

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

*I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

COLLECT

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 18:1-10a

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In those days: The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, 'O Lord, if I have found favour in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, 'Quick! Three measures of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.' And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk, and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is Sarah your wife?' And he said, 'She is in the tent.' The LORD said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 15(14):2-3a. 3b-4b. 5. R.1a

R: O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

1. Whoever walks without fault;
who does what is righteous,
and speaks the truth from his heart;
whoever does not slander with his tongue. **R.**
2. Who does no wrong to a neighbour,
who casts no slur on a friend,
who looks with scorn on the wicked,
but honours those who fear the LORD. **R.**
3. Who lends no money at interest,
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a one shall never be shaken. **R.**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body – that is, the Church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known – the mystery hidden for ages and generations, but now revealed to his saints.

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL cf. Luke 8:15

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God
in an honest and good heart,
and bear fruit with patience.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice
brought to completion varied offerings of the law,
accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants
and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel,
so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty
may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.*

Or

*Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,
I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

July 20th, 2025

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The first reading today tells the story of the visit to Abraham and his wife of three mysterious men who foretell of Sarah's imminent, although seemingly unlikely, pregnancy. This famous icon of the Trinity

was, it's



believed, actually painted as an image of this visit, but tradition has since considered it to be a depiction of the three persons of the Trinity engaged in 'conversation' around a table. The gospel reading is the famous story of Mary and Martha, in which Martha complains that Mary has left her to serve alone. Interestingly, the word for serving in the original greek, 'diakonos', is elsewhere translated as 'ministry' and it is of course the word from which the English 'deacon' is derived. If we think of Martha ministering to Jesus and the guests and acting as deacon, we might take a more favourable view of what Martha was busy doing!

Entrance Hymn

73 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!

Offertory Hymn

458 Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round

Recessional

400 Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands

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THIS WEEK (Year C[1]; Psalm Week 4)

21st: Monday of week 16 in Ordinary Time. No services in church; Offices said privately.

22nd: *Feast of St Mary Magdalen. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; NO Boys' Brigade*

23rd: *Feast of St Bridget of Sweden, Patroness of Europe. Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700*

24th: *Thursday of week 16 in Ordinary Time.*

Morning Prayer 0945; Mass 1000; Evening Prayer 1700

25th: *Feast of St James, Apostle. No services in church; Offices said privately.*

26th: *SS Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. No services in church; Offices said privately.*

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday 27th July: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass at 1000 as usual.

FUTURE DATES

We are having a barbecue after mass on Sunday 3rd August! Please put the date in your diaries. We would welcome offers of assistance on the day, as well as offers of food or drinks for us to serve. Please speak with Fr Josiah if you are able to help.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Kathyan Fenton; Desiree Loderick; Mr & Mrs DeGale, Anselm Charles, Jean Charnock, Maggie, George Norwood, and Oluwayemisi. (If you have a name for the list, please give the details to Susan, Fr Josiah, or Fr Stephen.)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

20th: Gordon Reilly, John Maddix, Sylvia Skinner, Christine Chick, Hazel Stephenson

21st: Ada Elizabeth Phyll, Sr Florence Mary

22nd: Frederick Henry West

YOUNG CHILDREN IN CHURCH: Don't worry if they make a noise or move about! Young visitors to the sanctuary are always welcome, so no drama if they go for a walk! We'll have a look at the children's work after mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During June 2025, our income was £1,127.52, and our outgoings were £1,058.63. This month, for the first time recently, our income was a little more than our expenditure. That was good, but unusual! So, still please consider if you can increase your contributions to the church, preferably via the Parish Giving Scheme if you don't already use that service.

SPONSORING CANDLES, ETC.: Sanctuary lights cost £3.50; votive candles £1.00; 100 communion wafers £1.50. We'd be very grateful for your support.

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HALL AFTER MASS FOR TEA AND COFFEE, AND BISCUITS OR CAKE!