

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER 2023

WITH BAPTISM OF
CARTER, ELLA,
SHARLA, RYAN, MITCHALL, ASHLEY, JACK

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THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

**Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high,
Alleluya!**

**He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today!
We too sing for joy, and say
Alleluya!**

**He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the Cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.
Alleluya!**

**He whose path no records tell,
Who descended into hell;
Who the strong man armed hath bound,
Now in highest heaven is crowned.
Alleluya!**

**Now he bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven,
How we too may enter heaven.
Alleluya!**

**Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay,**

Alleluya!

[Michael Weisse, tr. Catherine Winkworth]

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 are said; we pray with Junior Church.

Prayer of Preparation

**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

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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

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*

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Acts 2 vv 14a, 22 - 32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – 1 Peter 1 vv 3 - 9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – John 20 v 19 - end

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – *All sit*

The Liturgy of Initiation

The candidates for baptism gather with the president at the baptismal font. The congregation faces the baptismal font.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery, we have died and been buried with him in baptism.

Presentation of the Candidate

The candidates are presented to the congregation. Where appropriate, they may be presented by their sponsors.

The president asks the candidates for baptism

Sharla, Ryan, Mitchall, Ashley, Jack, do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

The president addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome this candidate and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The Decision / Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The president addresses the congregation and the candidates for baptism

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All I turn to Christ

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All I submit to Christ

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All I come to Christ

Signing with the Cross

The president or another minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate for baptism, saying

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

When the candidates for baptism has been signed, the president says to them

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,

restore in you the image of his glory,

and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

Prayer over the Water

The president stands before the water of baptism and says

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptized in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

Saving God,
All give us life.†

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.

Saving God,
All give us life.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.

Saving God,
All give us life.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in
it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his
resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Saving God,
All give us life.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,
bring them to new birth in the household of faith
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Saving God,
All give us life.

Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess with Sharla,
Ryan, Mitchall, Ashley, and Jack the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all
being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
Who gives life to the people of God
And makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Baptism

Sharla, Ryan, Mitchall, Ashley, Jack, is this your faith?

The candidates answer in their own words, or

This is my faith.

The president or another minister pours water on each candidate, saying

[Name], I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The waters of baptism are sprinkled over the people.

The president says

Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of
faith with all who have been baptized in your name.
Keep us faithful to our baptism,
and so make us ready for that day

when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All Amen.

Commission

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,

by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All Amen.

Welcome

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Andre, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**All We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The congregation may greet the newly baptized.

Baptism of Children

Presentation of the Candidates

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Carter and Ella
with joy.

Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them,
draw them by your example into the community of faith
and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Carter and Ella begin their journey in faith.

You speak for them today.

Will you care for them,
and help them to take their place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

[Name], Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Baptism

[Name], I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Commissioning

We have brought Carter and Ella to baptism knowing that Jesus died and rose again for them and trusting in the promise that God hears and answers prayer. We have prayed that in Jesus Christ they will know the forgiveness of his sins and the new life of the Spirit.

As they grow up, they will need the help and encouragement of the Christian community, so that they may learn to know God in public worship and private prayer, follow Jesus Christ in the life of faith, serve their neighbour after the example of Christ, and in due course come to confirmation.

As their parents and godparents, you have the prime responsibility for guiding and helping them in their early years. This is a demanding task for which you will need the help and grace of God.

As part of the Church of Christ, we all have a duty to support them by prayer, example and teaching.
Let us pray.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for Sharla, Ryan, Mitchall, Ashley, and Jack, and for Carter and Ella, baptised today, for their parents and godparents, to grow in the journey of faith.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life. Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel: look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, we pray for those struggling in body, mind or spirit,
that they may find healing and peace in you.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find
their peace:

look in mercy on the departed, that they may see your
salvation.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

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

Giving of a Lighted Candle

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace – *All stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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.

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn a collection will be taken

**Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more!**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou!**

[Charles Wesley]

The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;

through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the
cross;

you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right
hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-
giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own
possession.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised
him gloriously from the dead.

