

# St Hilda's Ashford



**The Eucharist  
during  
the Epiphany Season  
The Fourth Sunday of the  
Epiphany**

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# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name

Blessings abound wherever he reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honours to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeats the long Amen.

*[Isaac Watts]*

## 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*

God of heaven,  
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth  
and your messengers to every nation:  
send your Holy Spirit to transform us

by the good news of everlasting life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 43: 27 – 44: 4**

When these days are over, then from the eighth day onward the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt offerings and your offerings of well-being; and I will accept you, says the Lord God.

Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. The Lord said to me: This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it; therefore it shall remain shut. Only the prince, because he is a prince, may sit in it to eat food before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way.

Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and lo! the glory of the Lord filled the temple of the Lord; and I fell upon my face.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions,

and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading – Luke 2: 22 - 40**

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 Luke.

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to

the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon 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.**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

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** — *We 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**

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.**

**Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love and praise!**

*[Charles Wesley]*

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**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer 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**

***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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**Nunc Dimitis**

*(Thomas Morley, arranged by Sydney H. Nicholson)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Generous Lord,  
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your  
love:  
help us so to live out our days  
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen**

*Notices.*

## THE DISMISSAL

### Blessing

May God the Father,  
who led the wise men by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,  
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,  
give us a place with the saints in light  
in the kingdom of his beloved Son.

*All* **Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts and fill your lives  
with his joy and peace.

*All* **Amen.**

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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### Recessional Hymn

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;**

**O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.**

**O let me see thy footmarks, and in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone.  
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.**

*[John Bode]*

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## **SERVICE TIMES**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 7.30pm (Candlemas)**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 8.00am (BCP Eucharist)**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 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**

Neil Bate	Vera Anderson	Deirdre Puttock
Bridget Kerridge	Baby Eleanor	Rosie Newell

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

Edith Ruby Sharps	Sidney Henry Divey	Hugh Rees Morris
Mary Fifield	John David Smith	Jane Mitchell

## 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
First Sunday of the month (8am)	Monday 9am	Friday 5pm	No
Sunday (9.30)	Monday 9am	Friday 5pm	Yes
Wednesday (11am)	Thursday 9am	Tuesday midday	No

**Masks will be optional from the 13<sup>th</sup> February. 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.**

### **Candlemas – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 7.30pm**

A Candlemas service is being held, please book in the usual way. There will not be a Wednesday 11am service.

### **Community Lunch**

The Community Lunch is being paused until 9th February, if you are able to come forward and help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie.

### **Bible Study – every Wednesday**

Bible Study will not be meeting this week due to the Candlemas Service.

### **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

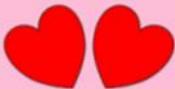
struggles of those first followers may find resonances in our own day as we live out our individual lives of discipleship and participate together in the life of the church.

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*

### **A Time to Worship Together – 11<sup>th</sup> February 5.30pm**

Simon Shutt from FACT (Faith Awareness in Children's Trust) will be leading a service that is open to all households about 'What is Real Love?' Please contact the office to book a place or use the links available on our website and Facebook page. All are welcome to this friendly all age event.

 Come and join us for an hour on   
**St Hilda's Church,**  
**Ashford**  
**5.30pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 2022**  
A Time to Worship Together Service  
**St. Valentine - what is real love?**  
Things to make, songs to sing, prayers to join in with.  
This event is being held in conjunction with FACT, a local Christian charity.  
**Bring everyone who lives with you, all your household.**  
Light refreshments afterwards.  
Book a table for your household via the church office  
01784 253525  
office@sthilda.org  
 

### **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.

### **Feed my sheep – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2.30 – 4pm**

The theme is Whose Bible is it ?

## **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.

## **St Hilda's News**

The February issue will be available soon.

## **Sponsor a church chair**

We have now received our lovely new chairs at St Hilda's. It is not too late to sponsor a chair or a trolley as we would still like purchase more.

If you can help, 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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