



St Hilda's
Ashford

St Hilda's News

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We are looking for more contributions from the St Hilda's community, if you would like to contribute, please either call, email or send an article to the Parish Office.

If you would like help or to speak to a member of the ministry team please contact:

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Email office@sthilda.org
- Father Joseph can be contacted on 01784 254237

Welcome to the first monthly St Hilda's News.

As the parish and the world start to return to a sense of normality and re-establishing old or new routines, it was decided that the parish newsletter would also develop.

The aim of the newsletter is to give more of a Parish feel, and the majority of the articles will come from within the parish of St Hilda's. We will continue to share other articles of interest.

As always, we want to hear from you, so please tell us about your hobbies, activities, big birthdays and other celebrations.

Send all contributions to the Parish Office, either by email or post.

Thank you
The Editors

Prayer for Harvest

Father, as we celebrate this season of thanksgiving We give thanks for the blessings of food, provision and nourishment.

Please grow in us a harvest for the world. Come sow a seed of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance.

Sow a seed of peace in our lives Lord, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness.

Come sow a seed of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community.

May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all. Amen.

The Life of your Ordinand Part One

It seems like quite a while ago I wrote a short introduction of myself so you all could get a glimpse of who I am. And now I invite you to join me on my journey as your ordinand and I hope you will come along on this road trip.

I have been so warmly welcomed in the church and all of you who I have met, have been so positive and warm and you really make me feel at home!

Even though I am all but a morning person, I must admit that my very early mornings, trying to manage to get to Ashford on time, is something I already am starting to appreciate. But only after my second cup of coffee of course.

Trying to also be a good student my mind is set on studying on the trains, but most of the times I end up in different conversations with all kinds of people. It just happens.



When writing this, I have just arrived back home after my first residential weekend with my college, St Mellitus. We spent our time at The Hayes, in Derbyshire. Such a lovely place and the scenery is amazing. Do have a look on Google.

It was intense on all levels. So many faces, so much food and so many long lectures and endless prayers (please don't tell my formation group tutor) And even though I really like church history, I have to say that trying to grasp the wonders and appreciation of some of our great church fathers and mothers, at 9.30 pm on a Friday and Saturday, is not my greatest strength. Even so, I am inspired, with my blurry recollection of all that was said.

But normally it is Mondays that is college day and I really enjoy our lectures and coming home, dipping my nose in the books and learn more. Right now, it's all about contextual and systematic theology and church history.

Sometimes when looking at that pile of books it makes me a bit nervous. How am I really going to be able to produce articles and reflections and essays that makes sense? It's been so long since I was in the academics, and all in Swedish. I guess I have to trust that all will be well with prayer, patience and positivity.

By the way, St Mellitus are forgiven for not having the perfect coffee culture, there's a Costa nearby.

If I should pick a couple of favourite St Hilda-moments so far, it is when we had a baptism a short while ago. I guess it was the first time I experienced a bubble machine as part of the service. I must steal that idea! Not only is it of great surprise and joy, but it is also a wonderful reminder of the beauty of being who we are. As individuals. Every bubble is unique and so are we. And God is full of playfulness and so should we be. Joy and laughter are important in our lives, which has enough of worries as it is.



My confirmation was another one. It is a whole other level of communal appreciation and celebration than I am used to. And it was a bit magical that I could have my “formal transition” into the Anglican Communion with you, at St Hilda. And the cake was so delicious!

Until next part, take care and don't forget to play and laugh
Helen



Soup and a Roll.

On Wednesday after our 11am service, we had our very first Soup and a Roll lunch. We did have a few teething troubles, the food was expected between 11 and 11.30, however, the person making the delivery left the goods at the wrong place and had to pick them up and re-deliver. We eventually received the food around 12.

We were expecting a large pot of ready-made hot soup, what we received was a case of tinned tomato soup, lots of French bread, sandwiches and cakes, a veritable feast, however, we had to open the tins and heat up the soup. They say a watched pot never boils, well try watching soup, it takes forever.

