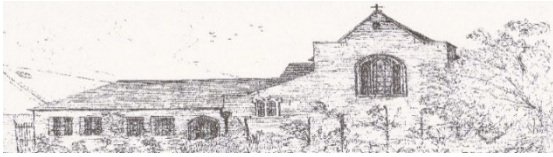


All Saints' North Hillingdon

17th March 2024



Jesus knows that the hour is coming for him to be glorified. Reflecting on this reading, Jesus was talking about his death. He was trying to say that if the Son of Man doesn't go to the cross, salvation won't take place. Deliverance won't take place. Before the wheat germinates, it needs to die.

Jesus says he has come to die, he will be resurrected, the gospel will spread.... He was talking about himself when he was talking about the wheat. The seed must die to bear fruit. Healing will come. He must die to be resurrected. Go to the cross, redeem your life. In today's reading, Jesus is clear that he cannot turn away from what lies ahead. Let us, then, not turn away from the difficult things that lie in our future, or that we can see in the world around us at this time.

Instead we trust that God is with us as we face them, and as we walk alongside one another seeking a future of peace and justice for all.

NEH:HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Gathering	393	Lead us, heavenly Father
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*To book Banns of Marriage,
Weddings, Baptisms and so on,
please come along to Vestry
Hour, which normally takes
place in church on Saturdays
between 10:00 & 11:00
(No appointment is needed.)*



This week's Notices

Wednesday 20 th March 10am	Rev'd Ulric
Friday 22 nd March Stations of the Cross	6pm Rev'd Ulric followed by fellowship in Vicarage
Sunday 24 th March: 8 & 10 Plam Sunday	Rev'd Ulric
Walk of Witness All Saints Church link (approx. 11.03am)	Good Friday, March 29th
Sunday 14 th April All Saints APCM. ANNUAL REPORTS DUE 31st MARCH to ulricgerry@icloud.com	In church after 10 am Service
Saturday 20 th April Reggae & Soul Live event Tickets £25	Church Hall 7:30 -11:30PM

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

***We hold in your presence all who are
being cared for in this parish, for the
staff at the care homes for their care and
dedication. We name before you all those
with particular needs who have asked
for our prayers;***

Lee Arnold, Linda White, Janet Schlachter, Judy Burridge, Daphne Dix; Macey Ann Brazil, Veronica Samuels, Gill Mayer; Beverly Leavy, Hazel & Helen Parris, Pearl Syer, Lynn Taylor, Mark Callaghan, Susie Bromham, Georgie Isaiah, Marion Fogell, and The Reverend Greville Thomas.

***May they know your presence with them,
and that you are their strength, their
healing, and their salvation.***

We remember before God those who have died recently:

Give strength to those who are left to grieve and help us to share in each other's sorrow.

***For those whose anniversary falls at
about this time;***

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19 th	Fr Eldred Tipper Gladys Dennis
20 th	Cecil Hearne Betty Mason
22 nd	Charles Brown George Birch
22 nd	Margery Child Gwen Bristow
23 rd	Celia Whittaker Dorothy Moule Edwin Fairman Michael Jones Beryl Mearing Lexi Rowland-Tickner Percy Blake

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COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your
Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on
the cross
we may triumph in the power of his
victory;
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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM

Either Psalm 51:1-13

R *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.*

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me. **R**

Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.
I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire truth deep within me

and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart. **R**

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may
rejoice.

Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. **R**

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.
Give me again the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your gracious spirit. **R**

Or Psalm 119:9-16

R *Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes.*

How shall young people cleanse their way
to keep themselves according to your word?

With my whole heart have I sought you;
O let me not go astray from your commandments. **R**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,
that I should not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O Lord;
O teach me your statutes. **R**

With my lips have I been telling
of all the judgements of your mouth.
I have taken greater delight in the way of
your testimonies
than in all manner of riches. **R**

I will meditate on your commandments
and contemplate your ways.
My delight shall be in your statutes
and I will not forget your word. **R**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son,

he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

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

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our
brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.



