

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY FEAST OF THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

Lead us heavenly Father, lead us  
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
For we have no help but thee;  
Yet possessing every blessing  
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,  
All our weakness thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Self denying, death defying,  
Thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending  
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
Love with every passion blending,  
Pleasure that can never cloy;  
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
Nothing can our peace destroy.

*[James Edmeston]*

## 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  
and 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*

Almighty and eternal God,  
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,  
allowed your apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son  
till word and sight convinced him:  
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe  
and to confess Christ as our Lord and our God:  
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** – Habakkuk 2 v 1 – 4

I will stand at my watch-post,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.  
Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.  
Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading** – Ephesians 2 v 19 – end

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**All Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading** – John 20 v 24 – 29

Alleluia, alleluia.  
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.

**All Alleluia.**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

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

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

### **The Creed – All Stand**

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

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
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**

**Christ is our Cornerstone,**

**On him alone we build;**

**With his true saints alone**

**The courts of heaven are filled:**

**On his great love our hopes we place**

**Of present grace and joys above.**

**Oh, then with hymns of praise**

**These hallowed courts shall ring;**

**Our voices we will raise**

**The Three in One to sing;**

**And thus proclaim in joyful song**

**Both loud and long, that glorious Name.**

**Here may we gain from heaven,  
The grace which we implore;  
And may that grace, once given,  
Be with us evermore,  
Until that day when all the blest  
To endless rest are called away.**

*[Latin c. 7th century tr. John Chandler]*

*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.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.  
And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
*Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All* **Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Hilda and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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**

**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 people and president receive communion*

## **Communion Hymns**

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found;  
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**

**Yes, when this heart and flesh shall fail  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.**

**When we've been there a thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.**

*John Newton*

**Choir:** Blessed Thomas doubt no longer

## **Prayer after Communion**

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

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
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.**

Notices

## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **Blessing**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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**

*The minister departs.*

### **Recessional Hymn**

**City of God, how broad and far  
Outspread thy walls sublime!  
The true thy chartered freemen are  
Of every age and clime.**

**One holy Church, one army strong,  
One steadfast high intent;  
One working band, one harvest song,  
One King omnipotent.**

**How purely hath thy speech come down  
From man's primeval youth!  
How grandly hath thine empire grown  
Of freedom, love and truth!**

**How gleam thy watch-fires through the night  
With never fainting ray!  
How rise thy towers serene and bright,  
To meet the dawning day!**

**In vain the surge's angry shock,  
In vain the drifting sands:  
Unharmed upon the eternal Rock  
The eternal City stands.**

*[Samuel Johnson]*

## SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 9.45am

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am

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

**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

### THE SICK:

Lizio Cassar	Pat Kyle	Ray Nation
Alison Griffiths	Elaine Langford	Roy Stone
Vicky Hall	Keren Lattimore	Barbara Warne
Melvyn Jansen	Pauline Milton	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:

Terry Rickson	Peter Wilson	Liselotte Jennings
Jo Wood	Grace Cassar	Prem Menon
Shirley Wetherill	Pamela Davey	

### THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK:

Russell Mark Piesley	Jack Geoffrey Howe	David Campbell
Alan Littleworth	52 Souls (London Bombing 2005)	Elizabeth Brewer
John Arthur Howe	Sidney David Saville	Madeline M Wells

**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.*

### **Mothers' Union – Tuesday 6th July – 9.45am**

Monthly Corporate Communion service.

### **Ambling through Acts course – Next meeting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

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

Led by Fr Steve, a study of the Acts of the Apostles will entail a close reading of the text. We will see the unfolding story of the beginnings of the church through the eyes of the writer, try to discern his purposes, discover new things, and learn that though the context has changed, human nature remains much the same. Hence, the struggles of those first followers may find resonances in our own day as we live out our individual lives of discipleship and participate together in the life of the church.

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

### **Feed My Sheep – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July– 2.30 - 4pm**

The theme this month is 'The Book of Common Prayer'.

The following months will be:

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Hildegard of Bingen/ Gregorian chant
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Pick and Mix
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	St Hilda

## **Conscious Inclusion – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September – 10am – 12.30pm**

You are cordially invited to attend a session in church, hosted by the PCC, on the subject of “**Conscious Inclusion** - *if we don't consciously include we will unconsciously exclude*”, on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> September between 10-12.30.

It will explore why inclusion is important at St Hilda's, followed by reflections on the impact of bias - insiders/outsideers and micro behaviours what this looks like with examples linked to aspects of our identity e.g. age, gender, race etc.

Please confirm your attendance with the parish office.

## **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!**

## **Community Lunch – every Wednesday**

Join us for the Community Lunch at midday. 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 7<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Bible Study – every Wednesday**

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

## **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.

### **Paving Slabs needed**

If anyone has any spare slabs that could be used in the Memorial Garden, please see Paula Gething.

### **Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey – Date TBC**

A parish pilgrimage is being arranged to Westminster Abbey, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the Church or contact the office. A date will be arranged if we have enough interest.

### **St Hilda's News**

We are still looking for a new editor(s) to take over.

### **Sponsor a church chair**

If you can help towards the cost of the last chairs or trolleys (that have now arrived), please complete the form at the rear of the Church.

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



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