

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



EASTER DAY

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Happy Easter to you all!

Easter Day is when we remember that Jesus rose again from the dead and it is the most important day in our year. We have all journeyed through the dark and difficult Good Friday, and we now celebrate together as God's promises to us come true.

Easter is a day all about new life, and so during this service we renew our Baptism Vows which were made in the past



Please take this booklet home with you so you have a record of the prayer requests and notices to use during the week

THE GATHERING

Introit

Preludium from *The Sound of Music*

[Music: Richard Rodgers Lyrics: Oscar Hammerstein II]

Processional Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high, Alleluya!

He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today!
We too sing for joy, and say Alleluya!

He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the Cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluya!

He whose path no records tell,
Who descended into hell;
Who the strong man armed hath bound,
Now in highest heaven is crowned. Alleluya!

Now he bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven,
How we too may enter heaven. Alleluya!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay, Alleluya!

[Michael Weisse, tr. Catherine Winkworth]

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

All I repent of them.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

At our baptism, God called us out of darkness into his marvellous light. Therefore, I ask:

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

All I come to Christ.

The congregation is sprinkled with baptismal water

The choir sing This joyful Eastertide

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
All 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 is said after a moment of silence*

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 65 vv 17 - 25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a
youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered
accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

At the end the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Acts 10 vv 34 - 43

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

At the end the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

**The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,
That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal
Of resurrection-light;
And, listening to his accents,
May hear so calm and plain
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,
May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful,
And earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph,
And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen
Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen
Our joy that hath no end.**

[St. John of Damascus tr. J. M. Neale]

Gospel Reading – John 20 vv 1 - 18

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.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said

to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All 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.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace – *We 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 risen Christ be always with you

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you. Alleluia.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn a collection will be taken

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;

Sing to God a hymn of gladness,

Sing to God a hymn of praise;

He, who on the Cross a victim

For the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,

Now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first fruits

Of the holy harvest field,

Which will all its full abundance

At his second coming yield;

Then the golden ears of harvest

Will their heads before him wave,

Ripened by his glorious sunshine

From the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen!
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven,
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered,
And be ever safe with thee.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty.

[Christopher Wordsworth]

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before
you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

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, 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 your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own possession.

And now we give you thanks
because through him you have given us eternal life
and delivered us from the bondage of sin
and the fear of death

into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
All 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his 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.*

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God,

**All 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

The president says the invitation to communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion.

All confirmed Anglicans, as well as all baptized Christians who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and are in a state of grace, are welcome to receive communion, provided they would normally do so in their own church. If you are not receiving communion today, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing; please indicate this by bringing your order of service with you.

Communion Hymns

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once upon the Cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!**

**But the pains which he endured Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluya!**

[Lyra Davidica]

**This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow:
*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.***

**My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber,
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number:**

Refrain

**Death's flood hath lost its chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.**

***Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;***

But now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

[Text: 67 67 with refrain; George R. Woodward, 1848–1934, alt.]

Music: Oudaen's David's Psalmen, 1685, alt.]

**Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.***

**In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.***

**Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.***

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.***

[J. M. C. Crum

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**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King:
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is risen for ay;
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;
Let all mankind rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory
That Love, that Life, which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

[Cyril Alington

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Prayers after Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

<i>Notices</i> - see pages 25 - 31

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 light and peace of Christ.

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

Recessional Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

Refrain

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife ,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless
love;**

Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,

Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

[Edmund Budry tr. Richard Hoyle]

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Please remember in your prayers this week:

THOSE FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ASKED:

Michael Brown	John Hunt	Delia Woodley
Ben Bishop	Pat Kyle	Ben
Stan Bishop	Ashley Lee	Daniella
AnneMarie Bough	Mary Mills	David
Tony Diggins	Ray Nation	Fiona
Barbara Dunbar	Pat Parish	Mince
Maureen Firth	Massimo Pellizzari	Paddy
Sheila Freeman	Lena Richardson	Peter
Gemma Hart	Edith Smith	

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Graham	Elaine Taylor	Mary Mason
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THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

David Frank Rawlinson Banks	Amy Maud Clayton
Jill Elizabeth Baker	Sidney Lovell Pinfold
May Ellen Lawrence	Heather Susan Crozier
Emily Gooch	St George
Kathleen Newell	Richard Alan West
James Alan Perry	Edward Norman Phillips
Patricia Pouffou	Mary Milton
Dorothy A Goldsmith	Kenneth Goldsmith
John Arnold Lane	

**Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula, and for
Fr. Domingos and his family**

also for Christians facing persecution in countries such as North Korea,
Somalia, Libya, Eritrea, Yemen, Iran and Nigeria.

for more details see <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

SERVICE TIMES next week
Wednesday 23rd April 11.00am
Sunday 27th April 10am

followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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

https://www.facebook.com/StHildaAshford/live_videos

or see: <https://www.youtube.com/@sthildachurch8263>

NOTICES

The deadline for items for the Service Sheet is noon on Thursday.

Easter Egg Hunt - TODAY

All children are invited to join in an Easter Egg hunt after today's 10am service. If the children would like to gather at the side, around the table where the children's refreshments are, we will explain the rules before sending them off to play detective.

Thanks to all who participated in the Walk a mile Pray a mile.

Fr. Julius

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to making this Lenten season and Eastertide a who season for us all.

Fr. Julius

Community Lunch in church - Wednesday at 12 noon

Do join us!

If you are able to help, even once a month, please liaise with Bobbie.

