

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

05 MAY 2024

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Welcome to St Hilda's. We are delighted that you are able to share in our morning worship today,

If you are new to the church please do take time to introduce yourself to the people at the back of the church and to the ministry team at the end of the service. We would be delighted to meet you.

If you are able please join us for tea or coffee after the service so we can get to know one another.

Should you need any help during the service please do not hesitate to ask those around you and we are sure they will be able to support you.

There is a children's corner in the north aisle which children are very welcome to use, and there activity sheets are available to occupy them.

THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

Come down, O love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

[Bianco de Siena

tr. R. F. Littledale]

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.

(Junior Church have Messy Church in the Hall)

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

**Glory to God in the highest,
All 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*

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Acts 10 vv 44 - 48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – 1 John 5 vv 1 - 6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – John 15 vv 9 - 17

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.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – All sit

The Creed

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

**All 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

The prayers end with the following:

Merciful Father,

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

Bring us all to your heavenly city,
to the joyful gathering of thousands of angels,
to the assembly of your firstborn,
to the spirits of the saints made perfect,
to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant
and to the sprinkled blood that promises peace.

All Amen.

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

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ has burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,
Hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst thine own
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace which evermore
Passeth human knowing.

[St. John of Damascus tr. J. M. Neale]

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
singing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.*

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Let us proclaim the miracle of faith:

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

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hilda and all the
saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
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

*A new commandment I give unto you:
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.*

**By this shall all know that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another. (Repeat)**
Refrain

**You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing. (Repeat)**
Refrain

**I am the true vine, my Father is the gard'ner.
Abide in me: I will be with you. (Repeat)**
Refrain

**True love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful;
Love bears all things, love is eternal. (Repeat)**
Refrain

*[v 1 Anon, vv2-4 Aniceto Nazareth
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Anthem: From the rising of the sun.

[F A Gore Ouseley]

Come, thou Holy Spirit, come,
And from thy celestial home
 Shed thy light and brilliancy:
Father of the poor, draw near,
Giver of all gifts, be here,
 Come, the soul's true radiancy.

Come, of comforters the best,
Of the soul the sweetest guest,
 Come in toil refreshingly:
Thou in labour rest most sweet,
Thou art shadow from the heat,
 Comfort in adversity.

O thou Light most pure and blest,
Shine within the inmost breast
 Of thy faithful company:
Where thou art not, man has nought,
Every holy deed and thought
 Comes from thy divinity.

Sinful hearts do thou make whole,
Bring to life the arid soul,
 Guide the feet that go astray:
Make the stubborn heart unbend,
To the faint, new hope extend,
 Wounded souls, their hurt allay.

Fill the faithful, who confide
In thy power to guard and guide,
 With thy sevenfold mystery:
Here thy grace and virtue send,
Grant salvation in the end,
 And in heaven felicity.

[Latin, Stephen Langton tr. J. M. Neale]

Prayers after Communion

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

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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.**

<i>Banns of Marriage; Notices - see pages 22 - 27</i>
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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. **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 8th May 11am

Sunday 12th May 10.00am

Sunday 12th May 3.00pm Churches Together Service

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

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

Michael Brown	Lena Richardson	Cyril
Ros Clifton	Esperado (son of Fr. Domingos)	David
John Hunt	King Charles	Demi
Pat Kyle	Catherine, Princess of Wales	Fiona
Ray Nation		Mary

If you would like a name added to or removed from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. If you know of someone ill or in hospital in need of prayer and support please tell our LLM Rosalyn Young (contact details on back cover).