While we were waiting everyone tucked into French bread, cheese and sausage rolls, eventually the soup was almost hot so we tucked in. We were all well fed and enjoyed a lovely social time together.



The food delivery we received was very generous and so we have decided to host lunch every Wednesday after the service. It will be called Community Lunch with everyone welcome. Next week we are making the soup ourselves, so please do come along and join us.

If you would like to come along, please book for lunch with the Parish Office so we know how many to cater for.

Bobbie & Mariane

Signs and Symbols



When it was dangerous in the early days of the Christian Church a secret sign was used to identify your fellow Christian. If you drew



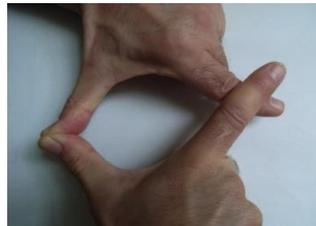
in the sand and the picture was completed



then you knew you both followed in the

Way of Christ.

Maybe you made a symbol with your hands

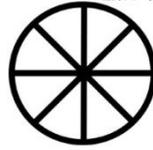


So why a fish? The answers given are that Peter, Andrew James and John were fishermen. Also, that when called Jesus said that he would make them “fishers of men”.

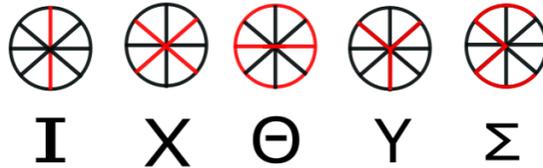
One of the main languages of the region in those early centuries was Greek. The Greek for Fish is Ichthys or Icthyus. **ἰχθύς** Now if you take each of the individual letters and use them as the initial letters of other words you end up with a phrase that in English reads: ***Jesus Christ Son of God Saviour*** .

Ι	Χ	Θ	Υ	Σ
Ιησους	Χριστος	Θεου	Υιος	Σωτηρ
Jesus	Christ	God	Son	Savior

This was drawn as like an eight spoke wheel.



Within this were written the six letters.



This is why these two symbols are found etched on stones in ancient sites.



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time
Worship Together

Pumpkin carving & Jesus light of the world

A 'Time 2 Worship Together' event run by FACT (Faith Awareness in Children Trust) office@thefact.co.uk in conjunction with St Hildas Woodthorpe Road Ashford TW15 3QL

Book your free place for your household via the QR code

Bring everyone in your household to this simple service. Pumpkins to carve within a short act of worship that will offer moments to think about Jesus the light of the world.

Date: Friday 29th Oct
Time: 5.30pm start
Duration: 50 mins

Please donate to FACT by using the QR code

www.thefact.co.uk

St Hilda's Light Party in conjunction with **FACT**

Tickets are available from midday Sunday 3rd October, limited spaces available.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pumpkin-carving-jesus-the-light-of-the-world-tickets-176342303577>

3rd October - 18th Sunday after Trinity

Sheep and Lambs Together Creative and Reflective activities for All Ages

Read **Mark 10: 2 - 16**

Talk together and write a short social media biography for Jesus.

What characteristics of Jesus would you highlight? What do you think he is looking for in his followers? Think about what he values and what he might choose to write about.



Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting 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.
Amen

Proverbs 22:6

Train children in the right way,
and when old, they will not stray.

10th October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

Sheep and Lambs Together **Creative and Reflective activities for All Ages**

Read **Mark 10: 17- 31**

Fix some coins to a table with blue tac . Show everyone how to make a coin rubbing using thick crayons on paper. Remind them that Jesus asked the rich man to give up his money to follow him.

Jesus wasn't saying that we shouldn't have money – but it shouldn't get in our way,

Then think together about things that get in the way of our relationship with God, demonstrating how these things can hold us back.



O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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.
Amen

Philippians 4:6

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

17th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity

Sheep and Lambs Together Creative and Reflective activities for All Ages

Read **Mark 10.35-45**

You will need: a circle of card, colouring pens, ribbon, a stapler.

Write your name on the circle and colour in the letters.

Staple on the ribbon and wear your medal.

