

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



PARISH EUCHARIST THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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THE GATHERING

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction are said.

Prayer of Preparation — Sit or kneel

**All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save from our sins
and to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect - *The Collect for the Week is said after a moment of silence*

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 139:105-112

*Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.
Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.*

*You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.*

*How can young people keep their way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
With my whole heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.
I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.*

*Even though princes sit plotting against me,
your servant will meditate on your statutes.
Your decrees are my delight,
they are my counsellors.*

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of

God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to

him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – *All sit*

The Creed – *All Stand*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession – *We sit or kneel*

The prayers end with the following:

Merciful Father
All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace – *All stand*

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Thematic Reading – Luke 24:30-34

At the lectern.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”

Blessing of God for his goodness

**Blessed are you,
God of those who hunger and thirst,
for you give us our food in due season.
You nourish us with your word,
Which is the bread of life.
You strengthen us with your Spirit,
the new wine of your kingdom.
In Christ you are food for the hungry,
refreshment for the weary.
Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer.
Blessed be God for ever.**

The Lord’s Prayer

From the lectern.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Giving of Communion

The minister moves to the Holy Table and says

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The minister and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept after which the Post-Communion prayer is said.

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The notices are given.

THE DISMISSAL

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore
Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen

The minister and people depart.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 26th July 9.30am

The services are livestreamed via Facebook, YouTube and Twitter
(it can also be viewed later our Facebook page)

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

James Bedford	Raymond Nation	Sandra Swain
Pamela Claridge	Michael O'Hagan	Rev. Peter Taylor
Robb Clarke	June Prentice	Chick Wilson
Rebecca Cohen	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Peter Wilson
Ann Considine	Delphine Scrivener	Jo Wood
Michael Dixon	Riley Shaw	Nic
Jim Hennessey	Anne Shenton	Martyn
Penny Howell	Elsie Stone	
Libby Mills	Roy Stone	

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Rev'd Caroline Wareham	Heather Masters	Bernard Biggs
Alex Nare		

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Eileen Williamson	Jock North	Christopher John Du Bock
Laura Gladys Banks	Fred Hayes	Gwilym Roberts
Irene M Leppington	Robert Scott	Vera Scholar
Reginald Harry Rayment	Rose Allaway	

Please pray for those affected by the Corona Virus

NOTICES

The Parish Office is closed to visitors, we are still available by phone daily. Please contact us if you need help or know of someone who does.

ALMA Sunday – 19th July 2020

Due to Covid_19 the ALMA Lent appeal was derailed. Covid_19 has also severely affected churches in Angola and Mozambique, and the need for Bishops and church officers to respond quickly with water, sanitisers, PPE and food has become all the more acute.

If you are able to make a donation to the work of ALMA at this critical time it can be done via the Diocese of London website at the address below

<https://www.give.net/lent2020/fundraising>

For those without internet access, please contact the office for assistance.

Church Services and Junior Church

At present all services are strictly limited on numbers to maintain social distancing and entry has to be booked and ALL seating will be allocated.

Tickets can be booked from 9am on Monday's for the Sunday Eucharist, ticketing closes at midday on the Saturday before the service. Tickets for the Wednesday Eucharist are available from 9am on Thursday's and closes midday on the Tuesday before the service.

Booking links can be found on our website. If you are unable to book online please call Denise at the Parish Office to reserve your place.

Sides Persons

If you are able to help as a sides person at this time please contact the Parish Office.

Wednesday Service

There will be no Wednesday services on 22nd July and 5th, 12th & 19th August.

Weekly Newsletter

Please do send reflections, stories and others to Denise or Fr Joseph. It can be a short piece, but the more variety we have the more interesting for everybody. The deadline for the week is midday Tuesday.

Sunday Tea & Chat & More Tea with The Vicar

After the service at 11.15am on Sunday and this week we will hold "More Tea" on Tuesday at 10.30am due to a funeral in Church, the zoom codes are in the newsletter. If unsure please call the office.

Electoral Roll

If you consider St Hilda's to be your regular place of worship, why not complete an application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll. Please email or phone the parish office for a form.

Foundation Governor – Ashford Church of England School

There is a vacancy for a Governor from St Hilda's. Please contact Fr Joseph for more information if you would like to be considered for this role.

Crossroads

Please email Rosemary at crossroads_ashford@hotmail.com if you have anything you would like to include in the parish magazine. The July/August edition is now on our website.

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