

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 2022

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# **THE GATHERING**

## **Introit Hymn**

**Ye holy angels bright,  
Who wait at God's right hand,  
Or through the realms of light,  
Fly at your Lord's command,  
Assist our song,  
For else the theme  
Too high doth seem  
For mortal tongue.**

**Ye blessèd souls at rest,  
Who ran this earthly race,  
And now, from sin released,  
Behold the Saviour's face,  
God's praises sound,  
As in his sight  
With sweet delight  
Ye do abound.**

**Ye saints, who toil below,  
Adore your heavenly King,  
And onward as ye go  
Some joyful anthem sing;  
Take what he gives  
And praise him still,  
Through good or ill,  
Who ever lives!**

**My soul, bear thou thy part,  
Triumph in God above,  
And with a well-tuned heart  
Sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days  
Till life shall end,  
Whate'er he send,  
Be filled with praise.**

*[Richard Baxter and others]*

## **The Greeting**

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

**All Amen**

The Lord 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.

**All Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
All 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*

**Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,  
that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**.All Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading – Joel 2 vv 23 - end

O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the Lord your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall  
never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

Then afterwards  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading – 2 Timothy 4 vv 6 - 8, 16 - 18**

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading – Luke 18 vv 9 - 14**

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

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

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

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*

**King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
And that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.**

**Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
And the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
And alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.**

Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enrol thee:  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol thee.

*[George Herbert]*

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

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

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

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

**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.**

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 is 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.**

## **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**

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**All** Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*The president and people receive communion.*

## Communion Hymns

Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long,  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*Chorus*

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*Chorus*

*[Fanny Jane Crosby]*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

*[from Sarum Book of Hours]*

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with the fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.

[Edwin Hatch]

## **Prayers after Communion**

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

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and 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 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

## Recessional Hymn

**Fight the good fight with all thy might,  
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;  
Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, upon thy Guide  
Lean, and his mercy will provide;  
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**Faint not nor fear, his arms are near,  
He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.**

*[J. S. B. Monsell]*

## SERVICE TIMES

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 11.00am**

*in the small hall*

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am**

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	Barbara Warne
Ros Clifton	Pauline Milton	Lisa
Joan Davies	Ray Nation	Nic
Vicky Hall	Roy Stone	
Melvyn Jansen	Betty Vince	

*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:**

Alison Griffiths	David Grigg
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### **THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Samuel Graham	Sam Hollister
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**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.***

### **Feed My Sheep – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October– 2.30 - 4pm**

Meeting in the Small Hall.

The theme will be Hildegard of Bingen.

The following month's topic in Feed My Sheep will be:

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

### **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.

### **Bible Study – every Wednesday**

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

### **\*\*\* Light Party Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 6pm \*\*\***

We are holding a Light party – a Christian alternative to Halloween - on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 6pm in the Hall. There will be pizza, pumpkin carving, craft, games and of course, sweets.

Please can you register your child(ren) via the Church website for catering and pumpkin purposes. Thank you.

Christine Taylor and the Junior Church team

### **Ambling through Acts course –Thursday 3rd November**

(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 News**

Please send items for the Newsletter to [kmroach45@gmail.com](mailto: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 December edition is Sunday 6th November.

### **St. Hilda's Breakfast - Saturday 12th November at 9:30am**

Further details later.

### **Karaoke evening - Saturday 12th November at 7pm**

A fun fundraising evening in the Church Hall. £10 to include cheese & ploughman's. Booking will open nearer the time.

### **St. Hilda's Bazaar - Saturday 19th November**

Look out for more details soon.

### **Turkiye and tinsel - Saturday 17th December at 7pm**

(Like curry & carols): Turkish food (not turkey) and carols. 7pm in the Church. £10. Booking will open nearer the time.

### **Parish administrator**

Our 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.

## **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 the Holy Land 5<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

A parish pilgrimage (but not walking there!) 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.

Chaplaincy at HMP Bronzefield are asking for your support in collecting empty toilet/kitchen roll tubes. They require at least 550. These are for prisoners to make Christmas Crackers. Please start collecting – ask family, friends and neighbours. Ends 30 November 2022

We need YOUR support

THANK YOU



## St. Hilda's Church Nativity Festival

St. Hilda's Church will be holding their Nativity Festival during the weekend of **10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022** and are inviting schools, organisations and businesses in the Parish of St. Hilda's and Ashford Town to join in. We would like you to create a Nativity Scene, or loan an existing Nativity Set for the exhibition. Visitors will be encouraged to vote for their favourite one.

An entry form can be found at the back of Church and will need to be returned to the Parish Office by **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**, so we know how many groups are taking part.

Should you wish to have your scene illuminated we ask that the lighting is battery operated as we are unable to plug into the Church's system. The maximum surface area size of your set should be no more than 50cm x 30cm, please do not exceed this as exhibition space may not be available for larger models.

We would like the completed Nativity scene to be brought to the Church on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from 5pm until 7pm and collected at the close of the Festival on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm.

We look forward to receiving your entry form and subsequently the completed Nativity scene in December to make the exhibition as interesting as possible.

Let your creativity flow to make this year's festival fabulous!

*Alison Garner, Pauline Milton and the Festival Team*

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