proud, he regards them from afar. **R**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.
The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to

someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

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

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

POST COMMUNION

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

