# All Saints' North Hillingdon 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – Green Trinity 6 / Proper 12



The people of Sodom were behaving abominably; to this day the city stands for moral decay and injustice. God has to judge them. Abraham intercedes to God for them, on the basis of a righteous few. Later God, is to spare all humanity, by sending his son, Jesus, to take all our judgement upon himself. What can we learn about prayer from Abraham?

The Colossians were being led astray by false leaders. Paul reminds them that it is through Christ alone they are forgiven and have new resurrection life in God. How are we "rooted" and "built up" in Christ? How is the church "taken captive" by deceptive ideas today? What does it mean to have the fullness in Christ?

In Luke Jesus teaches His disciples "The Lord's Prayer". He then encourages them to pray boldly and persistently with a parable, and reminds them that God is like a loving Father who gives generously not reluctantly, especially the gift of His Holy Spirit. What daily bread do you need? What door are you 'knocking on', or have you stopped praying? Do you believe Father God will be generous and kind?

## New English Hymnal - 10 O'Clock

Gathering 499 Thy kingdom come, O God Gradual 357 Father, hear the prayer 1,2,4 Offertory 358 Father of Heaven, whose love Comm'n 66 Forgive our sins as we forgive Sending 393 Lead us, heavenly Father

# **Mid-week Events:**

Wed - 10am Holy Communion

Wed - 10:30am Cake, Coffee & Chat in Hall
\*\*NB no 10am Wed services in August\*\*

## Diary Dates for 2025:

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Aug – 2.30-5.30pm Afternoon Tea
Vicarage Garden for Breast Cancer Now

**Sun 17**<sup>th</sup> **Aug** – **Guest preacher** for 10 am service: Rev Andrew Chapman Northolt Chaplain

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Aug – (No 8am service) 10am service Rev Michael Bolle Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Aug – (No 8am service) 10am service Rev Andrew Chapman

21st Sept: Macmillan Coffee Morning
(after 10am Eucharist) and 6pm Long
Lane churches joint service at Methodists

5<sup>th</sup> Oct - Harvest Festival Sunday

with shared lunch 12:15 after 10am service

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – All Souls service 5pm with lighting of candles to remember the departed

9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Service 10am with laying of wreaths

QR code for giving to All Saints Church: (gift aid forms on side table)



THIS WEEK'S INTERCESSIONS: We lift up to the Lord those who have asked for our prayers; Mark Callaghan, Simon Matthews, David Rance, Hazel & Helen Parris, John Clarke, Mabel and Tony Poon-Jones, James Wills, Lyn Prior, Lynn Taylor, Tony Bond, Pat Szymański, Ann Tutton. May they know the Lord's healing, grace and blessing.

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We remember the anniversaries this week of the deaths of: Edith Thorne, Trudy Major, Bert Wright, David Burridge.

**Confirmation:** The Bishop is coming Sunday morning **16**<sup>th</sup> **November** if you are interested, let me know: ulricgerry@icloud.com

## 'Salt and light' social action:

Email our MP on recent issues such as housing, voter age, water regulation, public services. danny.beales.mp@parliament.uk

Ryefield Court Care Home: Holy Communion Tuesdays 11am on: 12<sup>th</sup> Aug, 9<sup>th</sup> Sep, 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Visits / Home Communion: If you know of anyone who needs a home or hospital visit, or needs prayer, let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 07909 127 929 ulricgerry@icloud.com

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#### COLLECT

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all

may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered,
"Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty five there." Again Abraham spoke to the LORD, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then Abraham said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." The LORD answered. "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." Abraham said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there. The LORD answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." The LORD answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

### Or Hosea 1:2-10

## **PSALM Psalm 138**

R Your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for

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

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

your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands. R

#### SECOND READING

(Short or long reading)

Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision. by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from

#### GOSPEL Luke 11:1-13

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

## POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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