



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS,  
NORTH HILLINGDON UB10 9BT  
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~SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY~  
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(YEAR B)  
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2 MAY 2021

**Welcome** to All Saints' on this Bank Holiday week-end. Please observe the following carefully:

- Maintain **social-distancing** both inside and outside All Saints'.
- Sit on your own or with members of your household/bubble.
- Wear a face-covering in church, unless you are exempt.
- Say (not sing) the congregational responses and texts in a normal conversational tone, not in a loud voice.
- Stay in your place throughout; Holy Communion will be brought to you.

Last week it was sheep; this week it is the vine! Jesus offers to us another agricultural image. (This would have been well understood by the people of his day, because their lives were lived much nearer the land than ours.) His aim is to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, of our belonging to him and our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of *holy baptism*. So it is that the newly-baptised learn to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. To-day this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ. It is not simply enough to *belong* to him: our belonging must be shown by what we say and think and do, while remembering, of course, that we cannot bear fruit except in and through him.

**Introit:** Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.

**Collect:** Let us pray (*that we may enjoy true freedom*): God our Father, look upon us with love. You redeem us and make us your children in Christ. Give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised. We ask this through 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 Acts of the Apostles (9:26-31):** Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey

and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

**The response in the Psalm (21/22) is: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

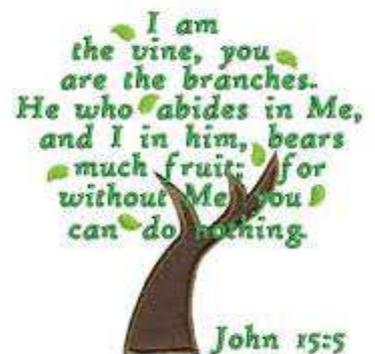
**A reading from the first letter of S John (3:18-24):** His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (15:1-8):** Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Jesus said: 'I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the



branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples.’

**AT THE INTERCESSIONS**

Intercessor: Lord, you abide in us;  
**All: may we also abide in you.**

**THIS WEEK’S INTENTIONS**

We pray for our parish and for its needs; for housebound parishioners; all in those parts of the world which continue to be ravaged by *Covid-19* and for those who strive to bring healing to them; for a safe emergence from the present ‘lock-down’; for local bakers; for vets in Hillingdon.

**We commend to God our Father: any we know to be in trouble or need, especially:** Peter Bennett, Lesley Carrington, Helen Dey, Brian Measures, Irene Wilkinson.

**the recently departed:** Susan Palmer.

**those whose anniversary falls at about this time:**

Kathleen Iris Bailey, Adrian Hammond, Violet Maunder, Frances Mosby, Phyllis Norris, Alex Tonkin. **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), Ss Philip & James and all the saints: **Hail Mary,...**

**NB:** There is no Evening Service to-day, as congregational singing is not (yet) permitted.

**FATHER DESMOND’S NOTES THIS WEEK**

1. For your sake (and all our sakes), you must not come (in)to church, if you have (or have had within the last ten days) any symptoms of *COVID-19* or if you have been exposed (or think you may have been exposed) to *COVID-19* within the last ten days, even if you have no symptoms.

2. A reminder that, at the end of our time together in church, there is always some cleaning to be done; please volunteer to assist with this task, designed to keep us all as safe as possible.



3. The May edition of *Saints Alive!* will make its appearance by next Sunday. Thank you to those who have submitted items this time.

4. **The Eucharist at ASH this week:**

- a. Wednesday, 5/5; 1000: Weekday of Easter
- b. Thursday, 6/5; 1830: Weekday of Easter

5. **Next Sunday, 9/5: Easter VI**

- a. Saturday, 8/5; 1800: Vigil Eucharist (*of the Sunday*)

- b. 0800: Said Eucharist
- c. 1000: Parish Eucharist

6. There is on the table by the North Door a copy of the most recent edition of the *OFRA* Newsletter and it contains much useful; information, but please do not take it away!



7. **Might you help?** We are now very much ‘on the look-out’ for an upright piano to replace the one which had stood in the Choir Vestry for many years. It has had to be removed, as woodworm was recently discovered in the case. We are very willing to pay (local) transport costs, if anyone has a piano in good condition to dispose of.



8. Thursday, 6/5; 1930: *OFRA* Meeting *via* Zoom

9. Tuesday, 11/5; 1200: Funeral Liturgy of Susan Palmer

10. Tuesday, 11/5; 1930: PCC Meeting *via* Zoom

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