Walk of Witness

Good Friday, March 29th 2024



10.30 am Walk commences at Crescent Parade (opposite BP garage)

Stopping at:

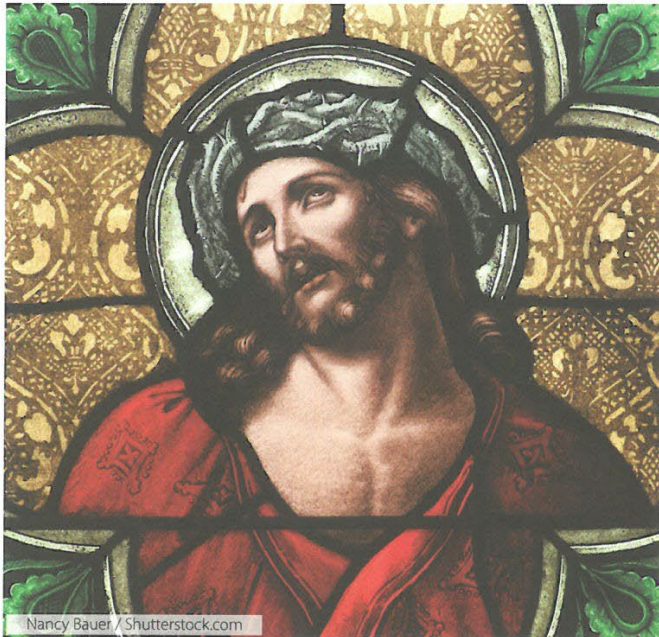
- St Bernadette's RC (approx 10.40)
- North Hillingdon Methodist (approx 10.53)
- All Saints Anglican (approx 11.03)

And ends with a short service at Hillingdon Circus.

Teas and coffees will be served afterwards in the All Saints Church Large Hall.

Please do join us if you can!

Facing the cross




Patsy McGregor *reflects on* John 12:20-33

Does it help you to know that Jesus had a troubled heart, or that raw and powerful emotion pressed upon him as he faced death? Emotionally exposed and filled with turmoil, Jesus predicted his future. He would reign – but not without sacrifice, paying a high price. Overcoming temptation, Jesus learned obedience through suffering.

Through his agony and turmoil, the Son of Man had a clear vision. Even in distress, with a troubled heart, Jesus had the big picture in mind and chose obedience, knowing that glory would come and the suffering would pass. In learning obedience, Jesus became the everlasting source of salvation for all who obey him. He offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears on our behalf, choosing obedience as a learned discipline.

Lent is an appropriate time to practise Christian discipline which, in turn, leads to our clearer vision. In the Diocese of Toliara in Madagascar, where I once lived and worked, we practised five personal devotions – giving, obedience, fasting, discipleship and sharing faith. Jesus is our role model. He learned obedience from what he suffered. He predicted his death, and yet it did not deter him from facing the cross because he knew in the end, his sacrifice was for you and me.

How can you practise the disciplines in your life? 

Teach me your ways, O Lord. I choose obedience and follow your commands. I study your instructions and examine your teachings. I take pleasure in following your path. Thank you for the Spirit, which keeps your law in my heart. Amen.

The Church Fathers

Part 1, the infant Church


by Richard Gunning

A seven-part series in which Richard Gunning looks at some of the early Church Fathers.

The second century was a turbulent time in Christian history. St Paul and the twelve apostles had died, yet word was spreading and communities sprang up in Galilee, Samaria, Damascus, Antioch and Rome. They were regarded as sects within the Jewish faith, although many devout Jews objected to the association. Worse, Christians were arguing among themselves. One sect, the Gnostics, believed they had special knowledge and rejected the doctrine of the

resurrection of the body. Another faction taught asceticism, while another, heretical in the extreme, taught that the Old Testament God of the Jews was not good enough to have been the father of Jesus.


This, then, was the scene into which the early Church Fathers emerged – a vibrant mixture of original thinkers, persuasive teachers and prolific writers. Many were unafraid to die martyrs' deaths for their beliefs. Over the coming weeks, we will look at the achievements of some of these influential figures.

Richard lives in Surrey and preaches at local churches. His passion is the golf course – for freedom, fresh air and inspiration. 

Lent lunch – a cup of water

by Ricarda Witcombe

We don't only need food to be sustained, we need water as well. Most people reading this are not in a place where water is scarce. We turn on the tap and out it flows. How differently would we live if we needed to walk for miles to get water? If you have water at your Lent lunch, take notice of it. How does it taste? How does it feel as you swallow

it? Many of us who live in places of plentiful supply don't drink enough water through the day, and our bodies have to work harder than they would if they were well hydrated. We simply don't attend to our body's real needs. We often don't attend to the needs of our souls, either. Jesus tells us that the water he gives will become a spring in our souls, gushing up to eternal life. May we, like the woman at the well, drink of this water always. 

“So begin: and continually repeat and repeat, but all the time keep before you the thought of our Lord.”
Theophan the Recluse (1815-1894), saint in the Russian Orthodox Church