

All Saints' North Hillingdon

15th March 2026

4th of Lent - Mothering Sunday



In **Exodus**, Moses' mother courageously hides him in a basket for Pharaoh's daughter to find and raise. Her actions preserve the life of a great future leader. *How might God work through quiet courage and loving actions in our lives?*

In **Samuel**, Hannah longs for a child. God answers her prayer and she dedicates Samuel to the Lord's under the priest Eli. *What gifts or blessings in our lives might God be inviting us to offer back him?*

In **Corinthians** Paul speaks how God comforts us in our struggles so that we can become a source of comfort and encouragement to others. *How might God want us to use our struggles to help us give compassion and support to others?*

Paul writes to the church in **Colossae** about how believers should live; with compassion, kindness, humility and patience. *Which of these might God be inviting us to practise more intentionally this week?*

In **Luke**, Simeon recognises the baby Jesus as the Saviour and tells Mary that he will bring her both joy and sorrow, a reminder that love and faithfulness often involve sacrifice. *How do we hold together both the joys and sorrow of our lives and our faith in the Lord?*

New Hymns and Worships Songs 10 am service:

Opening	271	To God be the glory great things
<i>Psalm: said verses and said response</i>		
Gradual	179	Meekness and majesty
Offert'y	105	Holy, Holy, Holy
Comm'n	23	Be still for the presence of the Lord
Sending	164	Lord Jesus Christ you have come

Regular Mid-week Events:

Wed - 10am Holy Communion
10:30am Cake, Coffee & Chat in Hall



Diary Dates:

Sat 14th March – "Gary Barlow" is singing in our hall. See Lesley for tickets.

Sun 15th March - Mothering Sunday – No 8am Sunday service or Wed service on 18th March

Sun 22nd March - Baptism of Benjamin Hockin

FOOD BANK: Collection @ rear of church.

LENT STUDY GROUPS:

Tuesdays Eve: 'The Way' 7.30pm from 24th Feb at Jonathan Mead's 36 Sweetcroft Lane

EASTER WEEK SERVICES:

Sun 29th Mar - Palm Sunday
Mon 30th Mar - 6pm Holy Communion
Tues 31st Mar - 6pm Holy Communion
Wed 1st Apr - 10am Holy Communion
Thur 2nd Apr - **7.30pm Maundy Thursday**
 Holy Communion with hymns
Friday 3rd Apr - **9.30am Walk of Witness**
 starting from St John's.
 - **10am Stations of the Cross**
 followed by arrival of Walk of Witness
 - **2-3 pm Before the Cross**
Sat 4th Apr - **8pm Easter Saturday Vigil**
Sun 5th Apr - **8 & 10am Easter Sunday**
 Service of Light
(Wed 8th Apr - no 10am Wednesday service)

Giving is part of our worship
 You can use the QR code or place an offering in the basket >>>>>>>>



THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS: Mark Callaghan, David Rance, Hazel & Helen Parris, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones, Lynn Taylor, Pat Szymański, Ann Tutton, Ruth Heslop, Jo Haunton, Maria Woods, Margaret Brown, John Williams, Sheila Scoates, Melissa Sinclair, Jacqueline Potts, Kevin Ogilvie, Marion Robinson: - *LORD, give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.*

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We remember anniversaries of the deaths of:

Robert Pannifer, Albert Elins, Eldred Tipper, Gladys Dennis, Cecil Hearne, Robert Stock, Betty Mason, George Birch, Charles Brown.

Visits / Home Communion:

Anyone who would like a chat, pray or home communion, let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 07909 127 929 ulricgerry@icloud.com.

Ryefield Care Home Services: Dates for 2026: 14th April, 5th May, 2nd June, 7th July. Tuesdays at 11am. All Welcome.

COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 **Exodus 2:1-10**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Or **1 Samuel 1:20-end**

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour,

and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

PSALM Either Psalm 127:1-4

R The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in.

Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.
Unless the Lord keeps the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain. **R**

It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of
toil,
for he gives his beloved sleep.
Children are a heritage from the Lord
and the fruit of the womb is his gift. **R**

Or **Psalm 34:11-20**

R O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things? **R**

Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it. **R**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who
do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from
the earth. **R**

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those who are crushed in spirit. **R**

Many are the troubles of the righteous;
from them all will the Lord deliver them.
He keeps all their bones,
so that not one of them is broken. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **2 Corinthians 1:3-7**

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

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation;

if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Or **Colossians 3:12-17**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL

Either **Luke 2:33-35**

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

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Or **John 19:25b-27**

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

POST COMMUNION

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food
and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of
faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

