

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:

‘For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I name you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 96(95):1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10a, c, R.7b

R: Ascribe to the LORD glory and power.

1. O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
2. For the LORD is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the LORD who made the heavens. **R.**
3. Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**
4. Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, ‘The LORD is king.’
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.
Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly
mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our
God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know,
brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you,
because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in
power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL Philippians 2:15d, 16a **R: Alleluia, alleluia.**

Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle
Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along
with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are true
and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about
anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell
us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or
not?’ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why put me to
the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.’ And
they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, ‘Whose
likeness and inscription is this?’ They said, ‘Caesar’s.’ Then he
said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are
Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, Lord, we pray,
a sincere respect for your gifts,
that, through the purifying action of your grace,
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.**

Or

**The Son of Man has come
to give his life as a ransom for many.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,
we may be helped by what you give in this present age
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

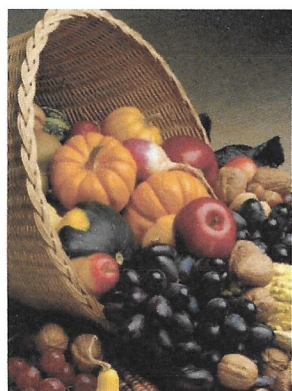
The Parish of St Anselm, Hayes

October 18th, 2026

Harvest Festival (on 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

THE PCC MEETS AFTER MASS TODAY

The American President Benjamin Franklin famously wrote in 1789 that, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." We may continue to moan about taxes – that they are too



high, that they are spent on the wrong things, that they are not fairly levied on the rich relative to the poor – and doubtless some of our dissatisfaction with the tax system is justified. But we cannot claim that taxation is, in itself, a bad or wicked thing. Taxes pay for those things that, as individuals, we could never

provide or afford. From the health service, to defending the country, to drains and sewers, to the justice and prison systems, we all need those things, and we can't do them for ourselves. The idea that taxes, and paying them, are somehow immoral and to be resisted, is clearly ridiculous. In the gospel today, Jesus refused to condemn taxes as wrong in principle – but he does make clear that taxes are part of the social world, not the religious world. We must pay our dues to the country in which we live and from which we benefit. But we must also pay our dues to God for the benefits he provides to us. And today, we give thanks for the harvest. Of course, much human labour and ingenuity also goes into growing our food, but it is God who enables that labour to bear fruit for all of us.

Entrance Hymn

355 Come, ye thankful people, come

Offertory Hymn

358 We plough the fields, and scatter (*During this hymn the collection is taken. Please give as generously as you can.*)

Recessional

528 Now thank we all our God

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THIS WEEK (Year A[2]; Psalm week 1)

ALL MORNING PRAYER SERVICES EXCEPT ON THURSDAYS, AND ALL EVENING PRAYER SERVICES INCLUDING ON THURSDAYS, ARE NOW ONLINE. To attend these online services, visit www.stanselm.co.uk, select 'Services and events', then 'Online Morning Prayer' or 'Online Evening Prayer' as appropriate, and click on 'MORE INFO'.

19th: Monday of 29th week in Ordinary Time.

Morning Prayer online 0900.

20th: Tuesday of 29th week in Ordinary Time.

Morning Prayer online 0900. Evening Prayer online 1700.

21st: Wednesday of 29th week in Ordinary Time.

Morning Prayer online 0900. Evening Prayer online 1700

22nd: Thursday of 29th week in Ordinary Time.

Morning Prayer 0945, Mass 1000 IN CHURCH.

Evening Prayer online 1700.

23rd: Friday of 29th week in Ordinary Time. Morning Prayer 0900 online.

24th: Saturday of 29th week in Ordinary Time.

NEXT SUNDAY

25th October: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass at 1000 as usual.

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

Eliz Asmar, Kathyan Fenton, Desiree Loderick, Mr & Mrs DeGale, Peter Wickham, Cora Freeman, David Couling, Velsie Welch and Shirley Thomas. (If you have a name for the list, please give the details to Fr Stephen.)

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

18th: Betty Maud Harper, John Redding

19th: Harold Edward Henry Bonnett

20th: John Lucas, Derek Carson

22nd: Ethel Belcher

23rd: Ronald Edgehill, Denzil Upshon, Edward Brown, Harry Barnard, Albert White

24th: Kathleen Walsh, Joan Valerie Riches, Peter Homewood [priest]

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 at the end of mass...

FINANCIAL POSITION: During September 2026 our income was £1,144.28, and our outgoings were £1,103.67. A better month, but it doesn't compensate for all those months where we spent more than we received! Could you help us by making a small increase in your contribution to St Anselm? Please flash this QR code to get started!



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