

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## PARISH EUCHARIST THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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## **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 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.  
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 of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading – Psalm 25: 1-8**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.  
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading – Philippians 2: 1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 21: 13-32**

*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.**

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but

later he changed his mind and went. The father<sup>[e]</sup> went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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*

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.*

*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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your 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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,

in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All When we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus  
until you come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Hilda and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power  
Be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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,  
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.**

**All Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

*The people and president receive communion.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

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

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen**

**All** Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*The Notices are given*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **Blessing**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
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

## **SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 9.45am**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am (Harvest)**

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

#### **THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Christopher Court	Cyril Winter	Shirley Warrender
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#### **THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Cissie Hawley	Jean Avril Fulton	Peggy Dansie
Helena C Milton	Godfrey Walter Wyeth	Richard Albert Eade
George Roy Pink	Charles Makings	

**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.

The wearing of face coverings is now mandatory in Church.

### Sides Persons

If you are able to help as a sides person please contact the parish office.

### Ladies Homegroup (Wednesdays fortnightly)

This will be starting again on 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm and will be hosted via zoom (codes in this week's newsletter). There are also some spaces available in Church for those unable to join via zoom. Please speak to Carolyn or Elisabeth Santos for further information

### 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 Tuesdays the zoom codes are in the newsletter. If unsure please call the office. ***This week we are not having a topic for Tuesday's "More Tea".***

### Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll for 2020 APCM has now closed.

### APCM

This will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am and will be held via Zoom.



- As Fr. Joseph has mentioned over the last few weeks, we would like you all to consider applying to join the PCC. If you would like to learn more about being a PCC member, please speak to Fr. Joseph or a Churchwarden (Bobbie or Stuart).
- We will also at that time be voting for Church Wardens and Deanery Synod members nomination forms for all roles are available on the blue board in church or by contacting the parish office.
- More comprehensive details are in this weeks newsletter (Number 22)

### **Appeal**

We have been contacted by a local community project for any unwanted embroidery thread, cotton, wool, or other sewing threads. This includes wool, but no fabrics please.

If you have any that you would like to donate, please either contact the Parish Office or leave in the box at the back of the church. Thank you

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

The pilgrimage that was planned for this November has unfortunately been postponed to March 2022.

Those who have booked this, will shortly be contacted by McCabe with your options, which will be either your booking will be carried forward, or you can cancel and your deposit will be refunded.

### **The Great Ashford Jumble Trail – 18<sup>th</sup> October**

We will be joining in again with this community event.

We need help on the day and beforehand. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

We will also need donations of clothes, toys & games, ornaments, toiletries, anything else. Let us know if anything needs collecting.

### **Crossroads**

Please email Rosemary at [crossroads\\_ashford@hotmail.com](mailto:crossroads_ashford@hotmail.com) if you have anything you would like to include in the parish magazine. The new October edition is now on our website.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL OFFERINGS

This year we will be sharing our Harvest Gifts with the foodbank at the Salvation Army Citadel in Ashford.

They have been helping those local in need during the pandemic and are grateful for any contributions for food parcels.

At present they especially need;

### **Food**

Tinned Meat

Tea

Coffee

Sugar

Packets of biscuits as a small luxury to those receiving a parcel

### **Toiletries**

Shampoo

Baby wipes

Nappies

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Toilet roll

Sanitary products

Deodorant



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