Talk together about how medals are a symbol of achieving something, but in today's session everyone gets a medal, because we all have a place in Jesus' community.



God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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.
Amen

Proverbs 15:3

The eyes of the Lord are in every place,
keeping watch on the evil and the good.

24th October - Last Sunday after Trinity

Sheep and Lambs Together Creative and Reflective activities for All Ages

Read **Mark 10 :46-end**

Imagine what people saw that day

Ask any one in the group to play the parts of different characters from the crowd. Ask them to imagine some of them were passers-by and had seen what was going on, and some of them may not have seen, but have heard about it later on.

Ask them, one at a time, to come and sit in a chair and encourage the others to ask questions about what they saw or didn't see – and what they thought about it. Ensure you include what would it have been like for someone who couldn't see what was going on.

Afterwards, discuss what the general feeling might have been: Did people believe what they saw? Did they see Bartimaeus in a new way? Did it help them to see there was something special about Jesus?



Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Sponsor a church chair

We have selected some fresh, new replacement chairs.

During the last few years, as well as worship, the church has been used for concerts, educational activities, conferences and even a curry and carols evening. We need the building and its furnishings to support the developing uses of the church space and replacing the chairs is a big initiative.

The sale of the old chairs covered approximately half of the cost of the new ones. You can help us with the cost of the new chairs:

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

Features of the new chairs:

- They stack (up to 10 in a stack or 25 on a special dolly)
- They link together at floor level, making them safe and compliant with current regulations
- They are lightweight
- They are upholstered – for comfort and looking good
- The upholstery is wipe-clean
- They come with and without arms, so all the chairs will match
- The chrome finish is an upgrade and will not scratch (like the chairs in the hall)



We will recognise the sponsors of the new chairs in a memorial book / list which will be displayed in church – you can donate either in memory of someone or as an individual donation.

Thank you

If you are interested in sponsoring a chair, please complete a form that can be found:

- At the back of the Church
- On the Website
- Or Contact the Parish Office

Cheques are payable to St Hilda's PCC or you can transfer monies direct;
St Hilda's PCC

Sort Code: 60-01-22

Account Number: 36290696

St Hilda's Presents

An exciting new series of Euphonium Recitals starts on Saturday, October 16th. at 12 noon, given by Charley Brighton, with Gareth Green at the piano.

Titled 'The Richard Scholar Recital Series' the new concerts will be a tribute to Charley's first brass teacher at Longford School and has the blessing of Marion and the family.

After 19 years performing at St. Mary's Slough, the recitals come to their new home at St. Hilda's on a monthly basis with a follow up recital scheduled for November 13th.

Charley will be joined by his wife Sue playing the Baritone and the programme will feature a premiere especially composed for the event by Ray Braswell from the USA, 'Into the Wind, Sail'. Many of the concert items will be played on vintage & historic Euphoniums restored by Charley, dating back to 1891. The concerts will last for around 45 minutes with refreshments served afterwards. Admission is £5 at the door.

You can find more information on his website at;

www.euphoniumcollective.co.uk

on Facebook and Twitter (@CharleyBrighton) and listen to previous performances on Soundcloud (www.soundcloud.com/highams)



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Tickets: £15 Concessions (Under 14s): £14

You can catch many familiar St Hilda's faces performing in the Hatton Musical Theatre's production of **ELF**

St Hilda's Entertainers

Sleeping Beauty

After last year's covid-enforced break, St Hilda's Entertainers are delighted to say that rehearsals are now under way for this year's pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty*. This is a very traditional version, suitable for all ages, with all the right ingredients, including plenty of comedy, drama, romance, songs and audience participation.

The Entertainers are fully optimistic that this year's show will go full-steam ahead, but they would like to know that they have an audience, and that's where you come in. Come and be part of the fun, and bring your families, friends and acquaintances, booking tickets as soon as possible.

Performances are at St Hilda's Hall in December, on Friday 3rd at 7.45pm, Saturday 4th at 10.30am, 2.30pm and 7pm, Friday 10th at 7.45pm, and Saturday 11th at 2.30pm and 7pm.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £8 for children and senior citizens. Booking forms will be made available at the back of Church.

