

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



**PARISH EUCHARIST**  
**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER**  
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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**

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,  
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of  
the world.

God our Father, we are sorry  
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

**All forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.  
Father, in your mercy:

**All forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.  
Father, in your mercy:

**All forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough for the world you have made.  
Father, in your mercy:  
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,  
as if there were no God and no heaven.  
Father, in your mercy

**All forgive us and help us.**

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**

**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*

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the sea  
and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect  
this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 28: 1-14**

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will

set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God:

Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.

Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock.

Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you. The Lord will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The Lord will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom—if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, following other gods to serve them.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading – 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading – Luke 12:16-30**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life.

**All Alleluia.**

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

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

Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

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*

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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.*

## Blessing of the harvest gifts

Almighty Lord God, You keep on giving abundance to men in the dew of heaven, and food out of the richness of the soil. We give thanks to Your most gracious majesty for the fruits of the field which we have gathered. We beg of You, in Your mercy, to bless our harvest, which we have received from Your generosity. Preserve it, and keep it from all harm. Grant, too, that all those whose desires You have filled with these good things may be happy in Your protection. May they praise Your mercies forever, and make use of the good things that do not last in such a way that they may not lose those goods that are everlasting, through Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
you bring forth bread from the earth.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
you create the fruit of the vine.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## 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 indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image,  
and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,  
the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to die upon the cross  
and to rise again for our salvation.

Through him, you begin your work of new creation,  
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth  
in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,  
and give voice to every creature under heaven,  
for ever praising you and *saying*:

**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.

Christ is the bread of life:  
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

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 [*N 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 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.**

The Body of Christ

**All Amen**

The Blood of Christ

**All Amen**

*The people and president and people receive communion.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

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

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;  
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**

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you his children,  
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – No Service**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am**

The Sunday service is livestreamed and can 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
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### **THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Edna Heath	Henry William Turner	Neville Wareham
Ray Cutler	Bill Dansie	Lawrence Maltby

**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)**

Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October and will be hosted via zoom. 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.

## **Remembrance Sunday**

St Hilda's would like to display knitted / crocheted poppies in a similar fashion to the Tower of London. There is wool available for those who would like to knit some poppies and we would also be grateful for any donations of red wool. Please let us have any knitted poppies as soon as you can but by 1<sup>st</sup> November latest. Thank you

## **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.

## **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

## **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.



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