

# St Hilda's Ashford



## The Eucharist during the Epiphany Season

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# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

Bright the vision that delighted  
Once the sight of Judah's seer;  
Sweet the countless tongues united  
To entrance the prophet's ear

Round the Lord in glory seated  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Filled his temple, and repeated  
Each to each the alternate hymn:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fullness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

Heaven is still with glory ringing,  
Earth takes up the angels' cry  
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,  
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'

With his seraph train before him,  
With his holy Church below,  
Thus unite we to adore him,  
Bid we thus our anthem flow:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fullness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

*[Richard Mant]*

## **The Greeting**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome and introduction are said.*

## **Prayer of Preparation — *Sit or kneel***

*All* **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins.

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,**

**through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
✠pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

**The Collect** - *The Collect for the Week is said after a moment of silence*

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 62: 1 - 5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading – John 2: 1 – 11**

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*All* **Alleluia.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*At the conclusion of the Gospel reading*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon – *we sit***

## **The Creed – *we stand***

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

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

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

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the  
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**Prayers of Intercession** — *We sit or kneel*

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord,  
who has brought us out of darkness  
and into his own marvellous light.

Merciful Father

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

**THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**The Peace** — *All stand*

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn**

**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]*

Lord, accept your people's gifts,  
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,  
but hearts and voices raised in praise  
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.  
**Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

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

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

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

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

*Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.*

Let us proclaim the miracle of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of 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. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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

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

## **Agnus Dei**

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

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

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

## **Giving of Communion**

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.  
*All* **Lord, give us this bread always.**

*The people and president receive communion.*

## **Communion Hymns**

**O thou who camest from above,  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return,  
In humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work and speak and think for thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up thy gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
'Til death thy endless mercies seal,  
And make my sacrifice complete.**

*[Charles Wesley]*

**Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days,**

**Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.**

*[Frances Ridley Havergal]*

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*All* **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Notices are given

## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **Blessing**

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### **Recessional Hymn**

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,**

**Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

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## **SERVICE TIMES**

**Wednesday 19th January 11am**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 9.30am**

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

### **Please remember in your prayers this week:**

#### **THE SICK:**

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

#### **THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

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

#### **THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Robert Oldfield	Elizabeth Catherine Gething	Bette Porter
Rita Mabel Boulding	Derek Wilmott	Joyce Titt
Edward Kingston		

## NOTICES

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

### **Church Opening**

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

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

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

### **Community Lunch**

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

### **Bible Study – every Wednesday**

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

### **Feed my sheep – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2.30 – 4pm**

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

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

Future dates and topics:

Feb 22nd Whose Bible is it?

Mar 22nd Dead Sea Scrolls and Qumran

April 26th Prayer and Praying

May 24th Popes

## **Ambling through Acts course – Starts 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

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

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

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

*Fr Steve*

## **Joint Men & Women Breakfast – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

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

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

## **St Hilda's Kneelers**

We aren't currently using the kneelers, if anyone has a sentimental attachment to a particular kneeler and would be interested in having it back, please contact the office by January 31st. Otherwise, they will be used for art project, as shown in the picture.



## **Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey – Date TBC**

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

## **Hope Into Action – St Hilda's House**

Homelessness is an integral part of St Hilda's missional engagement with the local community. Simeon will be available today after the service to share about St Hilda's House, a project aimed at providing accommodation to women in need.

## **St Hilda's News**

The January issue is available on our website.

## **Sponsor a church chair**

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

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





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