For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,
and has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he has destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us
everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with All the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
All 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.*

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the miracle of faith:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
All 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

The president says the invitation to communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion.

Communion Hymns

**The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal light.**

**The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love,
And grants his name to know.**

**To them the cross, with all its shame,
With all its grace is given;
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.**

**They suffer with their Lord below;
They reign with him above;
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.**

**The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.**

[Thomas Kelly]

**Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.**

**For God, the living God,
Stooped down to man's estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.**

**Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
My life is hid in God with thee,
Now and through all eternity.**

[G. W. Briggs © 1931 Oxford University Press]

**Word of the Father, source of all things living,
Word once made flesh, our true and only Saviour,
Grow in our hearts, O seed of heaven's harvest,
Jesus, Redeemer.**

**Gospel from heaven, living Word incarnate,
Open our minds, Lord, teach us your true wisdom;
Lamp to our footsteps, scatter all our darkness,
Day-star of glory.**

**Lord of the faithful, guide us on our journey;
Pilgrims, we hunger for the life of heaven;
Jesus, our manna, feed us with your goodness,
Here and hereafter.**

[G. B. Timms]

Prayers after Communion

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

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.

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.**

Notices

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Recessional Hymn

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**When we've been there a thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.**

[John Newton]

Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

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SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 19th April 11am

Sunday 23rd April 10.00am

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

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

Michael Brown	Melvyn Jansen	Bernice
Lizio Cassar	Pat Kyle	Christine
Ros Clifton	Pauline Milton	Elaine
Saffi Cobham	Ray Nation	Nic
Joan Davies	Barbara Warne	Solange
Vicky Hall		

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Fr. Stephen Blood	Wilfred Galloway	Rita Ford
Delphine Scrivener	Betty Vince	Libby Mills

The funeral of Libby Mills will take place in church on
this Wednesday 19th April at 2pm.

We will announce details of Fr. Blood's funeral when we have them.

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Kate Turner	Jill Elizabeth Baker
David Campbell	May Ellen Lawrence
Valerie Patricia Taylor	Emily Gooch
Sarah Ratcliffe	Kathleen Newell
Daphne Monica May Moore	James Alan Perry
Mary Mills	Dorothy A Goldsmith
Rose Edith Blanchard	John Arnold Lane
Win Heather	Amy Maud Clayton
David Frank Rawlinson Banks	Sidney Lovell Pinfold

NOTICES

The Parish Office is available by phone or email. Visitors by appointment only.

Following the teaching of 'Loving thy Neighbour' - If you feel unwell, we ask that you do not attend so that we can maintain the health and safety of all who attend the services.

Forthcoming Vacancy

As Fr. Joseph is leaving us in May, we need to start thinking about who we want to replace him.

There will be a meeting on **Monday 17th April at 7.00-8.30pm** in church to discuss what people are looking for in our next incumbent. Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee will be available.

If you need a lift, or if you cannot attend the meeting but want your ideas included, please e-mail Liz Brian at secretary@sthilda.org or give her your comments in writing.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting- Sunday 30th April at 11.30am

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Hilda's Church will be held on 30th April, 2023. Please make a note of the date in your diary to discover more about church life. These meetings are to elect Church Wardens, members of the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod and to hear reports about what St Hilda's has been doing during 2022. As we enter a time of change here at St Hilda's it is important that we have your views and this is your chance to become more involved. There are nomination forms for joining the PCC, becoming a Deanery Synod Representative and to become a Church Warden at the back of church. For more information about being a member of the PCC please speak to me or another PCC member.

Liz Brian - PCC Secretary.

WANTED: a Parish Safeguarding Officer

We are looking for a new Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to take up the role from the APCM at the end of April.

The PSOs "play an essential role in fulfilling the Parish's commitment to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. The PSOs are the key link between the Diocese and the Parish concerning safeguarding matters. They will have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and will seek to ensure the implementation of all relevant safeguarding policies and guidance in the Parish, ensuring that all allegations or suspicions of abuse are taken seriously and responded to in a timely manner."

