

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## PARISH EUCHARIST

### THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## **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.*

## **The Lighting of the Advent Candle**

*Second Candle – The “Bethlehem candle”, representing Christ’s manger.*

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the first candle for love.

*(We light the first and second candle)*

## **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 hear our Lord’s blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn,  
**for they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek,  
**for they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,  
**for they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
**for they shall obtain mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
**for they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
**for they shall be called children of God.**

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

*(Silent reflection)*

In the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**O King enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name,  
Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you  
to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
who in his great mercy  
has promised forgiveness of sins

to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith  
turn to him: have mercy on you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and bring you to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**The Collect** - *The Collect for the Week is said after a moment of silence*

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

**All Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 40: 1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,

their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;

but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain,

O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,

lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,

“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord God comes with might,

and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd;

he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom,

and gently lead the mother sheep.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading – 2 Peter 3: 8 -15a**

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with

you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading – Mark 1: 1-8**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John

was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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*

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid  
we pray to Jesus.

*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*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of 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.*

As this bread was scattered  
and then gathered and made one,  
so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

**All** Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;  
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.  
Glory to you, O God, for ever.

**All** Amen.

## **The 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,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death  
and to make us inheritors of everlasting life;  
that when he shall come again in power and great triumph  
to judge the world,  
we may with joy behold his appearing,  
and in confidence may stand before him.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
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.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction  
for the sins of the whole world;  
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit ✠,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
*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.*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this  
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*(Silent reflection)*

Awaiting his coming in glory,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

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 people and president receive communion.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

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

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **All Amen**

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.

*Notices are given.*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **Blessing**

May God the Father, judge all-merciful,  
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

**Amen.**

May God the Son, coming among us in power,  
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,  
joyful in hope and constant in love.

**Amen.**

and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

May the Lord, when he comes,  
**find us watching and waiting.**

**Amen.**

## **SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 4pm (Christingle)**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9.45am**

The Sunday service is livestreamed and can be viewed later our Facebook page

### **Please remember in your prayers this week:**

#### **THE SICK:**

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

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

Maureen Betty Brill	Jean Garner	Gladys Elizabeth Saville
Regigald Charles Baker	Babs (Edith H) King	Dick Wootton
James Robert Beagley	Alan Leonard Dale	Jessie Eileen M Mundy
Roy Dugmore Clarke	Phyllis Margaret Varden	Marie-Anne Inisan
Ruby Lilian Fulton	Harrold Bullough	Henry Franklin
Frank Allaway	David John Taylor	

**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 note we now have a new office email [sthilda28@gmail.com](mailto:sthilda28@gmail.com) or continue to use [office@sthilda.org](mailto:office@sthilda.org)

### Church Opening

St Hilda's is now open for public worship services please book via the website links or contact the office.

### St Hilda's Memorial Tree

We would like to thank Waitrose, Egham for their kind donation again this year of a Christmas Tree for our Memorial Tree. The Church will be open between 10.30am – 11.30am each Saturday up until Christmas so that you can come in to dedicate a star on the tree. Please bring your own pen (there will be a supply of stars but feel free to bring your own).

### Bishop's Teaching Evening – Mon 7<sup>th</sup> December 7-8.30pm

In past years, Bishop Graham has offered teaching evenings across the Deaneries on issues such as Prayer, the Problem of Evil and, most recently, Brexit. This year he is hosting an evening looking at the theme 'Freedom'.

The evening session will be taking place this year via Zoom. It is open to anyone in the Kensington Area, and should be an excellent time to think together about how our Christian faith works out in practice through one of the most important ideas of our time. It will not assume prior theological knowledge, though hopefully will be a theologically rich discussion!

Bishop Graham will be speaking on the topic: 'What is True Freedom?'

***Freedom is one of the big ideas of our culture. We long for it, fight wars over it and guard our freedoms jealously. Some have even seen the imposition of restrictions during the pandemic as an infringement of civil liberties. Christian faith also speaks of freedom, yet in ways that can seem strange, with ideas such as obedience to the will of God, and the value of service. What, then, is a Christian understanding of freedom and how does it differ from secular ideas? During this evening, with opportunity for questions and interaction, Bishop Graham will explore how a Christian understanding of freedom can be truly liberating.***

If you would like to come, please register on Eventbrite here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-is-true-freedom-why-freedom-may-not-be-what-you-think-it-is-tickets-126125931055> and the Zoom link will be emailed to you.

### **An Advent journey to Christmas – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – 5.30pm**

Simon Shutt of FACT will be running this family friendly event at St Hilda's. Tickets are limited and can be booked via Eventbrite from Sunday afternoon

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-advent-journey-to-christmas-tickets-129650980573>

### **Hatton Musical Society Christmas Concert – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 6pm**

Hatton Musical Society will be holding a socially distanced concert at St Hilda's. Tickets are only available from <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hatton-musical-theatre-society> If you are unable to access this please call Paula on 07788 258871 who will do this with you. Please do leave a message and she will call you back.

### **Salvation Army toy appeal**

Take a NEW unwrapped toy to the Salvation Army citadel by 12pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December to help support local families in need this Christmas. You can also contribute to this appeal online;

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/staineschristmasappeal](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/staineschristmasappeal) or

<https://bit.ly/36h90hi>

They are also supporting local families in need with hampers on Christmas day contributions can also be made at the just giving link above or food donations suitable for an afternoon tea style hamper.

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage – 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

A new date for the pilgrimage has been set, there is an information sheet available at the rear of the Church which gives further details of the pilgrimage and how to book.

### **St Hilda's News**

Please do send reflections, stories and others to Denise at the Parish Office. 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.

### **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 December issue is now on the website

*St Hilda's would like to offer you a warm welcome to our church this Christmas. All Christmas services are now open to book.*

**December 11<sup>th</sup> (5.30pm)**

AN ADVENT JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS  
(Run by FACT. tickets from Eventbrite)

**December 13<sup>th</sup> (4pm)**

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**(3pm)** CRIB SERVICE

**(11pm)** FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS

**December 25<sup>th</sup> (9.30am)**

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