

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



COMMUNION SERVICE THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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THE GATHERING

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 – *Sit or kneel*

**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 us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us 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*

God of glory,
The end of our searching,
Help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:13-20

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man

is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 – *We sit or kneel*

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.

Thematic Reading – Luke 24:30-34

At the lectern.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”

Blessing of God for his goodness

Blessed are you,

**God of those who hunger and thirst,
for you give us our food in due season.**

**You nourish us with your word,
Which is the bread of life.**

**You strengthen us with your Spirit,
the new wine of your kingdom.**

**In Christ you are food for the hungry,
refreshment for the weary.**

Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord’s Prayer

From the lectern.

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.**

Giving of Communion

The minister moves to the Holy Table and says

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 minister and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

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

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
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.**

The notices are given.

THE DISMISSAL

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore
Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen

The minister and people depart.

SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 26th August 9.45am

Sunday 30th August 9.30am

The Sunday service is livestreamed via Facebook, YouTube and Twitter
(it can also be viewed later our Facebook page)

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

James Bedford	Raymond Nation	Roy Stone
Pamela Claridge	Michael O'Hagan	Sandra Swain
Robb Clarke	June Prentice	Rev. Peter Taylor
Rebecca Cohen	John Radford	Shirley Warrender
Ann Considine	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Chick Wilson
Chris Davenport	Delphine Scrivener	Peter Wilson
Michael Dixon	Riley Shaw	Jo Wood
Jim Hennessey	Anne Shenton	Nic
Libby Mills	Elsie Stone	Martyn

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Audrey Cummins

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Phyllis Irene Crick	Eric Brown	Rueben Webb
Alice Louise Searle	Sydney F H Morris	George Ernest Lawrence
Margaret Husband	Mother Theresa	William Arthur Banks

Please pray for those affected by the Corona Virus

NOTICES

The Parish Office is closed to visitors, we are still available by phone daily. Please contact us if you need help or know of someone who does.

Church Services

At present all services are strictly limited on numbers to maintain social distancing and entry has to be booked and ALL seating will be allocated.

Tickets can be booked from 9am on Mondays for the Sunday Eucharist, ticketing closes at midday on the Saturday before the service. For Wednesday services the booking opens at 9am Thursday and closes at midday Tuesday.

Booking links can be found on the front page of our website. If you are unable to book online please contact Denise at the Parish Office to reserve your place.

The wearing of face coverings is now mandatory in Church.

Sides Persons

If you are able to help as a sides person at this time please contact the Parish Office.

Weekly Newsletter

Please do send reflections, stories and others to Denise. It can be a short piece, but the more variety we have the more interesting for everybody. The deadline for the week is midday Tuesday.

Sunday Tea & Chat & More Tea (midweek)

After the service at 11.15am on Sunday and 10.30am on Tuesday 25th August the zoom codes are in the newsletter. If unsure please call the office. ***The topic for Tuesday's "More Tea" is Where were you on this day in history – 31st August 1997 (the day Princess Diana died).***

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations and Happy Anniversary to Roy and Elsie Stone who celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 20th August.

Electoral Roll

If you consider St Hilda's to be your regular place of worship, why not complete an application for Enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll. Please email or phone the parish office for a form.

Crossroads

Please email Rosemary at crossroads_ashford@hotmail.com if you have anything you would like to include in the parish magazine. The July/August edition is on our website.

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