If you would consider this role and would like more information please speak to a member of the PCC.

Parish administrator

Our parish administrator is Laura Goodman. Her office hours are:

Monday:	3.30-5pm
Wednesday:	3.30-6.30pm
Friday:	3.30-6.30pm
Saturday:	9.45-11.15am

Any appointments in person must be booked.

Community Lunch - Wednesday at 12 noon

Join us in church for the Community Lunch at midday

If you are able to come forward and help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie.

Bible Study Group – Wednesday at 7.30pm

We meet in Church on most Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

St. Hilda's Breakfast - Saturday 22nd April at 9:30am

Come along and enjoy good food and fellowship.

The guest speakers are Donna and Clare, the foundation Governors from St Hilda's at Ashford C of E Primary School, who will be sharing information about their roles.

Suggested donation £5, payable on the day.

Brass Band Concert - Saturday 22nd April at 7.00pm

Staines Lammas Band and Ascot Brass will present *Brass Synergy* - a collaborative concert - in St. Hilda's Church.

Tickets available on the door or from: ascotbrasstickets.org.uk

Adults £10, Children £5, Family (2 adults plus children) £25

Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 25th April at 2.30pm

Do come and join us .We meet on the 4th Tuesday from 2.30pm – 4pm in Church with tea, coffee and cake, to explore topics on Christian themes. A donation of a £1 is welcomed to cover the cost of the refreshments.

The programme for the first half of the year is:

Apr 25 th	Tyndale and the English Bible
May 23 rd	Names for Jesus
June 27 th	Jargon Busting
July 25 th	Popes – part 2

Ambling through Acts course –Thursday 4th May at 7.30pm

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

Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at the end. We 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.



ST. HILDA'S
ENTERTAINERS

May Play - 19th & 20th May

Our play this year is the hilarious 'Murder In Play', written by Simon Brett.

Performances are in St Hilda's Hall on Friday 19th May at 7.45pm and Saturday 20th May at 2.30pm and 7.00pm.

Tickets - £12 (concessions £10) -can be booked online via the St Hilda's Entertainers website, following the Box Office link, or by phoning 0333 666 3366.

St Hilda's Newsletter - Editor wanted.

Unfortunately Karen is unable to continue as editor; we thank her for her hard work producing the recent editions.

This means we again looking for an editor, who needs to be computer literate and prepared to spend about 8-10 hours a month producing the newsletter. Volunteers please speak to Fr. Joseph; for more information about what is involved ask Rosemary Greenwood.

CAR POOL?

Can you offer a lift to church for someone who can no longer drive?

Do you need a lift to church?

Can you and a neighbour share a car journey to church?

Would you be prepared to co-ordinate a car sharing scheme?

For both practical and environmental reasons we would like to start a car sharing scheme. If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes", please see Rosemary Greenwood.

Food Bank Donations

Please use the wooden chest at the rear of the Church to place any donations for the local food bank, such as tinned and dried goods and toiletries.

The Food Bank is currently short of:

Shower gel

Shampoo

Kitchen & bathroom spray cleaners

J cloths

Small packs of washing powder and capsules

Toilet cleaner

Kitchen rolls and toilet rolls

and tinned vegetarian meals such as Macaroni cheese and

Vegetarian curry

WANTED - Clothing for Bronzefield

They are looking for leggings, leggings, leggings, winter coats, plain T-shirts and long-sleeved tops, and shoes and boots in sizes 5 and 6. Please put any donations in the blue bin at the back of church - they will be separated out from other donations.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 5th-14th March 2024

10 days based in Jerusalem and Galilee

With Father Steve Gayle and Father Joseph Fernandes.

See literature at the back of church for more details.

Local Elections Thursday 4th May 2023

Note that to vote in person at these elections you will need to show photographic ID such as a Driver's Licence, Passport or Older Person's Bus Pass. If you do not have any suitable ID you can apply by 25th April for a free Voter Authority Certificate

See the leaflet included with the recent Council Tax bill for more details, or see www.spelthorne.gov.uk/elections, or phone the Electoral Services Team on 01784 444218

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