



THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS,  
NORTH HILLINGDON UB10 9BT

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~SERVING THE LOCAL  
COMMUNITY~

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THE 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
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(YEAR B)

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5 SEPTEMBER 2021

**Welcome** to All Saints' as we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday in autumn. For the safety of all, please observe the following:

- Maintain **social-distancing** both *inside and outside All Saints'*.
- Sit on your own or with members of your household/bubble.
- We begin 'careful' singing to-day. Sing in a normal conversational tone, not in a loud voice.

**If you wish to continue to wear a face-covering** in church, we shall all be happy with that decision.

**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.

What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world, it was miracles or signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah, which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand - in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of God's Kingdom, in which all diseases and afflictions are abolished. The opening of the man's ears and eyes (in to-day's Gospel reading from Mark) tells us two things: first, that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly, that he calls us into a Kingdom, where all is perfect.

### **Please come across to the Hall**

this morning for coffee and fellowship after the 10 o'clock Parish Eucharist: it would be very good indeed to see you! For the moment, please sit at chairs along the side or remain standing. We shall resume using the tables to gather around a bit later. Our refreshment at the moment will be limited to tea or coffee, but (sadly!) no biscuits. These will come later too.



### **HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK TO-DAY (NEH):**

Offertory 473  
Communion 364  
Recessional 466

**Introit:** Lord, you are just and the judgements you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

**Collect:** Let us pray (*that we may realise the freedom which God has given us in making us his sons and daughters*): God our Father, you redeem us and make us your children in Christ. Look upon us, give us true freedom and bring us to the inheritance you promised. Grant 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 READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah (35:4-7):** *The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.*

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

**The response in the Psalm (145/146):** *My soul give praise to the Lord.*

**A reading from the letter of S James (2:1-5):** *God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there,' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.  
**Alleluia!**



**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (7:31-37):** *He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man, who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no-one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

**AT THE BIDDING PRAYERS:**

Intercessor: God, ever with us;

**All: be our strength and our Saviour.**

**HYMNS TO-NIGHT AT 6 O'CLOCK (NEH)**

- 1. 376
- 2. 334
- 3. 333
- 4. 324

Psalm 119: vv 41-48 (said)



**THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS**

We pray for our parish and for its needs; for Arthur Gary James McGirr, to be baptised here this afternoon, and his family and friends; for parishioners returning to work, to college or to school this week; for young people leaving home for the first time; for all caught up in natural disaster or civil strife in their own country; for the clergy, who assist at All Saints' through the year; for good community relations locally.

***We commend to God our Father:***

***those who are currently ill, in trouble or in any kind of need, especially:*** Lesley Carrington, Stella Claridge, Hazel Collier, Helen Dey, Derek Durrant, John Hucker, Mike & Evelyn Kirby, Angela Lucas, Brian Measures, Kathryn Moore, Helen & Hazel Parris, Steven Patrick, Bill Shaw, Pat Szymanski, Geoff Turner, Irene Wilkinson.

***the recently departed:*** David Collier.

***those whose anniversary falls at about this time:*** John Arthur Banister, Sandra Lynn Barton, Margaret Blake, Audrey Francis, Edward Jones, Mary Keen, Wendy Masters, 'Jim' Roper, Violet Doris Rowe. ***May they rest in peace and rise in glory!***

We commend all that we have just prayed for, our families, our friends and those we love to the

intercession of Mary (*Mother of Jesus*), S Joseph (*her spouse*) and all the saints: ***Hail Mary...***

**FATHER DESMOND'S NOTES THIS WEEK**

- 1. For the time being, we need to continue to keep a list of those attending worship at All Saints'. These lists are shredded after four weeks.
- 2. Please continue to **volunteer** to assist with the cleaning which still needs to be done at the end of our time together in church. Thank you.
- 3. Many thanks to the parishioner who gave some much-needed attention to the main gates on Ryefield Avenue and Long Lane last week.
- 4. Next Tuesday, 7/9; 1930: PCC Meeting *via* Zoom
- 5. **The Eucharist at ASH this week:**
  - a. Wednesday, 8/9; 1000: Birthday of the BVM
  - b. Thursday, 2/9; 1830: *Feria* in Ordinary Time
- 6. There is no Vestry Hour on 11/9 or 2/10. In case of difficulty, please contact the Vicarage.

**7. Next Sunday, 12/9: the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in O/T & Education Sunday**

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

8. Friday, 17/9; **1200:** Please note the ***finally revised*** time of the Funeral Liturgy of David Collier at All Saints'. ***If you are planning to attend, please add your name to the list by the North Door.***

9. Sunday, 26/9: Harvest Thanksgiving, followed by our annual *Macmillian Coffee Morning* in the Hall.

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