

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

**The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy Bride,
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:**

**O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.**

[Samuel Stone]

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. 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 everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed
and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Genesis 24 vv 34 - 38, 42 - 49

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."

'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."

'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had

led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Romans 7 vv 15 - 25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 11 vv 16 - 19, 25 -

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – *All sit*

The Creed

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

During this hymn a collection will be taken

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]

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:

**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.**

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,
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

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.

Communion Hymns

Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fighting within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
Here for a season then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

[Charlotte Elliott]

All ye who seek a comfort sure
In trouble and distress,
Whatever sorrow vex the mind,
Or guilt the soul oppress,

Jesus, who gave himself for you
Upon the cross to die,
Opens to you his sacred heart;
O to that heart draw nigh.

Ye hear how kindly he invites;
Ye hear his words so blest -
"All ye that labour come to me,
And I will give you rest."

O Jesus, joy of saints on high,
Thou hope of sinners here,
Attracted by those loving words
To thee I lift my prayer.

Wash thou my wounds in that dear blood
Which forth from thee doth flow;
New grace, new hope inspire, a new
And better heart bestow.

[C18th Latin tr Edward Caswall © Hymns Ancient & Modern Ltd]

Sweet sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise,
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet sacrament divine,
Sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace,
Dear home for every heart,
Where restless yearnings cease
And sorrows all depart;
There in thine ear all trustfully
We tell our tale of misery:
Sweet sacrament of peace,
Sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
Within thy shelter blest
Soon may we reach the shore;
Save us, for still the tempest raves,
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves,
Sweet sacrament of rest:
Sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
The Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
That earthly joys may fade away,
Sweet sacrament divine,
Sweet sacrament divine.

[Francis Stanfield]

**May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour,
Rest upon us from above.**

**Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.**

**To the God whose wisdom made us,
To the Son who set us free,
To the sanctifying Spirit,
Glory, endless glory, be!**

[John Newton]

Prayers after Communion

Silence is kept after which the post-Communion prayer is said.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly
quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen

Recessional Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name

Blessings abound wherever he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

**Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeats the long Amen.**

[Isaac Watts]

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SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 12th July 11am

Sunday 16th July 10am

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

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

Ann Bilius	Revd. Elizabeth Greenwood	Lena Richardson
Michael Brown	Vicky Hall	David
Lizio Cassar	Melvyn Jansen	Elaine
Ros Clifton	Pat Kyle	Nic
Saffi Cobham	Pauline Milton	Solange
Joan Davies	Ray Nation	

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Grace Mannagh Don Dunbar

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Elizabeth Brewer	Joan Makings	Arthur F Escott
Madeline Mary Wells	Walter Sydney Nunn	George William Hale
Maurice Inisan	John Alfred Woodard	Melanie Shoulder

THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE:

Christopher Gale and Katya Neumann

THOSE RECENTLY BAPTISED:

Georgia May Allen	William Thomas George Allen,
Arthur Thomas Allen	Elsie-Rose Allen

Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

News of our ALMA TWIN Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

We have received this e-mail from Helen Doery, the ALMA Communications Officer. ALMA links the Dioceses of Angola, London and Mozambique.

First, special greetings to you all in this time of interregnum. I know from personal experience how much more work that can entail but also how satisfying, as you see others rising to fulfil new responsibilities.

Many, many thanks on behalf of your link parish Holy Cross, Murrupula in Nampula, for your exceedingly generous gift of £2,050 to help them 'get back on their feet' after the devastation of the recent cyclone and storms. It will be a massive help to them, and we hope to be sending it in the second quarter transfer shortly.

In the light of that may I send you a special invitation to our ALMA Sunday Service and Afternoon Tea beforehand, when you will be able to meet Bishop Manuel, the Bishop of Nampula, who Revd. Joseph spent time with last November. He will be preaching at the service in the Cathedral.*

Many, many thanks again for your generosity to, and care for, your link parish.

Hoping to see you on the 23rd July.

Helen

And from Father Joseph:

The update from Holy Cross is that Fr Domingos, his wife and baby Domingos are all doing well.

* The ALMA Sunday Service will be on Sunday 23rd July, 2023 at St Paul's Cathedral and Afternoon Tea will be beforehand at St Vedast EC2V 6HH at 3.30 – 5 pm. This is a 3 minute walk away from St Paul's Cathedral. If you would like to attend please let Liz Brian know by **next Sunday 16th July.**

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.

***** Don't unplug it! *****

The DONA machine at the back of church was unplugged last week and consequently it didn't work when people arrived on Sunday. There is a sign on the machine - PLEASE DON'T SWITCH IT OFF. We have plenty of power points now, there is no need to disconnect anything plugged in. Any questions about the DONA machine, please ask Paula or Nick Gething.

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.
We are looking at Christian Community for the next few weeks.
You are very welcome to come and join us.

St. Hilda's Entertainers' Pantomime Readings – Tuesday 11th July at 8pm

If you are interested in taking part in *Jack and the Beanstalk* in December and will be 16 or over on 1st September, join us in the Hall for the readings. See Mike Davenport for more details.

PCC Meeting -Tuesday 11th July at 7.15 for 7.30pm start

Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 25th July at * 10.30am *****

Do come and join us .We meet on the 4th Tuesday, usually 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.

However, note that July's meeting will be in the **morning**.

July 25th Popes – part 2

(no meeting in August

Sept 26th The Sunday School Movement

Oct 24th St Francis of Assisi

Nov 28th Pick and Mix

Ambling through Acts course –Thursday 3rd August 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 Newsletter

The July 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 **September** issue is **Sunday 6th August**.

This is your magazine - so start writing!

Please send your contributions to: sthildanewsletter@gmail.com

PCC Minutes

Note that a copy the minutes of PCC meetings (once approved) are available in church on a table in the north aisle near the children's area. You are encouraged to read them to see what is happening.

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.

***** HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH OUR SUMMER FAIR on 15 July *****

1. Sign up on the sheet at the back of church to help on the day, we still need some help to clear at the end of the day
2. Maybe you can't be there but you can still help
 - a) Bake a cake for the MU Cake stall
 - b) Donate screw-capped wine bottles, either full of wine or EMPTY (in the box at the back of church)
 - c) Donate craft items to sell
 - d) Buy some raffle tickets or donate a prize
- 3) Put up a poster at home
- 4) Share the Facebook event

Thank you to everyone. This is a key fundraiser for us and some of the proceeds will help us with the Church Hall roof.

St Hilda's Church Ashford

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CRAFTS, GAMES & PRIZES,
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15TH JULY 2023

11am—2.30pm

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