THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew,
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
   God unknown,
   He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
   Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
   Tower and temple fall to dust.
   But God's power,
   Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
   Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
   Beauty springeth out of naught.
   Evermore
   From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'almighty Giver
   Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
   Pleasure leads us where we go.
   Love doth stand
   At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.
Still from man to God eternal  
    Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
    For the gift of Christ, his Son.  
    Christ doth call  
One and all:  
    Ye who follow shall not fall.  

[Robert Bridges based on the German of J. Neander]

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 or introduction are said; we pray with Junior Church.

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

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
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

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 32 v 1 – 3a, 6 - 15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.’ Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.
New Testament Reading – 1 Timothy 6 v 6 – 19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.
Gospel Reading – Luke 16 v 19 – end

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

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*

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called the children of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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*

He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
   Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
   To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound—
   His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
   To be a pilgrim.
Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
To be a pilgrim.

[John Bunyan and Percy Dearmer.
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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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: *Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.*
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.*

Christ is the bread of life:

**All**  
*When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus until you come in glory.*

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Hilda and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All**  
*Blessing and honour and glory and power Be yours for ever and ever.*

*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

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Lamb of God,  
*All*  
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

God’s holy gifts
for God’s holy people.

_All_  Jesus Christ it holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

_All_  Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.

_The president and people receive communion._
Communion Hymns

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! The Risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God

[Vikki Cook]
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,'
Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
Till traveling days are done.

[Horatius Bonar]
Prayers after Communion

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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* Amen.

*All* Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Notices**
THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; 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

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

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SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 28th September 11.00am  
*in the small hall*

Sunday 2nd September 8.00am BCP

Sunday 2nd September 10.00am Harvest Festival

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

Please remember in your prayers this week:

**THE SICK:**
Lizio Cassar  
Ros Clifton  
Joan Davies  
Vicky Hall  
Melvyn Jansen  
Pat Kyle  
Pauline Milton  
Ray Nation  
Roy Stone  
Betty Vince  
Barbara Warne  
Nic

*We are in the process of updating the prayer list. If you would like a name to be added, please do contact the parish office.*

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:**
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II  
Alison Griffiths  
David Grigg  
Doreen Saville

**THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**
Ernest Victor Manns  
Cissie Hawley  
Jean Avril Fulton  
Peggy Dansie  
Helena C Milton  
Wallace Edgar Cockings  
Godfrey Walter Wyeth

Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula
NOTICES

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

Church Opening

St Hilda’s is open for public worship services.

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.

Community Lunch – Wednesday at 12 noon
Join us for the Community Lunch at midday in the Small Hall
If you are able to come forward and help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie. The lunch will pause during August and return on the 7th September.

Bible Study – every Wednesday
Bible Study group meet in Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Feed My Sheep – Tuesday 27th September– 2.30 - 4pm
Meeting in the Small Hall.
The theme will be ‘Hildegard of Bingen/ Gregorian chant’.

The following months topics in Feed My Sheep will be:
Tuesday 25th Oct Pick and Mix
Tuesday 22nd Nov St Hilda

Harvest Supper - Saturday 1st October at 7pm
This will be a Bring and Share supper in the Church Hall.
Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you are coming, and to indicate what food you will bring.

Harvest Festival - Sunday 2nd October
As harvest offerings please bring items suitable for the Food Bank, with plenty of time before their "Best Before" date.
**New parish administrator**

The new parish administrator is Laura Goodman; her hours of work are:

- **Monday:** 3-4pm
- **Tuesday:** 3-4pm
- **Wednesday:** 10-11am; 2-3pm
- **Thursday:** 3-4pm
- **Friday:** 3.30-6.30pm

Note that any appointments in person must be booked.

**St Hilda’s News**

Please send items for the Newsletter to kmroach45@gmail.com

Note that it makes the Editor's job much easier if you submit an item as a Word document rather than in the body of an e-mail.

The deadline for the November edition is **Sunday 2nd October**.

**Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 6th October**

(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 15th October at 9:30am**

Do come along and enjoy good food and fellowship.

This month's guest speaker will be Mother Helen, on ‘What has Sweden given to the world’, and there will be a quiz.

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.

**Saturday 15th October from 12noon**

Come and “Meet the Beat” with your local PCs and PCSOs. There will be leaflets on Anti-Social Behaviour and Scams and Fraud. Please feel free to ask questions: they will answer as many as possible.
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.

Eco Church Volunteers Needed
The Church of England is seeking to reach “net zero” carbon by 2030 to meet a target set by the General Synod in 2020 and we at St Hilda’s are looking closely at how we can help in moving towards this and become an Eco church. We are planning to set up a small group to investigate how we can improve our eco credentials and encourage us all on the journey. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Carolyn.

We need YOU!

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.

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.

New parish administrator
We are delighted to welcome Laura Goodman as the new parish administrator. She started on the 12th September and we will confirm her hours of work soon.
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