

All Saints' North Hillingdon

8th March 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent



*****Today we welcome Arron and Sarah Virando
for the baptism of Freddie*****

In Exodus the Israelites, newly freed from Egypt, wander in the wilderness and struggle with fear and thirst. God provides water from the rock, showing his faithfulness even when we doubt and complain. *Where might God be inviting us to trust his provision when we feel dry, anxious, or uncertain?*

In Romans, Paul explains that we are right with God though trusting in Jesus. He goes on to say that God loved us when we were sinner, so how much he loves us now. And although our lives involve suffering, it doesn't mean that we are not loved by God, but rather that they refine us. *Do you see your struggles as meaning that God does not love you, or as opportunities to grow deeper in relationship with him?*

In John's gospel Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at a well. Jesus offers her "living water" to enable her to know and experience God in spirit and in truth, and without judgement, tells her about her life. Many Samaritans come to faith. *Do you know this 'living water' in your life? And do you tell others about it?*

New English Hymnal 10 am service:

Opening	333	All My hope on God is founded
<i>Psalm: sung response only</i>		
Gradual	360	Firmly I believe and truly v1,3,5
Offert'y	339	Be thou my vision
Comm'n	379	In the cross of Christ I glory
Sending	437	Praise the Lord Ye Heavens

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

LENT STUDY GROUPS:

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fridays in Lent 6pm in church.

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)

FOOD BANK: Collection @ rear of church.

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of our worship
You can use the
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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 and Melissa Sinclair:
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:

Stella Child, Ethel Vanbergen, Dorothy Marriott, Fr Maurice Fletcher, William Hawes, Jack Morris

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.

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but
first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was
crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of
the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and
peace;
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 Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

PSALM Psalm 95

R Come, let us worship and bow down.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods. **R**

In his hand are the depths of the earth
and the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land. **R**

Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep
of his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
on that day at Massah in the wilderness,
"When your forebears tested me, and put me
to the proof,
though they had seen my works. **R**

"Forty years long I detested that generation
and said,
'This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways.'
"So I swore in my wrath,
'They shall not enter into my rest.'" **R**

SECOND READING Romans 5:1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL John 4:5-42

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman

answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the
temptations of the world, the flesh and the
devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Come, let us wor-ship and bow down.