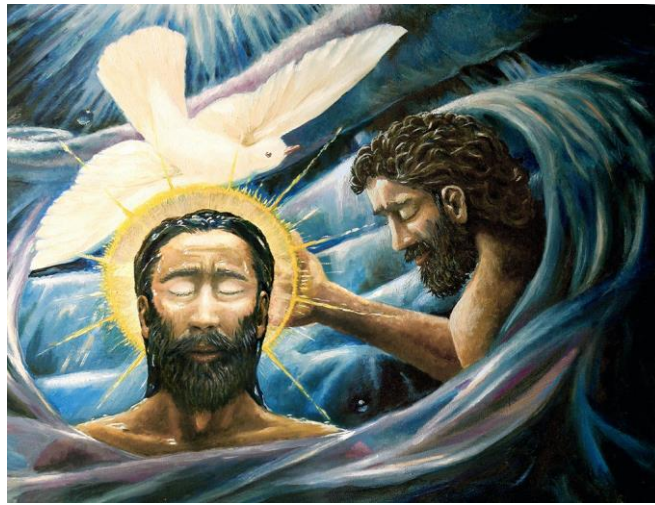


St Hilda's Ashford



The Eucharist during the Epiphany Season

The Baptism of Christ

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THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most glorious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesu, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright,
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,

**Thou its Sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluyas to our King.**

[W. Chatterton Dix]

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 and 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

The grace of God has dawned upon the world

through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

**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 you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**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*

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 43: 1 – 7

But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading – Acts 8: 14 – 17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading – Luke 3: 15 – 17, 21 – 22

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

All Alleluia.

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.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – *we sit*

The Creed – *we stand*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and
the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to
judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the
Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession — *We sit or kneel*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

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*

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.**

**Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;**

**Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.**

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore.**

[Charles Coffin tr. John Chandler]

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit ✠,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
*Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.*

Let us proclaim the miracle of faith:

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy

to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of John the Baptist and all the
saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
and as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

The people and president receive communion.

Communion Hymns

If ye love me

[Thomas Tallis © Oxford University Press 2002]

**Bethlehem, of noblest cities
None can once with thee compare;
Thou alone the Lord from heaven
Didst for us incarnate bear.**

Fairer than the sun at morning
Was the star that told his birth;
To the lands their God announcing,
Seen in fleshly form on earth.

By its lambent beauty guided,
See the eastern kings appear;
See them bend, their gifts to offer,
Gifts of incense, gold, and myrrh.

Solemn things of mystic meaning:
Incense doth the God disclose,
Gold a royal child proclaimeth,
Myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

Holy Jesu, in thy brightness
To the Gentile world displayed,
With the Father and the Spirit
Endless praise to thee be paid.

[Prudentius, tr. Edward Caswall]

Prayer after Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Notices

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen**

The ministers and people depart.

Recessional Hymn

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him—the Lord is his name!**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:**

**Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear,
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him—the Lord is his name!**

[J. S. B. Monsell]

SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 12th January 11am

Sunday 16th January 9.30am

The Sunday service is livestreamed and can be viewed later our Facebook page

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

James Bedford	Pat Kyle	Carla Wells
Robb Clarke	Pauline Lewis	Sheila West
Ann Considine	Chris Maddock	Philip Willerton
Julia Cowley	Mrs McCammon	Chick Wilson
Michael Dixon	Libby Mills	Peter Wilson
Anna Elwell	Raymond Nation	Jo Wood
Jack Everett	Pat Parish	Erin
Peter Garner	Peggy Pinfold	Izzy
Eileen Gilbert	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Nic
Juilet Griffith	Delphine Scrivener	Baby Reuben
Alison Griffiths	Riley Shaw	Bob
Vicky Hall	Elsie Stone	Margaret
Jean Iddiols	Roy Stone	
Jane Johnson	Rev. Peter Taylor	

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Vera Anderson	Deirdre Puttock	Bridget Kerridge
Baby Eleanor	Rosie Newell	Gordon Victor Morrison (Jim)
Geoffrey Escott	Enid Friesen	

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Elizabeth Lees	Michael Jack Luff	Edna May Street
Albert John Street	George Edward Somes	Lilian Kenyon Wilson
John Gething	Rose May Williamson	Marie Joan Flack
Michael James Harden	Grace Helena Pritchard	

NOTICES

The Parish Office is available by phone weekdays 9am – 5pm

Church Opening

St Hilda's is open for public worship services. *We are operating the ticket booking system to keep everyone safe at this time. Please contact the office if you are unable to book online.*

Day of Service	Booking Opens	Booking Closes	Livestream
Sunday (9.30am)	Monday 9am	Friday 5pm	Yes
Wednesday (11am)	Thursday 9am	Tuesday midday	No

Please remember masks are now mandatory in Church and if you feel unwell, we ask that you do not attend. If you feel unwell within 3 days of coming to St Hilda's please contact us so that we can maintain the health and safety of all who attended the same service.

