

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER**

**12 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

All hail the power of Jesu's Name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
To crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
And crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call;  
The God incarnate, Man divine,  
And crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue  
To him their hearts enthral,  
Lift high the universal song  
And crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.

*[Edward Perronet and others]*

## 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

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

**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*

**Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**All Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading – Acts 1 vv 15 - 17, 21 - 26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*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 9 - 13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading** – John 17 vv 6 - 19

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**All Alleluia.**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have



received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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*

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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*

**Christ is the King! O friends rejoice!  
Brothers and sisters, with one voice  
Make all men know he is your choice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The first Apostles round them drew  
Thousands of faithful men and true,  
Sharing a faith for ever new:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Then magnify the Lord, and raise  
Anthems of joy and holy praise  
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O Christian women, Christian men,  
All the world over, seek again  
The Way disciples followed then:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Christ through all ages is the same:  
Place the same hope in His great name,  
With the same faith His word proclaim:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let Love's unconquerable might  
God's people everywhere unite  
In service to the Lord of light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*[George Bell]*

*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,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once for all into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**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.**

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 Hilda 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.

*All* **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

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with the fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.

*[Edwin Hatch]*

Bread of the world in mercy broken,  
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,  
By whom the words of life were spoken,  
And in whose death our sins are dead:  
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
Look on the tears by sinners shed,  
And be thy feast to us the token  
That by thy grace our souls are fed!

*[Reginal Heber]*

O for a heart to praise my God,  
A heart from sin set free,  
A heart that always feels thy blood  
So freely shed for me.

A heart resigned, submissive, meek,  
My great Redeemer's throne,  
Where only Christ is heard to speak,  
Where Jesus reigns alone.

A humble, lowly, contrite, heart,  
Believing, true and clean,  
Which neither life nor death can part  
From him that dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed  
And full of love divine,  
Perfect and right and pure and good,  
A copy, Lord, of thine.

My heart, thou know'st, can never rest  
Till thou create my peace;  
Till of mine Eden repossess,  
From self, and sin, I cease.

Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,  
Come quickly from above;  
Write thy new name upon my heart,  
Thy new, best name of love.

*[Charles Wesley]*

## Prayers after Communion

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

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
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.**

<b><i>Banns of Marriage; Notices</i> - see pages 23 - 26</b>
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## THE DISMISSAL

### Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;  
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

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]*

## SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 11am

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 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	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	

#### THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Thomas Graham Inglis	Thomas Henry Boswell	Nellie Frances Chalmers
Ronald Cash	Stella Madeline Elsom Barber	Robert Peter Fisher
Frances Louise Bray	Pauline Ealey	Fred Wootton
Halina Dura	Vera Beatrice Rouse	Ronald Carr
Oliver Springer	Margaret Reid	

#### 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

### **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.

### **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 13th 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.

### **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 **August/September** issue is **Sunday 7th July**.

Please send your contributions to: [editor@sthilda.org](mailto:editor@sthilda.org)

**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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# BRASS SYNERGY

*A collaborative concert*



Saturday 18th May at 7:30pm

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