

# All Saints' North Hillingdon

## 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 † Pentecost



At Pentecost the Jews celebrated fifty days after Passover the giving of the Torah. The Holy Spirit is poured out on the disciples like wind (the invisible life-giving breath of God) and fire (His holy, purifying presence). This fulfils the words of Joel: God's Spirit is poured out on all so that good news may be proclaimed to every nation. **Questions to Ponder:** Do people need to hear the good news of God today? If so, what might the church need to be able to witness more boldly?

In Corinth there are disagreements over status of the spiritual gifts of the members of the congregation (wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, prophecy, discernment, languages). Paul reminds them that the Spirit gives different gifts for the common good, and all come from the Lord. Christians are diverse, but are united as one body in Christ, each member valued and needed.

**Questions to Ponder:** What gifts has God given me to serve others? What gifts would be helpful for me? And how can I use them for the unity and strengthening of the church?

This gospel passage comes the day after the resurrection. The disciples are fearful and uncertain. The risen Jesus brings peace and breathes the Spirit on them, to commission them for mission, giving them confidence and authority to proclaim forgiveness and reconciliation in his name.


**Questions to Ponder:** If I don't have peace, or struggle to tell others about the Lord, what might I ask Jesus for?

### New English Hymnal 10 am service:

Opening	137	Come down, O Love divine
<i>Psalm sung and response sung – 3 verses</i>		
Gradual	348	Come Holy Ghost our hearts
Offert'y	139	Come thou Holy Spirit, come
Comm'n	140	Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
Sending	431	O thou who camest from above

**FOOD BANK:** Donations for our local food bank @ rear of church.

### Regular Mid-week Events:

- Wed** - 10am Holy Communion  
10:30am Cake, Coffee & Chat in Hall 
- Thur** - 7.30-8am **Prayer meeting** in Church
- Thur** - 10am-12 noon **Men's Shed** Group

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



### THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS *(Updated list please send me names + if suitable, what we are praying)*

Michael Sullivan (in hospital) Mark Callaghan (-), Hazel & Helen Parris (-), Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones (-), Pat Szymański (foot & joy), Maria Woods, Jacqueline Potts (wrist), 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:

Sue Anderson, Gwendoline Slinger, Peter Bennett

**"A Taste of Cursillo" - Sun 21st June:** Fr Michael Bolley will be presiding here at All Saints at our 10am service 21st June. He is the National Spiritual Director of British Anglican Cursillo, and there will be an opportunity after the service to learn about Cursillo and what it can offer. Are you interested in ... *Going deeper in your relationship with God? ... Getting better at living out your faith in daily life? ... Being more fruitful as you share in Christ's mission to the world? Would you value being part of a network of people who support and encourage one another in all this?* If so, you might like to join Fr Michael in the church hall after the service to find out more.

**Visits / Home Communion / eMail list:** Anyone who would like a chat, pray or home communion, let me know, or if you don't receive this Bulletin by email: Rev Ulric Gerry 07909 127 929 [ulricgerry@icloud.com](mailto:ulricgerry@icloud.com).

**Church Magazine:** Submit articles for June asap: Your favourite recipe? How you came to faith? A review of a play? An activity you go to? Gardening tips? Local places to visit? Articles to [saintsalive.editor@gmail.com](mailto:saintsalive.editor@gmail.com).

### COLLECT

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy  
Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy  
comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our  
Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### FIRST READING

*The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.*

#### Either Acts 2:1-21

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see

visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Or Numbers 11:24-30

### PSALM Psalm 104:26-36. 37b

**R** *I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.*

O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number,  
both small and great. **R**

There go the ships, and there is that  
Leviathan  
which you have made to play in the deep.  
All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season. **R**

When you give it them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled  
with good.  
When you hide your face they are  
troubled;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are  
created,  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;  
He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they  
smoke.  
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have  
my being. **R**

So shall my song please him  
while I rejoice in the Lord.  
Let sinners be consumed out of the earth  
and the wicked be no more.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
Alleluia. **R**

### SECOND READING

Either 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are

varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Or Acts 2:1-21

### GOSPEL

Either John 20:19-23

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

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Or John 7:37-39

### POST COMMUNION

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and opening to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.