

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

20 AUGUST 2023

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*Welcome to St Hilda's. We are delighted that you are able to share in our celebration of the Eucharist today,*

*If you are new to the church please do take time to introduce yourself to the people at the back of the church and to the ministry team at the end of the service. We would be delighted to meet you.*

*If you are able please join us for tea or coffee after the service so we can get to know one another.*

*Should you need any help during the service please do not hesitate to ask those around you and we are sure they will be able to support you.*

*For children, there is a children's corner in the north aisle which they are very welcome to use.*

# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

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

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

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

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

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

*[Edward Perronet and others]*

## **The Greeting**

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

**All Amen**

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

**All and also with you.**

*Words of welcome are said.*

## **Prayer of Preparation**

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

## Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save from our sins  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all

**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**

**All** 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*

O God, you declare your almighty power  
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,  
that we, running the way of your commandments,  
may receive your gracious promises,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading – Genesis 45 vv 1 - 15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, ‘Send everyone away from me.’ So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that

speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading** – Romans 11 vv 1 - 2a, 29 - 32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 15 vv 10 - 28**

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

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

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, ‘Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.’ Then the disciples approached and said to him, ‘Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?’ He answered, ‘Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.’ But Peter said to him, ‘Explain this parable to us.’ Then he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.’

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Yes,

Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** – *All sit*

**The Creed** – *All Stand*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All 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

*The prayers end with the following:*

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*

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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 is taken*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
    Forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives thy service find,  
    In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
    Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
    Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
    O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
    Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
    Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
    The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
    Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
    O still small voice of calm!

*[John Whittier]*

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

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**All 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.**

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 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.

**All Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

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

## **Agnus Dei**

**All**    **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**

*The president says the invitation to communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All**    **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The president and people receive communion.*



## **Prayer after Communion**

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

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true  
sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through 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.**

*Banns of Marriage and Notices*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**and the love of God,**  
**and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit**  
**be with us all evermore**  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Recessional Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise;  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
Which did in Adam fail,  
Should strive afresh against the foe,  
Should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace  
Should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
And essence all divine.

O generous love! that he, who smote  
In Man for man the foe,  
The double agony in Man  
For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,  
And on the cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise;  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.

*[John Henry Newman]*

## SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 11am

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 10am

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

### Please remember in your prayers this week:

#### THE SICK:

Michael Brown

Vicky Hall

Jonathan Wren

Lizio Cassar

Melvyn Jansen

David

Ros Clifton

Pat Kyle

Elaine

Saffi Cobham

Ray Nation

Nic

Joan Davies

Pat Parker

Rachel

Revd. Elizabeth Greenwood

Lena Richardson

Solange

*If you would like a name added to or removed from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. If you know of someone ill or in hospital in need of prayer and support please tell our LLM Rosalyn Young (contact details on back cover).*

#### THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Margaret Namuleme

Jean Ann Cobb

Margaret Rose Shoulder

Andrew Pennock

Alistair Goff

#### THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Margaret Smith

Rueben Webb

Derek Charles Muggeridge

Alice Louise Searle

Phyllis Irene Crick

Sydney Frederick Hyam Morris

Eric Brown

George Ernest Lawrence

#### THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE:

Bradley James Convery Fisher and Naomi Helen Rachel Akien

**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.***

Junior church will resume on September 3rd, when there will be the blessing of the school bags. There will be no messy church in September. The first messy church will be on October 1st with the theme of Harvest.

The choir will also return on September 3rd.

### **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.

You are very welcome to come and join us.

We will be looking at some of the Psalms for the next few weeks, so each session will be stand-alone, making this a good time to come and see what we do.

### **St Hilda's Newsletter**

The August issue of the Newsletter is available via the St. Hilda's web site (under "About Us"). There are a few printed copies at the back of church: please leave these for people without internet access and for visitors.

The deadline for items for the **October** issue is **Sunday 3rd September**.

This is your magazine - so start writing!

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

**\*\*\* Confirmations \*\*\***

There will be a Service of Confirmation at St Hilda's on the 5th November. If you are thinking about being Confirmed or would like to find out more about what it means to be confirmed. Please talk with Rosalyn Young.

And If you are 13 or over in this next academic year and would like to think about Confirmation please talk with Rosalyn Young

We aim to begin a series of meetings in preparation for this next stage on your Christian journey in September. Further details to follow.

**Ambling through Acts course –Thursday 7th September at 7.30pm**

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

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

**St. Hilda's Breakfast - Saturday 9th September at 9:30am**

Do come along and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Please book via the Parish Office or Ticket Tailor (link on the Church web site), so we know how many to cater for. Suggested donation £5, payable on the day.

**Parish administrator \*\*\* August Hours \*\*\***

Our parish administrator is Laura Goodman. During August her office hours are:

Monday:	9.00-10.30am
Wednesday:	9.00-12.00 noon
Friday:	9.00-12.00 noon
Saturday:	9.00-10.30am

Any appointments in person must be booked.



# St Hilda's Ashford

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

**Saturday 16th September**

**7pm**

**St Hilda's Church Hall, TW15 3RQ**

**£5 per person**

**Teams of up to 8**

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