

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## THE EUCHARIST

### EASTER 6

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# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

Light's abode, celestial Salem,  
Vision dear whence peace doth spring,  
Brighter than the heart can fancy,  
Mansion of the highest King;  
O, how glorious are the praises  
Which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever  
Alleluia is outpoured;  
For unending, for unbroken  
Is the feast-day of the Lord;  
All is pure and all is holy  
That within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud nor passing vapour  
Dims the brightness of the air;  
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,  
From the Sun of suns is there;  
There no night brings rest from labour,  
For unknown are toil and care.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in love, and One in splendour,  
While unending ages run.

*[Latin 15th Century tr. J. M. Neale]*

## **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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**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**

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**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 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.**

**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**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**All Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading – Acts 16: 9 - 15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my

home.” And she prevailed upon us.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading – Revelation 21: 10, 22 – 22:5 5**

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no

light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading – John 14: 23 - 29**

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**All Alleluia.**

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

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

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

## **The Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*...at the end*

Merciful Father,

**All** accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

Bring us all to your heavenly city,  
to the joyful gathering of thousands of angels,  
to the assembly of your firstborn,  
to the spirits of the saints made perfect,  
to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant  
and to the sprinkled blood that promises peace.

**All** Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### **The Peace** — *All stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All** and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Offertory Hymn**

**City of God, how broad and far  
Outspread thy walls sublime!  
The true thy chartered freemen are  
Of every age and clime.**

**One holy Church, one army strong,  
One steadfast high intent;  
One working band, one harvest song,  
One King omnipotent.**

How purely hath thy speech come down  
From man's primeval youth!  
How grandly hath thine empire grown  
Of freedom, love and truth!

How gleam thy watch-fires through the night  
With never fainting ray!  
How rise thy towers serene and bright,  
To meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock,  
In vain the drifting sands:  
Unharmed upon the eternal Rock  
The eternal City stands.

*[Samuel Johnson]*

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter

to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
singing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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.

Let us proclaim the miracle of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hilda, 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**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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** God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.

## **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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*The people and president receive communion.*

## **Communion Hymns**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with the fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.**

*[Edwin Hatch]*

**Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
In the truth that Christ makes known;  
We have faith and understanding  
Through your promised light alone.**

**Holy Spirit, come, console us,  
Come as advocate to plead;  
Loving Spirit from the Father,  
Grant in Christ the help we need.**

**Holy Spirit, come, renew us,  
Come yourself to make us live;  
Holy through your loving presence,  
Holy through the gifts you give.**

**Holy Spirit, come, possess us,  
You the love of Three in One;  
Holy Spirit of the Father,  
Holy Spirit of the Son.**

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**God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of thy face:  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
Fill thy Church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend  
Unto earth's remotest end.**

**Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Be by all that live adored:  
Let the nations shout and sing,  
Glory to their Saviour King;  
At thy feet their tribute pay,  
And thy holy will obey.**

**Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
Man to God devoted live;  
All below, and all above,  
One in joy, and light, and love.**

*[H. F. Lyte]*

## Prayer after Communion

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**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.**

Notices

## THE DISMISSAL

### Blessing

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*The minister departs.*

## Recessional Hymn

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders, in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true;  
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
With the Father's glory, with his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

*[Caroline Noel]*

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## SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 11am

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm (Ascension Day)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am

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

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

### THE SICK:

Grace Cassar

Keren Lattimore

Roy Stone

Lizio Cassar

Pauline Milton

Barbara Warne

Alison Griffiths

Ray Nation

Peter Wilson

*We are in the process of updating the prayer list. If you would like a name to be added, please do contact the parish office.*

### THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Peggy Pinfold

Pauline Lewis

Joan Harden

Robert Martin

### THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK:

Samuel Searle

Richard Straughan

Pauline Bleckwen

John Tank

Connie Clayton

Alec Hawley

Sylvia Chapman

Minnie Gregory

Cecil Gregory

**Please pay for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula**

## NOTICES

The Parish Office is available by phone weekdays 9am – 5pm  
Visitors by appointment only

### **Church Opening**

St Hilda's is open for public worship services. Masks are optional.

