



SAINTS ALIVE!

***The Parish Magazine of
All Saints' Church, North Hillingdon UB10 9BT***



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THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NORTH HILLINGDON

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THE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

All Saints' Church aims to be a welcoming Anglican community, a place of prayer and worship, providing a ministry to all and where people gather to share the love of Jesus Christ.

Normal SUNDAY Times

Said Eucharist **8.00 am**

SUNG PARISH EUCHARIST

with Children's Corner **10.00 am**

*followed by refreshments in the Church Hall next door,
at which **all (and especially any visitors)** are very
welcome.*

One Sunday each month:

Sung Parish Eucharist *in a less formal style* **10.00 am**

Usual HOLYDAY & WEEKDAY Times

The Parish Eucharist on Holydays & Feastdays **7.30 pm**

On weekdays Wednesday **10.00 am**

Please see the Parish Website or the weekly *Parish Bulletin* on the church porch notice-board for full details or telephone the Vicarage (01895 262024).

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Enquiries concerning Baptisms, Banns, Marriages or other parish business can be made during Vestry Hour in church, which is normally on Saturdays between 10:00 and 11:00. No appointment is needed.

A VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE



Dear Saints!

Spring is in the air ... it's a time when all creation bursts into life, when those with 'SAD' (Seasonally Affective Disorder) shake off their winter blues. In February we had Rev Richard Young visit to 'mission enable' us. He brought with him lots of statistics about All Saints parish that showed compared to London:

- We have slightly more families with children and less single people.
- We have more Christians (and more Hindus).
- We are ethnically more White (and more Asian).
- We are relatively wealthy and have more home-owners.

And how can we grow the church? Suggestions by members of the congregation last Sunday included:

- More prayer!
- Why should people come to us? We should get out!
- Community Outreach ideas: Establish better Links with local groups and organisations with young people, including Oak Farm School & other local schools, Uxbridge College and Brunel University.
- Community in-reach ideas: Become a social hub for e.g youth, single mums and their children, more music events.
- Church building ideas: Have the church open more, more special events in the church, so not so scary
- Church service ideas: Encourage more families and younger ones to come to church; be less formal and more modern songs.
- Biblical ideas: copy what Jesus and the early church did!

There is lots of good things here. They all have value. The important thing is that we are beginning as a congregation to have a grow mindset. I remember a church growth researcher called John Wimber observing that growing churches all had a sense of excitement, that the congregation had an expectation that they were going to meet God in their worship. Ultimately what we offer the world is a relationship with a loving God and a loving community. Let's give up something in Lent and use that hunger to seek what the Lord has for us, as individuals and as a church.

Blessings in Christ,

Revd Ulric

Articles for the April 2025 issue need to reach the Editor *by Sunday 30th March 2025* - saintsalive.editor@gmail.com
We shall definitely need some new items for the next edition, please.

Please don't forget to mention SAINTS ALIVE! when you contact any of the advertisers in this month's edition. It makes a difference.

EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

**Wednesdays 10:45am Coffee, Cakes and Companionship
in the Hall**

Sunday 10am Services Rev. Ulric Gerry

March

5th - **Ash Wednesday 7:30pm** (*with imposition of Ashes*)

30th - **Mothing Sunday** 10am 'NHWS Sunday'



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www.allsaintsnorthhillington.co.uk



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Two Patron Saints' Days

March sees the Saint's days of Wales and Ireland. Did you know that Saint David and Saint Patrick may be linked?

According to historic-uk.com, Patrick – Patron Saint of Ireland – was born in Wales, near where St David's city is now, and foresaw David's birth.

St David



A biography written in 1090 by Rhygyfarch, son of the Bishop of St David's, claims that David was descended from royalty; his father was Sandde (or Sante), Prince of Powys, and his mother was Non, the daughter of a chieftain of Menevia. The site of his birth, on a cliff-top during a storm, is marked by a holy

well and the ruins of a chapel. In medieval times, it was believed that David was a nephew of King Arthur.

Young David was supposedly educated by St Paulinus, and grew up to be a priest. Legend says that David performed several miracles, including restoring Paulinus' sight. He is also credited with making the Leek a Welsh emblem, when he advised Welsh fighters to wear a leek in their helmet, to recognise each other as friends in a battle against the Saxons. Shakespeare, however, suggests that the leek was adopted when Welsh fighters defeated the French in a leek field.

