

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



PALM SUNDAY 2023

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Palm Sunday marks the moment in the story of Jesus Christ when the journey of his ministry finally reaches Jerusalem. As Jesus entered the city, his way was marked by the laying of palm branches across his path as he rode on the back of the donkey – a sign of respect and honour fit for a king. Jesus was greeted like a celebrity!

This moment also brings us to the start of the climax of events that culminate in Jesus' eventual Passion and Death.

This service is also referred to as

The Commemoration of Our Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

THE GATHERING

Processional Hymn

*All glory, laud and honour
To thee, Redeemer, King
To whom the lips of children
Make sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One.

The company of angels
Are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before thee we present.

To thee before thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.

Do thou direct our footsteps
Upon our earthly way,
And bring us by thy mercy
To heaven's eternal day.

**Within that blessed City
Thy praises may we sing,
And ever raise hosannas
To our most loving King.**

[St. Theodulph of Orleans tr. J. M. Neale]

If you have a palm cross do hold it.

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

All and also with you.

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection.

Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings we may share his risen life.

The people hold up their palms while this prayer is said by the president.

God our Saviour,
whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die;
let these palms be for us signs of his victory
and grant that we who bear them in his name
may ever hail him as our King,
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Palm Gospel - Matthew 21 vv 1 – 11

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

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

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' This took place to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

*The people process out around the curtilage of the church,
holding the palm crosses.*

The Collect

Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

All Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 50 vv 4 - 9

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Philippians 2 vv 5 - 11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Passion Reading – Matthew 27 vv 11 - 54

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a

dream about him.’ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said, ‘Barabbas.’ Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ All of them said, ‘Let him be crucified!’ Then he asked, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Let him be crucified!’

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’ Then the people as a whole answered, ‘His blood be on us and on our children!’ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, ‘This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.’

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

The Sermon – *We sit*

Prayers of Intercession

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin
which mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of the present time
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws,
interpret them, and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and
mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty
to work openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and experiencing the agony of
isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship,
failure, or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the
cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All Lord, have mercy.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace – *We stand*

Once we were far off, but now
in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

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, in aid of Holy Cross Murrupula which has been devastated by floods.

**At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders, in their great array.**

**Humbled for a season, to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.**

**Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

**In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true;
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.**

**Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With the Father's glory, with his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

[Caroline Noel]

The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

All **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

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 and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden
majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.

Great is the mystery of faith :

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with The Blessed Virgin Mary, St 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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,**
because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

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

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

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,**
to the glory of God the Father.

The president and people receive communion.

Communion Hymns

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
You are one with us,
 Mary's Son;
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
 Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
 Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of you:
Into our lives your power breaks through,
 Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
Born as one with us,
 Mary's Son;
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
 You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you,
 Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
 Living Lord.

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Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus (*William Byrd*)

**Glory be to Jesus,
Who, in bitter pains,
Poured for me the life-blood
From his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blessed be his compassion,
Infinitely kind.**

**Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream,
Which from endless torment
Doth the world redeem.**

**Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.**

**Oft as it is sprinkled
On our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion
Terror-struck departs.**

**Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Hell with terror trembles,
Heaven is filled with joy.**

**Lift ye then you voices;
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious Blood.**

[Italian (author unknown) tr. Edward Caswall]

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said
If thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross, let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up
And brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
The Lord for thee the Cross endured
To save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,
And calmly every danger brave;
'Twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three
All praise forevermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
The heavenly life that knows no end.

Amen

[Charles Everest]

Prayers after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father **Amen.**

**All Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever
Amen.**

Notices

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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 the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
Thy humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

[Henry Milman]

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SERVICE TIMES

Monday 3rd April 7pm - Said Compline

Tuesday 4th April 7pm - Said Compline

Wednesday 5th April

11am - Eucharist

7pm - Sung Compline

**Maundy Thursday 6th April 7pm - Eucharist
followed by Vigil until midnight**

Good Friday 7th April

10am - 5pm - Stations of the Cross

1.30pm - Choral devotion and Eucharist

Easter Eve 8th April 8pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 9th April 10.00am - Parish Eucharist

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

Churches Together in Spelthorne - Good Friday 7th April 2023

11.00am – 12.00 noon

Join us at St Hilda's Church, between 10.30am and 10.45am when we will walk in procession to the centre of Ashford where a Service of Reflection will start at 11.00am.

As well as sharing in some Good Friday hymns we will listen to the story of the events of that day as told by St Mark.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please join us afterwards back at St Hilda's for Hot Cross Buns.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

Michael Brown	Vicky Hall	Barbara Warne
Lizio Cassar	Melvyn Jansen	Bernice
Ros Clifton	Pat Kyle	Christine
Saffi Cobham	Pauline Milton	Elaine
Joan Davies	Ray Nation	Nic
Wilfred Galloway		Solange

If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Betty Vince	Libby Mills	Davina Bassett
Rita Ford		

The funeral of Libby Mills will take place in church on
Wednesday 19th April at 2pm.

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Iris Muriel Anne Hands	Barbara Smith
Patricia Myrtle Oldfield	Hilda Donnachi
Dora Winifred Swiney	Lucy Webb
Nick Iona	May Davidson
Ethel Ellen Barlow	Joan Cooke
Doris May Hedges	

Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

NOTICES

The Parish Office is available by phone or email. Visitors by appointment only.

Following the teaching of 'Loving thy Neighbour' - If you feel unwell, we ask that you do not attend so that we can maintain the health and safety of all who attend the services.

Easter Lilies

We will be having our traditional display from Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory of a loved one please complete the form which can be found at the back of church and return it to the parish office by Palm Sunday (**TODAY**).

