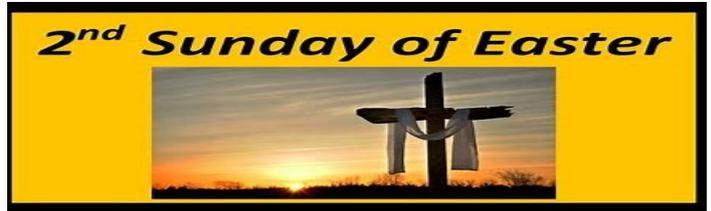


All Saints' North Hillingdon
7th April 2024



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;

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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8th	Les Robinson Len Sowden
9th	Ron Baldwin George Mearing Harry Bailey Jim Barton
10 th	Horace Haigh
13 th	Dorothy Parncutt Pauline Sowden

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In today's gospel Thomas has been renamed 'doubting Thomas!' And maybe we too quickly dismiss him for this doubting and apparent lack of faith. But on the other hand, he is really a very good role model for all us for genuine seeing and believing. Our faith and believing ultimately cannot be based on hearsay, blind acceptance or what others have seen and believed, valid as this may be for them. Our believing during this Easter season and our whole life must be grounded in a deep and personal encounter with Christ. The life of the risen Jesus is now within us and helps us to put aside our fears and doubts so that we can experience his peace, which is his gift to us and the whole church. The resurrection not only changed the world, it made all the difference in the world! Fear is overcome by peace; doubt is transformed into a great acclamation of faith and sin is defeated by forgiveness. Today let us like Thomas reach out in faith to the risen Christ and offer our prayer in faith and hope; My Lord and my God.

NEH:HYMNS AT 10 O'CLOCK

- Gathering 205 Christ is made the sure foundation
- Gradual 342 Breathe on me, Breath of God
- Offertory 294 Just as I am, without one plea
- Comm. 384 Jesu, my Lord, my God, my All,
- Sending 352 Crown him with many crowns

Notices This week

Wednesday April 10 th	No 10 am Service
Sunday April 14 th 3 rd Sunday after Easter 8 & 10am	Revd Ulric
Sunday April 14 th All Saints APCM.	In church after 10 am Service
Saturday 20 th April Reggae & Soul Live event Tickets £15	Church Hall 7:30 -11:30PM

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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.)

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for
our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of
malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus
Christ our Lord,
who is alive and 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 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Or Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20-21

PSALM Psalm 133

R Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.

It is like the precious oil upon the head,

running down upon the beard,

Even on Aaron's beard,

running down upon the collar of his clothing. **R**

It is like the dew of Hermon

running down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has promised his blessing:

even life for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

Either 1 John 1:1 – 2:2

A reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Or Acts 4:32-35

GOSPEL John 20:19-end

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

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said

this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of
eternal life

and in baptism have made us one with him:

deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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connecting faith and daily life

A grain of hope

Gillian Cooper *reflects on* John 20:19-end

“Doubting Thomas,” we call him, but for me Thomas is a realist. He lives his life the way I live mine. Thomas and I know that dead people do not come back to life. We might wish they would, we might imagine them with us; we might even think we see them in the street or hear their voice, but this is real life, and the dead stay dead.

And yet... the Easter story asks us to believe, with Thomas, that Jesus really did live again after death – not as a ghost, not as a figment of someone’s imagination, but as a real live person who could be touched as well as heard and seen. It goes against everything we know of the world. It is almost impossible to believe. Yet Jesus says we are “blessed” if we do. Blessed because if we can suspend for a second what we know about the rules of nature, we can perhaps wonder whether what Thomas saw might be the truth. Blessed because if we can allow for the possibility of God doing something extraordinary, if we can let our imaginations to run wild, if we consider all that Jesus said about the relationship between his life and ours, then there can be inside us a grain of hope. Because if it’s true, the dead are not lost, and nor will we be, ever. 🙏



Losing Poppy and adopting Rosie

by Gillian Cooper

Readers might remember Gillian Cooper’s dog, Poppy, who became a familiar and much-loved feature of *Sunday Link* in Gillian’s long-running series “Walking with Poppy”. Following a short illness in 2022, Gillian had to make the heartbreaking decision to ask the vet to put Poppy to sleep. In August that year Rosie, a six-year-old cavachon, came to live with Gillian. This week and next Gillian tells us about losing Poppy, before starting a new, occasional series, “Walking with Rosie”. 🙏



Gillian with Poppy, Cooper, 5 May 2009 - 18 January 2022

“Whatever else I am dissatisfied with, there is one whom I can contemplate with utter satisfaction and bathe my stained soul in that eternal fount of purity.”

Charles Kingsley (1819-1875), priest, university professor, social reformer, historian, novelist and poet

Risen Lord Jesus, we cannot touch your hands and side; we cannot always discern your presence or hear your voice. Give us faith and hope, that we may believe your promises, and know that in you death has been defeated. Amen.

Walking with Poppy

Poppy’s last walk

by Gillian Cooper

It is a perfect day, crisp and bright. Our usual walk, and Poppy can stop and sniff as much as she likes this morning. We greet friends. I do not show that my heart is breaking.

Poppy is diabetic, and the balance in her system has gone awry. She needs a hospital stay, and I know she would hate that. And Poppy has taken matters into her own paws – she has

simply stopped eating. I have offered every possible delicious food, desperate to keep her a while longer, but my stubborn little terrier is adamant. Enough is enough.

I now have to “play God”, glad at least that I only have to do something so painful on such a small scale. “Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?” God asks Job. Today I feel I understand a little more of God’s awesome responsibility for the world. 🙏