

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER 2023

WITH BAPTISM OF THEODORE

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THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

[H. W. Baker]

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father..

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Acts 2 vv 42 - 47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – 1 Peter 2 vv 19 - 25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian 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 10 vv 1-10

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.

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – All sit

Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Theodore with joy.

Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.

Will you pray for him,

draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Theodore begins his journey in faith.

You speak for him today.

Will you care for him,

and help him to take his 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

Theodore, Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm,
together with these who are being baptized,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

All I 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 I 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 I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

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

Blessing of the water

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy
Spirit, Theodore may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may Theodore walk by the light of
faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ
our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all
honour and glory, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Baptism

Theodore, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Commissioning

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

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

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

Prayers of Intercession

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

Let us pray for Theodore, baptised today, for his 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

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.**

All who dwell in dark and sin

My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

**I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

*[Text: Based on Isaiah 6. Text and music: Dan Schutte,
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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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**All 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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,

to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
*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.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit ☩ as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hilda and
all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
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 God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life

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

Christ is the world's true Light,
Its Captain of salvation,
The Daystar shining bright
To every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes,
Where'er men own his sway:
Freedom her bondage breaks,
And night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
From sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord,
Men shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare bear the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name
Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

[G. W. Briggs; words© Oxford University Press]

Faithful Shepherd, feed me
In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
To the heavenly shore;
May my faith grow clearer,
May I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
To thy promised rest.

[T B Pollock]

Gläns över sjö och strnad, stjärna ur fjärran
du som i Österland, tändes av Herran
Stjärnan från Betlehem, leder ej bort men hem
Barnen och herdarna följa dig gärna
Strålande stjärna, strålande stjärna

Natt över Judaland, natt över Sion
borta vid västerrand, slocknar Orion
Herden som sover sött, barnet som slumrar sött
vakna vid underbar korus av röster
Skåda en härligt klar stjärna i Öster

Gånga från lamm och hem, sökande Eden
stjärnan från Betlehem visar dem leden
Stjärnan från Betlehem leder ej bort men hem
Barnen och herdarna följa dig gärna
Strålande stjärna, strålande stjärna

*(Shine over lake and shore, star from afar
You who in Eastern land, were lit by the Lord
The star of Bethlehem , don't lead astray, but home
Children and shepherds so gladly follow
Star over Eastern land
Star over Bethlehem*

*Night over Judah's land, night over Zion
Far in the Eastern land, Orion is fading
Shepherds are sleeping tight, children are dreaming sweet
Suddenly waking up, by a great chorus
Look at that glowing star
bright shining in the East.*

*Leaving their flock and home, searching for Eden
Star over Bethlehem, leading the straight way
The star of Bethlehem , don't lead away, but home
Children and shepherds so gladly follow
Star over Eastern land
Star over Bethlehem)*

**Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know,
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
in you, and you in me?**

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
Will you let me answer prayer
in you, and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free,
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
in you, and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you, and you in me.

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Prayers after Communion

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

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through 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.**

Banns of Marriage and 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 peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy hand hath provided,

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!**

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy hand hath provided,

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

[Thomas O. Chisholm]

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SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 3rd April 11am

with Mothers' Union

Sunday 7th May

8.am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am - Parish Eucharist

3.00pm - Service to celebrate the Coronation

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

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

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

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

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Percy Sibley	Delphine Scrivener	Rita Ford
Diane Owen	Wilfred Galloway	Libby Mills
Fr. Stephen Blood	Betty Vince	

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Elsie Winifred May Swain	Robert Harris
Mary Ann Brooker	Doris Cash
Dorothy Barnett-Roberts	Frances Matilda Turner
John Charles Manning	

Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

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.

Farewells

Today is Helen's last day with St. Hilda's: join us for coffee and cake after **today's** service to say goodbye.

Carolyn and Gordon will be leaving St. Hilda's at the end of May; however, we will be saying our goodbyes to them on the **14th May**, again with coffee and cake.

Sadly, Fr. Joseph and his family will also be leaving. His last service at St. Hilda's will be the **21st May**. Fr Joseph would like us to celebrate his last day with us by having a shared lunch.

Please put these dates in your diary.



There will be a service to celebrate the coronation in St. Hilda's Church on Sunday 7th May at 3pm

All are welcome to join us

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.

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.

Funeral of Fr. Stephen Blood - Wednesday 10th May at 11.30am

This invitation is extended to everyone who knew Fr. Blood:

The funeral will take place at 11.30am on 10 May at:

All Saints Church
Church Lane, Kings Langley
Herts WD4 8JS

Followed by the Committal at 1pm at:

South Chapel, West Herts Crematorium
High Elms Lane
Watford WD25 0JS

We should then be very pleased if everyone would join us to continue to remember and celebrate Stephen's life: venue TBC on the day.

If you plan to go, please let the Parish Office know so we can tell the family the number to expect.

Sing along with MAMMA MIA! –Saturday 13th May at 7pm

In St. Hilda's church, with Ploughman's Supper, Bar and Raffle.

Tickets £10 via the web site www.sthilda.org or at the back of church.

Beating the Bounds - Rogation Sunday 14th May at 2.30pm

We will meet at the Church, leaving at 2.30pm, have a gentle walk round the bounds of the Parish, and end with Fish & Chips back at the church. There will be a sign-up sheet so we know numbers for Fish & Chips.



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.

Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 23rd May 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:

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| May 23rd | Names for Jesus |
| June 27th | Jargon Busting |
| July 25th th | Popes – part 2 |

***** St Hilda's Newsletter *****

We have a new Editor! Sara Lee has agreed to take on this role.

The aim is to produce the newsletter monthly, to be available on the last Sunday of the month, with the deadline for contributions as the first Sunday of the month.

The deadline for items for the July issue will therefore be Sunday 4th June. This will be your magazine - so start writing!

Please send your contributions to: saralee7@btinternet.com

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.

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.

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.

Mother Helen Calner

Please pray for Helen and those who will be made priest with her
by Emma, Bishop of Kensington
at St. Paul's Church, Hammersmith
at 2pm on 17th June.

Helen will offer her first Mass on Sunday 2nd July at 10.30am
at St. Philip's Church, Earls Court: all welcome!

Please also pray for Revd. Pippa Turner
and the people of St. Philip's Church
among whom Helen will serve.

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.

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