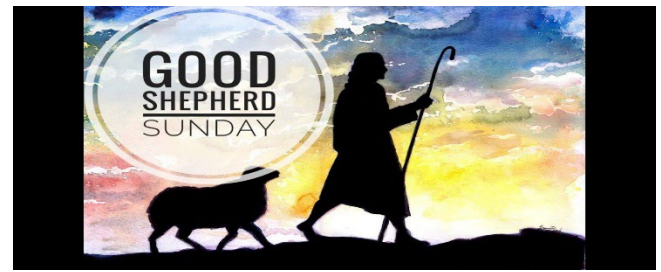
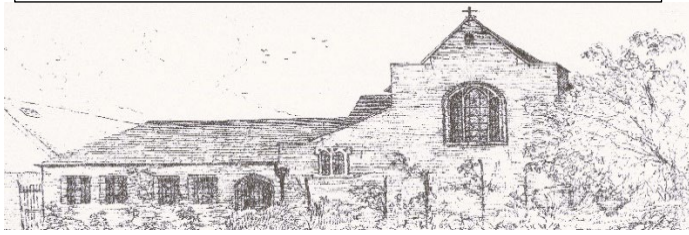


All Saints' North Hillingdon
21st April 2024



THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

We hold in your presence all who are being cared for in this parish, for the staff at the care homes for their care and dedication. We name before you all those with particular needs who have asked for our prayers;

Joan Taylor, Lee Arnold, Vernice Clarke, Linda White, Daphne Dix; Macey Ann Brazil, Veronica Samuels, Gill Mayer; Beverly Leavy, Hazel & Helen Parris, Pearl Syer, Lynn Taylor, Mark Callaghan, Susie Bromham, Georgie Isaiah, Marion Fogell, The Reverend Greville Thomas and John Clarke.

May they know your presence with them, and that you are their strength, their healing, and their salvation.

We remember before God those who have died recently:

Give strength to those who are left to grieve and help us to share in each other's sorrow.

For those whose anniversary falls at about this time;

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21 st	Dorothy Pannifer Betty Child Margaret Clements
22 nd	Hazel Fischer Robert Baldwin
23 rd	Maurice Colewell
24 th	Mildred Van Houe
25 th	Jill Whitehead George Brasnell
26 th	Pip Piper

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In the life of Jesus, we can get an understanding of why he used the word 'shepherd' to describe himself. He cared about people, listened to them, gave them food and drink, helped them get better when they were ill, and was willing to give up his life and die for them.

But in 2024, for most people, in the UK at least, the word 'shepherd' is more often used in connection with the word 'pie'.

An everyday word that captures all that Jesus said when he referred to himself as 'the Good Shepherd' is 'parent'.

A good parent can be compared very favourably to the description of Jesus, the good shepherd.

Like a shepherd, a parent is never off duty. The length is for life, the reason is for love.

NHWS:HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Gathering	91	Great is thy Faithfulness
Gradual	111	I am the Bread of Life: Omit vv3-4
Offertory	257	The Lord's my Shepherd
Comm.	22	Be still and know that I am God
Sending	261	There is a Redeemer

Notices This week

Wednesday April 24th 10 AM	Revd Ulric
Sunday April 28th - 5th Sunday after Easter 8 & 10am	Revd Ulric
Summer Fete Saturday 29th June 12-3pm	Church Grounds
Tuesday 2nd July 7:30pm Archdeacon Visitation service	Archdeacon

To book Banns of Marriage, Weddings, Baptisms and so on, please come along to Vestry Hour, which normally takes place in church on Saturdays between 10:00 & 11:00 (No appointment is needed.)

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things which
are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

The reading from Acts must be read as either the First or Second Reading.

