# All Saints' North Hillingdon 8th June 2025 - White PENTECOST



On Pentecost Sunday, we see God's redemptive work in four powerful passages. In Genesis 11, humanity's pride leads to confusion and scattering at Babel. People try to build a name for themselves, but God disrupts them, to align them with His purposes. Where might pride be building walls instead of bridges in your life?

Acts 2 shows God's Spirit reversing Babel. At Pentecost, the Spirit descends like wind and fire, enabling people of many languages to hear the Gospel in their own language; God's gift is for all peoples. How is the Spirit inviting you to speak, or listen, across difference?

Romans 8 reminds us that the Spirit not only empowers but confirms our adoption as children of God. We are no longer slaves to fear, but children of God, known and loved.

In John 14, Jesus promises the Spirit as advocate and Peace-giver, dwelling within us, teaching, reminding, and guiding us in all truth. What might Father God be calling the Spirit to be enabling in your life?

# NEH: HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Gathering	137	Come down, O Love divine
Gradual	348	Come Holy Ghost V1,2
Offertory	431	O thou who camest from above
Comm'n	342	Breathe on me, Breath of God
Sending	205	Christ is made the sure foundation

## **Events this week:**

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

Bible Study: Will re-start Tuesdays in July in the Vicarage 7.30pm

**Social Event Dates for 2025:** 

5 <sup>th</sup> July	– Summer Fete: 12 to 3pm
20 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul> <li>All Saints Dedication Lunch</li> </ul>

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# 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 blessings.

We remember the anniversaries this week of the deaths of: David Calvert, Florence Wheatley, Rose Beatrice Smith, Jose Ann Ransom, Edna Baker, Christine Carlson, Derek Morris, Barbara Hinksman, Winifred Margaret Wheatley, Helen Dey.

**Ryefield Court Care Home:** Communion 11am **10<sup>th</sup> June** and 1<sup>st</sup> July, all welcome.

**Archdeacon's Visitation: Tues 10<sup>th</sup> June** 2025 7 pm St Martin, Ruislip.

PCC Meeting: Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm.

**Deanery Synod:** 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 7:30pm St Mary Harmondsworth "How to have the best PCC".

**Ryefield school Visit:** Mon 16<sup>th</sup> June 9am and 11am. Helping hands welcome.

**Confirmation?** I have requested a date from the Bishop for confirmations, if you are interested, let me know; <u>ulricgerry@icloud.com</u>

Want to visit St Pauls Cathedral? Email me, I will request a letter from them for a free visit.

**Cursillo Weekend Retreat: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct** - **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** at Wychroft House, nr Redhill, Surrey £140 (subsidised). "*Take time out of your everyday life to rediscover the depth and joy of the Christian faith*" <u>www.londoncursillo.org.uk</u> (Leaflets at back of church).

VISITS / HOME COMMUNION: If you know of anyone who needs a home or hospital visit, or wants prayer, let me know; Rev Ulric Gerry 07909 127 929 <u>ulricgerry@icloud.com</u>

> If you don't get this bulletin by email, email me to get on the list.

# Sunday 8 June 2025

# Pentecost

#### 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 their native language. 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 Genesis 11:1-9

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

# 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. When you give it them, they gather it; you open your hand and they are filled with good. **R** 

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. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia. **R** 

### SECOND READING

Either **Romans 8:14-17** A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

#### Or Acts 2:1-21

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#### GOSPEL (Short or long reading) John 14:8-17 [25-27]

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

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

#### 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.



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