As a missionary, David travelled through Wales and Britain, and as far as Jerusalem, where he was made a bishop. He founded 12 monasteries, and made Menevia (now St David's) his bishop's seat. He was made Archbishop of Wales in 550 and died on 1st of March in 589AD.

In 1120, David was canonised, and later declared Patron Saint of Wales. St David's Day is celebrated by Welsh people around the world by wearing a leek or daffodil. They may also wear a national costume, eat traditional Welsh cakes and bread, or hold an Eisteddfod.

St Patrick



Patrick was probably born in Wales, or a Welsh-speaking part of western England, about 386AD - probably into a wealthy family - and may have been named Maewyn Succat. It is thought that he was taken by Irish pirates, and worked as a slave - perhaps a shepherd - for 6 years in Ireland.

He escaped to Gaul and studied to become a priest. He eventually returned to Ireland to join early missionaries converting the Irish to Christianity. Patrick is credited with creating the Celtic Cross by adding a Sun symbol to the Christian Cross as he merged local customs with Christian practices.

As he travelled throughout Ireland, Patrick established monasteries, churches and schools, and is said to have used the shamrock to teach about the Holy Trinity.

He died on 17th March 461AD, and this day has been adopted for Patrick's Day celebrations. Celebrations are particularly popular in America, where even the Chicago River is dyed green!

Jane Turnbull

Coffee Morning

**IN AID OF HOME-START
HILLINGDON**

12th March
10.30 - 12.30

All Saints Church Hall,
Long Lane, Hillingdon



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Traditional Easter Biscuits



These biscuits are easy, delicious, and have a lovely consistency.

Warning: they do tend to go very fast indeed.

140g (5-6ozs) salted butter
280g (11-12ozs) self raising flour
140g (5-6ozs) caster sugar
Finely grated zest of 1 lemon
55g (2ozs approx) raisins
1 medium egg

Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 190c or gas mark 5
2. Rub the cold butter into the flour well.
3. Add the sugar, lemon zest and raisins and bring together gently.
4. Add the beaten egg and mix well.
5. Roll out to $\frac{1}{2}$ cm thick.
6. Cut out with 8cm (3 inch) diameter plain cutter.
7. Bake for 15 minutes, until lightly browned and cooked.
8. Remove from the oven, cool, then remove from the tray
9. Store in an airtight container and don't eat them all at once.

I hope you enjoy making and eating these biscuits.

Marion Robinson

Shalom

Jewish people all around the world for thousands of years have greeted each other with the word "Shalom" (שלום).

According to the Oxford Dictionary, "Common Hebrew greeting. 'Shālōm' indicates security, contentment, good health, prosperity, friendship, and tranquillity of heart and mind." The Hebrew word for peace, shalom (שלום) is derived from a root suggesting wholeness or completeness, and throughout Jewish literature, it is bound up with the notion of shelemut, perfection. Hence, if you notice to the traditional Aaronic Blessing, mentioned in Numbers 6:23-27, it ends with Shalom in Hebrew, typically translated as "peace", but what God wants to bless us with, according to His grace, is much more than this. According to Isaiah 9:6, Jesus Christ has the title 'Sar Shalom' (שַׁר־שָׁלוֹם), which means 'Prince of peace'. The Hebrew name for Jerusalem is Yerushalayim, which means "city of peace." In Psalm 122:6, we read: 'Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: may they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces'. As the hostages come home, let us unite in prayer for Shalom for everyone affected and for enduring peace in Jerusalem. We place our trust in the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, who promised to leave his Peace with us.

Sam Thomas



Music Time



We have had Ballet. Now it's time for music.

Hillingdon Philharmonic Orchestra Spring Concert

Saturday March 15th 2025, 7:30pm, at Winston Churchill Hall Pinn Way, Ruislip, HA4 7QL

Theme: The Music of Dance

An eclectic mix of music for different styles of dance from 40's American Big Band and Jive to the Latin rhythms of South America, with European waltzes, musicals, ballet and Disco. Something for everyone. Large car park, come early.

The Summer Concert

Saturday June 21st 2025 7:30pm, at St Andrews Church, Hillingdon Road, Uxbridge, UB10 0AE

Theme: Well-loved moments in Orchestral Sound

[Car parking is limited there: *Perwood Cars*, based in Hercies Road, near Baptist Church, phone 01895 236236, will take you - and buggy, walker - to the Church gate and collect you there at the end of the concert. Ask the fare when booking.]

Box Office for HPO concerts phone 01895 674223

Tickets for adults £15 children under 18 F.O.C.