Either Acts 4:5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Or **Genesis 7:1-5. 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13**

PSALM Psalm 23

R *I will dwell in your house for ever.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green
pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **R**

He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they
comfort me. **R**

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who
trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.
Surely goodness and loving mercy
shall follow me all the days of my
life,
and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord for ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Either **1 John 3:16-end**

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. And this is his

commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Or **Acts 4:5-12**

GOSPEL John 10:11-18

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

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to
be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his
life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his
steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.





Archdeacon's Visitation Service in Hillingdon 2024

Admission of Churchwardens

**Celebration of 2030 Vision
and Ministry in the Deanery**

**Presentation on Common Fund 2025 for Treasurers and Parish
Representatives**

Tuesday 2nd July 2024

Location:

All Saints, Hillingdon, UB10 9PE

[Map](#)

Churchwardens Registration from 19.00

The Service begins at 19.30



Sheepish tendencies

Gillian Cooper *reflects on* John 10:11-18

I am not sure I like being called a sheep. In my limited experience, sheep are rather stupid creatures, who roll on their backs and get stuck, get out of their fields onto the road and fail to find a way back to safety, and bolt in the face of imagined danger. I admit lambs are cute and grown sheep can be handsome, but on the whole I like them better for their knitting wool than for their characters.

On the other hand... perhaps I have some sheep-like qualities. I have been known to get myself into sticky situations and need help to get out of them. I can go off course and not know how to get back on track. I can be scared of inappropriate things, and fail to see real danger. Perhaps a shepherd would be quite useful.

In Jesus' time, when wolves roamed, when there were no fenced fields and sheep travelled between pastures, they faced constant danger. Step forward the good shepherd, the one who is attentive to the flock, who stands up to all dangers, who in the last resort gives his life for the sheep's safety. Our good shepherd has given his life, and we live under his protection. Our mistakes and wanderings off course do not matter, because we are being herded gently to our ultimate destination in the pasture where we can relax for ever. 😊



Jesus, good shepherd, grant us your protection we pray. Guide us in the right path, keep us in times of doubt and danger, and lead us through the valley of the shadow of death to our seat at your table. Amen.

The Church Fathers

Part 5, Irenaeus

by Richard Gunning

Irenaeus (c. 130-200) hailed from Smyrna in Turkey and became Bishop of Lyons in France. He wrote that he had heard Polycarp preach.

He was noted for his role in guiding and expanding Christian communities in the southern regions of France. In his writings,

Irenaeus was one of the earliest of the Fathers to regard all four Gospels as "the truth", and he quoted extensively from them and the letters of St Paul. In the Church, he wrote, the apostles lodged the truth, as in a bank: "all the rest are thieves and robbers".

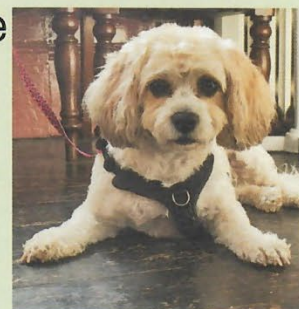
His best-known work was *Against Heresies*, an attack on Gnosticism. In contrast with the Gnostics, Irenaeus believed in the unity and the goodness of God, and referred to Jesus and the Holy Spirit as the "hands of God". 😊

“Our power of addressing Him... and listening to His still small voice, depends on our will being one and the same as His.”

Florence Nightingale (1820-1910), English social reformer, statistician and the founder of modern nursing

Introducing Rosie

by Gillian Cooper



Rosie is a six-year-old cavachon. She loves food, tummy rubs, and meeting people. She is definitely not Poppy: less clever, more cuddly. I adopted her from a brave family who realised they did not have enough time for her.

Rosie is happy to walk miles on her little legs. I have to watch carefully to make sure she does not eat every bit of stuff she finds on the path – no more admiring the scenery! I am learning what she likes and what she understands. I say “no” and

“leave it” quite often, without much effect.

I wonder whether God is as exasperated by my slowness to learn and my inability to know what is good for me. As my love for Rosie grows, I am thankful that my failure to listen to “no” and “leave it” does not diminish God’s love for me. 😊