

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## PARISH EUCHARIST THE EIGHTEEN SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



## **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*

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading – Exodus 32: 1-14**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt

offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading – Philippians 4: 1-9**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and

the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 22 1-14**

*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.**

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go

therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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.**

The Body of Christ

**All Amen**

The Blood of Christ

**All Amen**

*The people and president receive communion.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints 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.**

*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**

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## **SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9.45am**

**Sunday 18<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**

Harry Forsbrey

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

Graham Petre	Mary Ann Forsbrey	Alan Leonard Dale
Gertrude May Hayes	Cecile Barbara Woodhead	Myrtle Maud Emily Nunn
Bert (Albert) Newell	Rona Florence Sidwell	

**Please pray for those affected by the Corona Virus**

## NOTICES

**The Parish Office is closed to visitors, we are still available by phone daily.**

### **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.

### **Foundation Governor Ashford Church of England Primary School**

We are looking for someone to take on the role of foundation governor, which is usually filled by a member of St Hilda's. If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact Fr Joseph.

### **Pumpkin Carving and Service of Light – 30<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm**

There will be an outdoor Service of Light in the Darkness where we will carve heart shapes in pumpkins and light candles to display within them. Come as a household and take part in this simple service.

This event will be run by Simon Shutt of FACT (Faith Awareness in Children Trust). A donation of £4 per pumpkin is requested to help cover the costs of the event.

Tickets can be booked using the link on our Facebook page or Website. All are welcome

### **Sides Persons**

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

### **Ladies Homegroup (Wednesdays fortnightly)**

Next meeting 14<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. On the day we will also need donations of wrapped cakes.

## **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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