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Jeffrey Forsbrey	Jo Greenwood	Trevor Weston
Saffi Cobham	Doreen Walker	Betty Collins

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Doris Cash	William Henry Bembridge	Patricia Jane Shelly
Frances Matilda Turner	Samuel Cash	Edgar John Sidwell
Rose Marion White	Edgar Francis Sharps	John Du Bock
John C F Bearfoot	Harry Northcott	

THOSE RECENTLY BAPTISED

Farhad

THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

James Ellison and Katie Ellesley

Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula
and for Christians facing persecution in countries such as North Korea,
Somalia, Libya, Eritrea and Yemen
for more details see <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

Praying for peace in Israel and Gaza

Bishop Sarah encourages us to join in with Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem, who has offered the following prayer:

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

NOTICES

**CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN SPELTHORNE**



*AT ST HILDA'S CHURCH
Ashford TW15 3QL*

*YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND
REFLECTION ABOUT THE WORK OF GOD IN
OUR LIVES*

*SUNDAY 12th MAY 2024
3.00pm*

St Hilda's Newsletter

The latest issue of the Newsletter is available via the St. Hilda's web site (under "About Us"). Please leave the printed copies for people without internet access and for visitors.

The newsletter is now produced every two months, and unless more people provide material the Newsletter will end.

The deadline for items for the **June/July** issue is

TODAY: Sunday 5th May.

Please send your contributions to: editor@sthilda.org

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 7.45pm

We meet in Church on most Wednesday evenings. This week we are starting a new study on *The Kingdom*, mainly from Matthew's Gospel. You are very welcome to join us.

Mothers' Union Lunch - Tuesday 7th May at 12.15pm

PCC Meeting - Tuesday 7th May at 7.15 for 7.30pm in church

Jumble Sale - Saturday 11th May at 2pm

In church. Admission £1 Proceeds to church funds

Workers will be needed to sort the donations in the morning from 9.30am, sell the goods (be available from 1.45pm), and to clear up afterwards.

If you can help, please sign on the sheet at the back of church.

Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 28th 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.

28th May	Non Canonical Gospels
25th June	Jargon Busting
23rd July	Celtic Spirituality

Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 6th June 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.

The Parish Office is available by phone or email.

Any appointments in person must be booked.

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

Monday:	3.30-5pm
Wednesday:	3.30-6.30pm
Thursday	6.30-9.30pm
Saturday:	9.45-11.15am

The deadline for items for the Service Sheet is noon on Thursday.

UPDATE ON CHURCH HALL ROOF

The great news is that the new roof is in place. The solar panels have been installed and we now have an APP that enables us to see how much electricity we are generating and using in the hall. The car park is open again but the heras fencing will remain as long as the scaffolding is in place.

Happytots and the other regular hirers have returned to the hall - but the only access remains through the side door as the scaffolding is still in place.

Huge thanks to Nick, Farhad, Mike Smith and Steve Smith who have been working on the fanlight windows, they have cleaned and treated the mould and should finish painting this weekend. It looks a great deal better! However, the painting team have discovered that two of the fanlights are literally “hanging by a thread” and will need urgent attention.

We hope that gutter lining will be finished this week (TBC).

Thank you all for your patience while this work has been going on. Whilst it isn't quite finished, the project has been very smooth to date and the contractors very supportive. Paula Gething

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and

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Saturday 18th May at 7:30pm

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ascotbrasstickets.org.uk





Christian Aid Week 12th - 18th May

Linda Marshall (Christian Aid Local Rep for Staines & Laleham) writes:

"Christian Aid Week is just around the corner - the 67th since the first one in 1957 - and Christian Aid are encouraging us to do a 70k sponsored run, walk, swim, during May to raise money for their vital work. One of the pictures they have used in their publicity for this was taken last year outside St Mary's church in Staines when a few of us were setting off for a 10k sponsored wander around Staines & Laleham, so all we need this year is for groups of seven walkers to register for the Staines Stroll and we'll be all set to join in the challenge. Last year we raised just over £2,000 but now we are famous we could surely aim for twice that amount!

The walk will start between 9.00 and 9.30am from St Mary's on Saturday 11th May and go round 8 churches in Staines and Laleham, some of them open for a toilet break and refreshments, others for a rest and a look round the building. We hope this will be a time for members of all ages, from different churches, to meet each other in a relaxed (but energetic!) context."

This is quite short notice to obtain sponsors, and clashes with St. Hilda's Jumble Sale, but if anyone would like to take part in this walk, or to do it independently at a later date, let Jane Dobbie or Rosemary Greenwood know and we will give you further details.

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