The flower team will be arranging the Easter lilies in Church on Easter Saturday, 8th April, from 9.30am. We would be grateful for any greenery you can spare from your gardens and if you would like to help arrange the lilies but are not on the flower team we would love to see you.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting- Sunday 30th April at 11.30am

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of St Hilda's Church will be held on 30th April, 2023. Please make a note of the date in your diary to discover more about church life. These meetings are to elect Church Wardens, members of the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod and to hear reports about what St Hilda's has been doing during 2022. As we enter a time of change here at St Hilda's it is important that we have your views and this is your chance to become more involved. There are nomination forms for joining the PCC, becoming a Deanery Synod Representative and to become a Church Warden at the back of church. For more information about being a member of the PCC please speak to me or another PCC member.

Liz Brian - PCC Secretary.

THE ELECTORAL ROLL

Our APCM will take place on 30th April 2023. At an APCM, only those on the Electoral Roll may take part in the voting for Churchwardens and PCC Members.

If you consider that St Hilda's is your regular place of worship and would like to be included on our Electoral Roll, please do complete an Electoral Roll application form. These can be obtained either from me after the Sunday service, or from the office. The Electoral Roll will be closed for revision on **9th April 2023**, and applications will have to have been received by that date.

In addition, if you are already on the Electoral Roll and any of your details have changed, please would you let me know in writing, so that the register may be updated. If you have email, you can do this via the office, too, at: office@sthilda.org

Jane Dobbie, *Electoral Roll Officer*
01784 252051

WANTED: a Parish Safeguarding Officer

We are looking for a new Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) to take up the role from the APCM at the end of April.

The PSOs "play an essential role in fulfilling the Parish's commitment to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. The PSOs are the key link between the Diocese and the Parish concerning safeguarding matters. They will have an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and will seek to ensure the implementation of all relevant safeguarding policies and guidance in the Parish, ensuring that all allegations or suspicions of abuse are taken seriously and responded to in a timely manner."

If you would consider this role and would like more information please speak to a member of the PCC.

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 7.30pm

We meet in Church on most Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

St. Hilda's Breakfast - Saturday 22nd April at 9:30am

Come along and enjoy good food and fellowship.

The guest speakers are Donna and Clare, the foundation Governors from St Hilda's at Ashford C of E Primary School, who will be sharing information about their roles.

Suggested donation £5, payable on the day.

Brass Band Concert - Saturday 22nd April at 7.00pm

Staines Lammas Band and Ascot Brass will present *Brass Synergy* - a collaborative concert - in St. Hilda's Church.

Tickets available on the door or from: ascotbrasstickets.org.uk

Adults £10, Children £5, Family (2 adults plus children) £25

Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 25th April 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.

The programme for the first half of the year is:

Apr 25 th	Tyndale and the English Bible
May 23rd	Names for Jesus
June 27th	Jargon Busting
July 25 th	Popes – part 2

Ambling through Acts course –Thursday 4th May at 7.30pm

There will be no meeting in April as the first Thursday that month is Maundy Thursday

St Hilda's Entertainers May Play - 19th & 20th May

Our play this year is the hilarious 'Murder In Play', written by Simon Brett.

Performances are in St Hilda's Hall on Friday 19th May at 7.45pm and Saturday 20th May at 2.30pm and 7.00pm.

Tickets - £12 (concessions £10) -can be booked online via the St Hilda's Entertainers website, following the Box Office link, or by phoning 0333 666 3366.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 5th-14th March 2024

10 days based in Jerusalem and Galilee

With Father Steve Gayle and Father Joseph Fernandes.

See literature at the back of church for more details.

St Hilda's Newsletter - Editor wanted.

Unfortunately Karen is unable to continue as editor; we thank her for her hard work producing the recent editions.

This means we again looking for an editor, who needs to be computer literate and prepared to spend about 8-10 hours a month producing the newsletter. Volunteers please speak to Fr. Joseph; for more information about what is involved ask Rosemary Greenwood.

Parish administrator

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

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

Any appointments in person must be booked.

CAR POOL?

Can you offer a lift to church for someone who can no longer drive?

Do you need a lift to church?

Can you and a neighbour share a car journey to church?

Would you be prepared to co-ordinate a car sharing scheme?

For both practical and environmental reasons we would like to start a car sharing scheme. If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes", please see Rosemary Greenwood.

Food Bank Donations

Please use the wooden chest at the rear of the Church to place any donations for the local food bank, such as tinned and dried goods and toiletries.

The Food Bank is currently short of:

Shower gel

Shampoo

Kitchen & bathroom spray cleaners

J cloths

Small packs of washing powder and capsules

Toilet cleaner

Kitchen rolls and toilet rolls

and tinned vegetarian meals such as Macaroni cheese and
Vegetarian curry

WANTED - Clothing for Bronzefield

They are looking for leggings, leggings, leggings, winter coats, plain T-shirts and long-sleeved tops, and shoes and boots in sizes 5 and 6. Please put any donations in the blue bin at the back of church - they will be separated out from other donations.

Local Elections Thursday 4th May 2023

Note that to vote in person at these elections you will need to show photographic ID such as a Driver's Licence, Passport or Older Person's Bus Pass. If you do not have any suitable ID you can apply by 25th April for a free Voter Authority Certificate. You do not need ID for a postal vote - the deadline to apply for this is 5pm on 18th April.

See the leaflet included with the recent Council Tax bill for more details, or see www.spelthorne.gov.uk/elections, or phone the Electoral Services Team on 01784 444218



St. Hilda's Church has reached the required standards to be granted a Bronze Eco Church award!

See <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/> for more about Eco Church

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