Bible Study Group - Wednesday at 7.45pm.

We meet in the **Hawley room** in the church hall: use the side door (which opens outwards) and follow the corridor left and left again. We meet most Wednesday evenings.

We will be continuing our look at John's Gospel, following the last hours of Jesus' life on earth. You are very welcome to join us.

The vicar will be hosting all **young adults** in the church hall kitchen on **Friday 25th April @ 5pm**. Ellie is making us a beautiful British cuisine. All young adults (18-35yrs and all those young at heart) are welcomed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Sunday 27th April at 11am

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held **next Sunday** here in St Hilda's Church. Copies of the Annual Reports are now available from the website. Due to the cost of printing and paper there will only be a limited number of paper copies at the Annual Meeting. If you would like to have a copy e-mailed to you, or if you are not able to print your own copy please e-mail lizbrian17@aol.com **before Friday 25th April** and she will make a copy available for you.

Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 1st May at 7.30pm

(Usually 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month)

Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at the end. We 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.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8th May at 7pm - a service to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE day on- further details to follow

Saturday 10th May at 2pm - Jumble Sale – help will be needed!



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Opening night will take place at **7.45pm on 16th May**, with performances at **2pm and 7.45pm on the 17th May**.

Tickets are just £12 for adults and £10 for concessions.

Tickets are on sale now, so visit our box office via

<https://www.sthildasentertainers.com> and book your tickets now!

Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 27th May at 2:30pm

Our topic will be: **Letters of Peter John and James**

Do come and join us .We meet in the Small Hall on the 4th Tuesday, from 2.30pm – 4pm with tea, coffee and cake, to explore topics on Christian themes. A donation of a £1 is welcomed to cover the cost of the refreshments

Helen Calner writes:

Now the time has come for me to be appointed as vicar.

I am appointed vicar of St Augustine of Canterbury in Whitton, so just down the road from you. And something I am very excited about.

As I hold your congregation dearly and am still in touch with some every now and then, I just want to share that they will get an invitation to come and support me on my licensing.

With every blessing, Helen

Food Bank Donations

We continue to collect for the Food Bank run by the Salvation Army.

Please put donations of food and toiletries in the wooden chest at the back of church. Items most wanted at the moment are:

Pasta sauce	Blackcurrent squash
Porridge	Tinned plum tomatoes
Cornflakes	Tinned sweetcorn

They have “vast quantities” of the following items, so avoid them:

Pasta	Long life milk	Baked Beans
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YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

Introducing the new Ashford Residents Association

Our aim is to benefit Ashford's residents and give everyone a voice. As community members, we are committed to enhancing the quality of life in Ashford for everyone. Our goal is to keep residents connected on town issues, updates, and news, including building development, planning permission, residential concerns, and park maintenance. Please join us as we value all feedback and plan to work closely with local councillors, police, schools, and NHW groups to serve ALL Ashford residents.

"We believe Ashford is worth fighting for, and by joining together, families and residents of all ages, **WE CAN** create a secure, inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone to thrive in."

It is easy to sign up to have your say and discover how we can help you. To join and become a member or request further information please email us at info@ashfordra.co.uk or drop us a line at <https://ashfordra.co.uk>

The next Ashford Residents Association Members Meeting

Saturday 14th June 2025
10.00am to 12.00pm

If you have any questions that you would like to submit before the meeting, please email info@ashfordra.co.uk and we will endeavour to add them to the agenda.



Scan Me!

Agenda will be sent out in June.

Scan QR code for website
Scan QR code to join nextdoor



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Parish Giving

In 2024 it cost £435 per day to run St Hilda's. This is more than double what it cost in £2019 and £20 per day more than 2023! We are all impacted by the increase in the cost of living, but did you know there are ways of getting FREE money to St Hilda's?

Of course nothing in life is totally free and even free money comes with a little effort. Here is how you can help:

GIFT AID

This is the government's way of helping charities by enabling them to claim the tax that was paid on the gift. We can claim gift aid on:

- A) Loose plate donations—cash collected on a Sunday
- B) Stewardship envelopes
- C) Stewardship paid by Standing order

There are several problems with this way of giving:

- ◇ It is dependant on getting people through the door
- ◇ It requires many hours of administration to count, and bank the money and then to make the actual claim to HMRC
- ◇ We only see the gift aid when a claim is made—maybe once or twice a year
- ◇ There is **a limit on the loose plate claim** and we are losing half of what we could claim. Last year the loose plate gift aid limit was £8,000. We collected a possible £15,000 which may be eligible —that means we **missed £1,750 of Gift Aid** (or “free money”)

The other problem is that we don't actually have someone willing to do this administration!

SO HOW CAN YOU HELP?

PARISH GIVING SCHEME eliminates all of the problems, and still leaves you in control of what you give. It is a safe direct debit or bank transfer that you can alter whenever you want.

What's more it does all the administration for us:

- ◇ The money is counted
- ◇ The gift aid is claimed
- ◇ Both the gift and the gift aid are paid into our bank within a few days of your donation and in the winter months this would really help our cash flow .
- ◇ It is confidential between you and Parish Giving

TO FIND OUT MORE

FOLLOW THE LINK TO ST HILDA'S PARISH GIVING:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/ashford-st-hilda-ashford/>



The Parish Office is available by phone or email.

Any appointments in person must be booked.

Our parish administrator is Laura Goodman. Her **new** office hours are:

Monday: 3.30-4.30pm

Wednesday: 12:00-5:00pm

Thursday 6.30-9.30pm

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