HPO formed in 1985 by the founder and Conductor Mr Peter Williams, Head of Music at Vyners School, Ickenham, where I was on school meals staff.

Over the 40 years, I have enjoyed HPO concerts locally, and in London with the coach from Ickenham to Royal Festival Hall, Southwark Cathedral and Cadogan Hall, and outdoor concerts, too.

I am a Poster Monitor, and a surprise at the 30th Anniversary Concert, actually in All Saints Church Hillingdon, I was made an Honorary Lifetime Member of HPO. Hilda, my sister, played the Triangle in Oak Farm Infants School Band in the 1940's. That's the Bounden Family musical talents.

Rosemary Bounden

A Three Saints wordsearch for *Saints Alive!* in March.

G	A	R	T	E	R	A	L	L	W	S	A	I
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STICKY SITUATIONS?

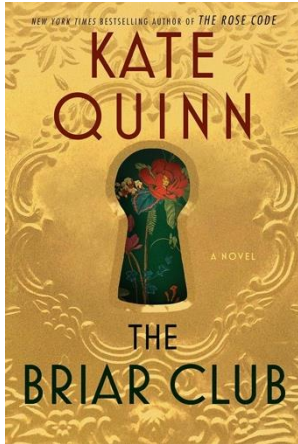
All the answers contain the word STICK:

1. The Butcher, the Baker, and _____ - maker
2. An aid for the elderly or infirm
3. *Golden Syrup* is _____ !
4. A little fish
5. Stike a light with this
6. Before *Pritt*, flour & water made it _____

Rosemary's Quiz

7. Used to 'place' Guardsmen along The Mall
8. What you do with a postage stamp (5 words)
9. It has 2 handles and a point!
10. A dance with Bells on the village green
11. This small beast hides on a twig
12. Take away the T and you are

Book review



I love everything Kate Quinn writes. Her historical fiction novels all feature strong female characters you fall in love with, good plot, nice pace, and really interesting historical details that bring a really engaging sense of place and time, plus there's usually a mystery to solve. Her latest novel, *The Briar Club*, is another recommended read.

The book opens with a dead body on the floor of a run down all-female boarding house, but which of the lodgers is the murderer?

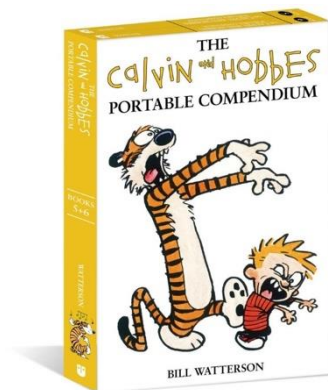
It's 1950 and a group of very different women share Briarwood House in Washington DC and live individual lives without interacting. Until a new boarder moves in and brings them together each week for a shared supper.

Chapter by chapter we get to know the residents hopes, fears, and hidden talents a little more. And we get closer to guessing the identity of the murder victim, the murderer and the motive. If you read the new Kathy Reichs novel, then one of the characters that reveal themselves will seem very familiar.

Fantastic characters, good plot and a great read.

Fiona Robinson Morey

Book review



Calvin and Hobbes Portable compendium book 6 by Bill Watterson

Calvin and Hobbes is a funny, cool and interesting book. It features topics that want you to read even more of the book. I have read it and found subjects to make you laugh no matter what. It's like a comic with writing like this and pictures like this.

Alexander Robinson Morey (Aged 10)

Communion Service at Ryefield Court

Rev. Ulric and their new Customer Relations Manager, Tim, organised a short Communion Service at Ryefield Court on Tuesday 11th February.

Several residents came in to the comfortable lounge, and a few All Saints' regulars came along, too. Supported by John, our Churchwarden, Rev. Ulric presided over a shortened service, familiar to his parishioners, and we sang a couple of hymns. The residents seemed to enjoy the service, and most took communion together.

After the service, we visitors were invited to "The Bistro" for tea and coffee, and a delicious home-made chocolate cake.

Future dates are 4th March, 1st April, and the 29th April. Do join in if you are free. The U2 bus will take you to Ryefield Parade, and Ryefield Court is only a few hundred yards further along the road, beside Ryefield School.

Jane Turnbull



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STICKY SITUATIONS?

1. Candlestick
2. Walking stick
3. Sticky!
4. Stickleback
5. Match stick
6. Stick!
7. Pacing stick
8. Stick it on an envelope
9. Shooting stick
10. Morris stick dance
11. Stick insect
12. Sick !

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