

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## PARISH EUCHARIST THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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## THE GATHERING

### Introit Hymn

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice!  
Brothers and sisters, with one voice  
Make all men know he is your choice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The first Apostles round them drew  
Thousands of faithful men and true,  
Sharing a faith for ever new:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Then magnify the Lord, and raise  
Anthems of joy and holy praise  
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,  
All the world over, seek again  
The Way disciples followed then:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same:  
Place the same hope in His great name,  
With the same faith His word proclaim:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let Love's unconquerable might  
God's people everywhere unite  
In service to the Lord of light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*[George Bell]*

## **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.*

## **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 us 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 our 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*

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needs save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**    **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading – Psalm 50 v 1 – 8, 23

The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.

Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around him.  
He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:  
'Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'  
The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge. *Selah*

'Hear, O my people, and I will speak,  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.  
Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt-offerings are continually before me.

Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honour  
me;  
to those who go the right way<sup>[c]</sup>  
I will show the salvation of God.'

*At the end the reader may say*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading – Hebrews 11 v 1 – 3, 8 – 16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading – Luke 12 v 32 – 40**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

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

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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** Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
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

Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

**Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love and praise!** *[Charles Wesley]*

*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.**

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## **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 *singing*:

**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.

Great is the mystery of faith  
**All Christ has died:  
Christ it 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 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.**

## **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.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

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

Strengthen for service, Lord  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body

be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you for ever.

**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 our 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 us and remain with us always.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*The minister departs*

## Recessional Hymn

Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.

"Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
"To be exalted thus!"  
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,  
"For he was slain for us."

Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honour and power divine;  
And blessings more than we can give  
Be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all creation join in one  
To bless the sacred name  
Of him that sits upon the throne,  
And to adore the Lamb. *[Isaac Watts]*

## SERVICE TIMES

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 11.00am**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 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:**

Jenny Grainger

Paul Allaway

Michael Hawthorn

Terry Rickson

Femi

Peter Wilson

Jo Wood

### **THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Eric Barnett-Roberts

Nancy Wootton

Queenie Boulden

Cecily Chippendale

Rose Cash

Richard Eric Clifton

John Henry Wakeling

**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.*

The choir are now taking a well-earned summer break and will return on Sunday 4th September. We will continue to provide recorded accompaniment to hymns each Sunday for all to join in with. Chris and Paula would be very grateful for anyone who could help to "press play" on the recordings at the appropriate time during the month of August. Wishing you all a safe and restful summer.

## **Bible Study – every Wednesday**

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

### **\*\*\* Bible Reading Notes \*\*\***

Do you want to start daily Bible reading but unsure of where to start? Have you had Bible Reading Notes in the past but no longer get them?

I would like to start ordering the Bible Reading Fellowship Notes for those who used to receive them in the past or for those who would like to start reading notes alongside the Bible. The notes are produced 3 times a year in September, January and May. If you would like to browse before making a decision, please let me know and I can let you have a previous copy. The current cost is £4.70 but may be cheaper the more I can order.

There are sample copies of the notes at the back of church and more information on the notice board. If you would like to know more or be included in the order for September, please let Liz Brian know by Sunday 21st August, 2022.

## **CCTV**

Be aware that CCTV has been installed around and inside the church.

## **We are Hiring! Part-time Parish administrator**

We are looking to appoint a **part-time Parish administrator** to work in the Parish Office. The nature of the role and the context in which it is carried out means the successful candidate will be in sympathy with the ethos of the Church of England and fully supportive of our mission, vision and values.

The Parish Administrator is a key person in the life of St Hilda's who works closely with the Vicar, treasurer, churchwarden and ministry team, and liaises with members of the PCC, volunteers and the wider community.

This part time role requires someone who is self-motivated, with the ability to prioritise and multitask. The ideal candidate would have strong administrative efficiency and excellent interpersonal and social skills. A good working knowledge of the Microsoft Office package of software and social media is essential. Previous experience of working with church and/or community groups would be desirable.

**Hours:** Initially 9 hours per week, to be discussed, ideally over 3 days, but some flexibility may be negotiable

**Salary:** £12.00 per hour

**Closing date for applications:** 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

***For further information and to apply for this post please email: vicar@sthilda.org***

## **Changes to Wednesday services and Community Lunch**

As part of our partnership with Bronzefield and engagement with the local community, it is planned that on weekdays during office hours from **15th August to 18th December** the church building will be used for training courses. During this time weekday services will be held in the Small Hall of the Church Hall.

Apologies for the disruption.

Community Lunches will not be offered during August, but will resume from **7th September** and will also be held in the Small Hall. If you can help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie.

### **Change of Sunday service time**

The PCC has agreed that from the **4th September** 2022 until the end of January 2023, we will trial the Sunday morning service and Junior Church beginning half an hour later at **10am**.

### **Ambling through Acts course –Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

(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.

### **Feed My Sheep – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> Oct                      Pick and Mix

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov                      St Hilda

### **St Hilda’s News**

Please send items for the Newsletter to [kmroach45@gmail.com](mailto:kmroach45@gmail.com)

Deadline is 27th of each month.

### **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.

### **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.

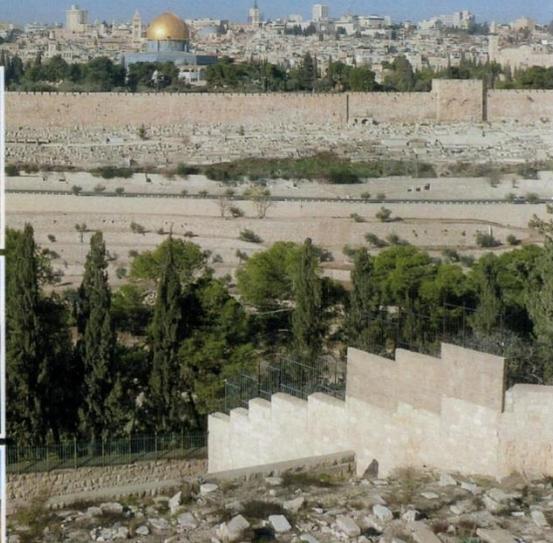
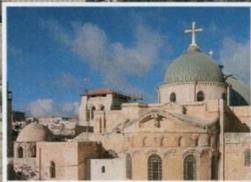
**We need YOU!**

### **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.

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