You can call, text or WhatsApp our Box Office number: 07894 490640,

or email: sthildasentertainers@gmail.com with your name, address and phone number, specifying which performance and how many tickets for adults, senior citizens and children, or Chris or Mike Davenport will be happy to accept your order, with payment, and pass it on to the box office.

Be sure to come along. It'll be great fun – Oh Yes It Will!

Mike Davenport

St Hilda's Entertainers
proudly present their
2021 Pantomime

Sleeping Beauty

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Friday 3rd December
at 7.45pm

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at 10.30am, 2.30pm
and 7.00pm

Friday 10th December
at 7.45pm

Saturday 11th December
at 2.30pm and 7.00pm

Tickets:
£10 (concessions £8)

Box Office:
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JUMBLE SALE & AUCTION

on Saturday

23rd October

in St Hilda's Church

Opens **2:00pm**

Admission 50p

Goods to the Church
from 10.00am

Phone 01784 252170
for collection

Canaan Ministries are open for any of your needs. Just simply phone or email them and they will look after you. They also offer a delivery service.

Any other information can be found on their website www.canaanchristianministries.co.uk/

Bishop's Teaching Evening – The Nicene Creed – A Map for Life

Bishop Graham will be holding a teaching evening on Monday 6th December at 7pm at St Hilda's. You will also be able to join via zoom

Hope Into Action

Thank you, to everyone who has used the blue bins to donate clothing. The bins will remain in place, please feel free to continue to leave clothing, belts and shoes. The money raised will be put towards the work of Hope into Action locally.

Please – clean clothes, paired shoes, and belts only. We cannot do anything with bedding, towels, curtains, and other soft furnishings.

Food & Fellowship

Women's Breakfast – 16th October

The guest speaker for the first Women's Breakfast is Amanda McLean from the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

Tickets can be booked via the ticket tailor links on our website or Facebook page or by contacting the parish office. There is a suggested donation of £5 to attend the breakfast.

All are welcome.



Community Lunch

From **Wednesday 29th October**, at 12pm we will be holding a weekly community lunch. ALL are welcome and we ask that you book via ticket tailor (or the office) so that we know you are joining us for lunch.

There's something spiritual about breaking bread together. After the Eucharist, we will gather for lunch. It will be an excellent way to get to know each other better, to share in fellowship, meet some new faces and enjoy a meal together.

Harvest Bring and Share Lunch

Join us on 17th October after the service for a bring and share lunch within the Church.

An opportunity to share a lunch with other members of the church community.

If you would to join us, please either contact the parish office or fill in the sign up sheet at the back of the church indicating how many are in your group and what contribution you will be bringing along to share.



Happy Birthday to the junior members of the church who celebrate their birthday in October

1 st	Gabriella	8
4 th	Alex	12
	Ella	5
8 th	Millie	8
10 th	Mia	14
	Charlie	10
28 th	Olivia	11
30 th	Daniella	11

And a special birthday celebration Kieran who will turn 18 on the 16th



NB This makes the editors feel old!

Wishing you all a very
Happy Birthday from all
your friends at St Hilda's

Services Times for the month of October

Sunday Eucharist – 9.30am

Wednesday Eucharist – 11am

The Sunday service is livestreamed and can be viewed via our Facebook page and YouTube channel (St Hilda's Ashford).

Tickets can be booked for the services via the links on our website and Facebook page or by contacting the Parish Office by 5pm Friday for Sunday's service and 12pm Tuesday for Wednesday's service.

Dates for your Diary

October in St Hilda's

12th	11am	Mother's Union Service (followed by refreshments)
16th	9.30am	Women's Breakfast
	12pm	Euphonium Recital
17th	12pm	Harvest Bring & Share Lunch
23rd	2pm	Jumble Sale
29th	5.30pm	Light Party – registration required as limited places

Community lunch – Every Wednesday at midday

Please hold in your prayers and thoughts this week those who are affected by the Corona Virus as well as the family and friends of those below.

The Sick

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