Community Lunch

The Community Lunch is being paused until 2nd February, if you are able to come forward and help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie.

Bible Study – every Wednesday

The Bible study group will meet in Church at 7.30pm.

Euphonium Recital – Saturday 15th January – 12pm

Charley Brighton returns for another in his series of Euphonium Recitals - 'The Richard Scholar Recital Series', a tribute to his very first brass teacher at Longford School in Feltham.

The concert will last for around 45 minutes with refreshments served afterwards. Admission is £5 at the door.

For more details; www.euphoniumcollective.co.uk

Feed my sheep – Tuesday 25th January 2.30 – 4pm

We are back, unless regulations change before our first meeting. The theme is PICK AND MIX.

Turn up, sign in, put a £1 in the pot. Join in and also enjoy cake and tea.

Future dates and topics:

Feb 22nd Whose Bible is it?
Mar 22nd Dead Sea Scrolls and Qumran
April 26th Prayer and Praying
May 24th Popes

Junior church

Junior church would like you to save any Bisto or Pringle type cardboard tubes and their plastic lids [or any other brands]. A box has been placed at the back of church. This is a time limited appeal we need them for January 16th.

Thank you

Christine

Ambling through Acts course – Starts 3rd February

(7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month)

Just as ambling through the countryside gives you time to stop and stare and notice things that you might otherwise miss, so this unhurried but detailed study of the Acts of the Apostles will entail a close reading of the text. We will see the unfolding story of the beginnings of the church through the eyes of the writer, try to discern his purposes, discover new things, and learn that though the context has changed, human nature remains much the same. Hence, the struggles of those first followers may find resonances in our own day as we live out our individual lives of discipleship and participate together in the life of the church.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at the end. We will finish by saying Compline (Night Prayer) together round about 9pm. I hope to see you there. Please bring a bible – ideally the NRSV, but any version will do.

Fr Steve

Joint Men & Women Breakfast – Saturday 12th February

The guest speaker at the next breakfast will be Spelthorne MP and Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Kwasi Kwarteng MP.

Booking can be done via the links on our Facebook page, website or by contacting the parish office.

Parish Exchange with St Michael & All Angels - Stoke Newington

For those who are going on the pilgrimage to the Holy Land

19th February at 2pm – service followed by a meal at St Hilda's

(note - the meal on 8th January at St Michael's & All Angels was postponed until further notice.)

St Hilda's Kneelers

We aren't currently using the kneelers, if anyone has a sentimental attachment to a particular kneeler and would be interested in having it back, please contact the office by January. Otherwise, they will be used for art project, as shown in the picture.



Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey – Date TBC

A parish pilgrimage is being arranged to Westminster Abbey, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the Church or contact the office. A date will be arranged if we have enough interest.

Hope Into Action

Homelessness has been a key element of St Hilda's missional engagement and St Hilda has started to support Hope Into Action:

"We provide not just shelter and housing know-how but also friendship. Together with over 70 churches, we provide direct support to people whom others have often given up on. Our vision is for every church to lovingly provide the homeless with a home. The tragedy of homelessness is in every community"

There are two blue wheelie bins, one in church and one in the church hall to take donations of clean clothes, belts and paired shoes. They will be sold, and the proceeds donated towards the partnership with Hope Into Action. **We cannot do anything with bedding, towels, curtains, and other soft furnishings.**

Holy Land Pilgrimage – 15th – 24th March 2022

An information sheet is available at the rear of the Church which gives further details of the pilgrimage and how to book.

St Hilda's News

The January issue is available on our website.

Sponsor a church chair

If you would like to sponsor a chair or trolley, please complete the form at the rear of the Church.

- £90 covers the cost of a chair
- £225 covers the cost of a stacking trolley

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