



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS,
NORTH HILLINGDON UB10 9BT
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~SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY~
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THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISIT THE KING
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The most recent Government regulations mean that our church is closed for public worship once again and must remain so until after Wednesday, 2 December. All Saints' is, however, allowed to be open for Private Prayer and our revised arrangements reflect this.

You must wear a face-covering in church, please (unless you have a good reason for not wearing one).

Reflection for this Sunday: *Shepherd-King o'er mountain steep, homeward guide thy wand'ring sheep.* This hymn, which, normally, we might well have sung on this particular Sunday, captures the readings perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church's year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming of which the hymn speaks. The judgement at the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home: look back to the Isaiah reading on the twenty-eighth Sunday to see what a homecoming party is offered! All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives, longing for the day of the Lord to come.

**HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?**

Introit: The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power for ever.

Collect: Let us pray (*that all will acclaim Jesus as Lord*): Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you. We ask this though our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

TO-DAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (34:11-12 & 15-17): *As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest—it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded

and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME AND USE IT AS A HELP, WHEN YOU SAY YOUR PRAYERS THIS COMING WEEK.

The response in the Psalm (22/23) is: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

A reading from the first letter of S Paul to the Corinthians (15:2—26 & 28): *He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and, in the same way, the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One, who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (25:31-46): *He will take his seat on his throne of glory and he will separate men one from another*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another, as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine,

you did it to me.” ‘Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.” ‘And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

We pray: for our parish and for its needs; for wisdom and justice in national government.

We commend to God our Father: **the sick, the housebound & others in trouble or need:** Peter Bennett, Lesley Carrington, Ellie Cecil, John Corleatan, Helen Dey, Lorraine Dixon, Mike & Evelyn Kirby, Brian Measures, Phil Parris, Stephen Patrick, Mark Pooley, Rob Scoates, Pat Szymanski, Sarah Turk, Ted & Liz Wakling and Frank & Irene Wilkinson.

those whose anniversary falls at about this time: John Baulch (priest), May Beale, Eileen Cox, Maisie Gibson, Joyce Elizabeth Hook, Mavis Krull, ‘Libby’ Ladeira, Arthur Rackham, Albert Tullet, Martin Turner, Edith Wasley, David Ross Wilson. **May they rest in peace and rise in glory!**

We commend all that we have just prayed for, our families, our friends & those we love to the intercession of Mary (the mother of Jesus), S Joseph (her spouse), S Catherine of Alexandria & all the saints. *Hail, Mary...*

FATHER DESMOND’S NOTES

1. For your own sake and the sake of all of us, you must not come into church, if you have (or have had within the last fourteen days) any symptoms of COVID-19. If you have been exposed (or think you may have been exposed) within the last fourteen days, you must also stay away from All Saints’, even if you have no symptoms.
2. At the end of our time together in church, there is some cleaning to be done; please volunteer.
3. Our poppy collection this year raised a very pleasing **£75.30**. This has now been sent off to the Royal British Legion. Many thanks.
4. Copies of the November edition of *Saints Alive!* are available to-day. Items for the December edition are due in by Tuesday, 24 November. We need some new material, please.
5. I am revising the list of those we pray for on Sundays. Please let me know of any names you wish to see added or retained *by to-morrow*.
6. **Faith Groups/Church Schools/Religious Education:** This public consultation has been launched by a friend of the *CofE* on how best

the Government should engage with faith groups. This consultation works on mobile phones, tablets and desktop computers: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence It can be completed anonymously and is designed to allow those uncomfortable about sharing personal information to express their views anonymously. Please complete this survey; if we are *apathetic*, there is a real risk that the results – and what may follow from them – will turn out to be very much not what we want.

7. The week ahead at ASH

- a. Wednesday, 25/11; 1000: **Private Prayer** (S Catherine of Alexandria. Martyr, +cAD305)
- b. Thursday, 26/11; 1830: **Private Prayer** – especially for those who are busy during the day. (Weekday in Ordinary Time)



If there are other times, which would suit you better, please tell me. NB: Our periods of Private Prayer last for forty minutes. You may wish to pray for the whole period, while others will leave after a few minutes. Access to the church is via the North Door. Hand-gel is provided and social distancing is required. We also have to keep a record of who has been inside the church at these times.

8. NEXT SUNDAY; 29/11: Advent I: 1000: Private Prayer

9. We continue to plan the shape of **Covid-19 Christmas in 2020**. Details will be published once we know what is permitted. You will need to **pre-book** your seat in church this year.

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