*Following the teaching of 'Loving thy Neighbour' - If you feel unwell, we ask that you do not attend so that we can maintain the health and safety of all who attend the services.*

### **Beating the Bounds – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 2.30pm**

Join us today, on Rogation Sunday and take part in the traditional 'Beating of the Bounds' where we will be walking and marking St Hilda's parish boundary.

Meet at St Hilda's at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start. We will finish with a fish & chip supper at St Hilda's at approximately 5.30pm. There is a sign-up list at the rear of the Church to let us know if you will be joining us, there will be a cost of £10 per person for the supper, dessert and drinks. You can join or leave us at any point along the walk or even just come for the supper afterwards.

### **Feed my Sheep – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm – 4pm**

The theme is Popes.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 11.30am**

This will be held after the service. Election application forms for the PCC and Church Warden can be found on the blue board or obtained from the parish office. The financial statements and group reports are also displayed on the blue boards.

### **Sidespersons / Welcomers**

Displayed on the blue board are the names of the current volunteers, if you would like to join the team performing this very important role of welcoming people to St Hilda's, please add your name on the sheet. Thank you.

### **Ambling through Acts course – Next meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June (7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month)**

Led by Fr Steve, a study of the Acts of the Apostles will entail a close reading of the text. We will see the unfolding story of the beginnings of the church

through the eyes of the writer, try to discern his purposes, discover new things, and learn that though the context has changed, human nature remains much the same. Hence, the struggles of those first followers may find resonances in our own day as we live out our individual lives of discipleship and participate together in the life of the church.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at the end. We will finish by saying Compline (Night Prayer) together round about 9pm. I hope to see you there. Please bring a bible – ideally the NRSV, but any version will do.

### **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – 3pm**

There is a sign-up list at the rear of the Church to join us for the party to celebrate the Queen's historic jubilee. It will be held on the grounds between the Church and Church Hall (or within the hall if there is poor weather).

### **Conscious Inclusion – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September – 10am – 12.30pm**

You are cordially invited to attend a session in church, hosted by the PCC, on the subject of "**Conscious Inclusion** - *if we don't consciously include we will unconsciously exclude*", on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> September between 10-12.30.

It will explore why inclusion is important at St Hilda's, followed by reflections on the impact of bias - insiders/outsiders and micro behaviours what this looks like with examples linked to aspects of our identity e.g. age, gender, race etc.

Could you please confirm your attendance with the parish office.

### **Eco Church Volunteers Needed**

The Church of England is seeking to reach "net zero" carbon by 2030 to meet a target set by the General Synod in 2020 and we at St Hilda's are looking closely at how we can help in moving towards this. We are planning to set up a small group to investigate how we can improve our eco credentials and encourage us all on the journey. If you would like to be involved please speak to Carolyn.

**We need YOU!**

### **Community Lunch – every Wednesday**

Join us for the Community Lunch at midday. If you are able to come forward and help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie.

### **Bible Study – every Wednesday**

Bible Study group meet in Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.

### **Food Bank Donations**

Please use the wooden chest at the rear of the Church to place any donations for the local food bank, such as tinned and dried goods and toiletries.

### **Paving Slabs needed**

If anyone has any spare slabs that could be used in the Memorial Garden, please see Paula Gething.

### **Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey – Date TBC**

A parish pilgrimage is being arranged to Westminster Abbey, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the Church or contact the office. A date will be arranged if we have enough interest.

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

We are still looking for a new editor(s) to take over.

### **Sponsor a church chair**

If you can help towards the cost of the last chairs or trolleys (that have now arrived), please complete the form at the rear of the Church.

- £90 covers the cost of a chair
- £225 covers the cost of a stacking trolley

## **Job Opportunities at Bishop Wand School**

Please see the school website for further details.



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**The Bishop Wand C of E School in Sunbury on Thames  
is looking to recruit to various non-teaching positions  
as soon as possible.**

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- Exam Invigilators (flexible role £9.50/hour)
- Learning Support Assistants (full-time, term-time only)
- Site Officer/Caretaker (full-time)
- Science Technician (full time, term-time only)

If you are interested in joining our School community and would like detailed information on any of the above roles, please visit the 'Working for Us' area of the School website [www.bishopwand.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.bishopwand.surrey.sch.uk)

Training will be given to suitable candidates with no previous experience.

The deadline for applications to be submitted for all positions is 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 10am. We reserve the right to interview on receipt of application.

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