

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**10am 19 JANUARY 2025**

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*Welcome to St Hilda's. We are delighted that you are able to share in our morning worship today,*

*If you are new to the church please do take time to introduce yourself to the people at the back of the church and to the ministry team at the end of the service. We would be delighted to meet you.*

*If you are able please join us for tea or coffee after the service so we can get to know one another.*

*Should you need any help during the service please do not hesitate to ask those around you and we are sure they will be able to support you.*

*For children, Junior Church meets in the Church Hall during the first part of the service, and there is a children's corner in the north aisle which they are very welcome to use.*

## **Praying for peace in the Middle East**

*Bishop Sarah encourages us to join in with Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem, who has offered the following prayer:*

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen

# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In your birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest  
In thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in power divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to thee address,  
God in Man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see his glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confest,  
God in Man made manifest.

**Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,  
Mirrored in thy holy word;  
May we imitate thee now,  
And be pure. as pure art thou;  
That we like to thee may be  
At thy great Epiphany,  
And may praise thee, ever blest,  
God in Man made manifest.**

*[Christopher Wordsworth]*

## **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; we pray with Junior Church.*

## **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

The grace of God has dawned upon the world  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.  
Let us confess our sins.

**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**

**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 for the week is said after a moment of silence*

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 62 vv 1 – 5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.  
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.  
For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading** – 1 Corinthians 12 vv 1 – 11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



## **Gospel Reading** – John 2 vv 1 – 11

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

**All Alleluia.**

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

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

## **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All 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

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord,  
who has brought us out of darkness  
and into his own marvellous light.

*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

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there shall be no end.

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.*

## Offertory Hymn

*During this hymn a collection will be taken*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest - to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish - but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*[Walter Chalmers Smith]*

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

Lord, accept your people's gifts,  
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,  
but hearts and voices raised in praise  
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation..

**All Amen**

## **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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God,  
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:  
for at this time we celebrate your glory  
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi  
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism  
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,  
the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine  
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.  
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
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.*

Let us proclaim the miracle of faith:

**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice  
made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of Hilda and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
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.

**All Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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

## **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*

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

**All** Lord, give us this bread always.

*The president and people receive communion.*



## Communion Hymns

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of Love;  
To him uplift your voice, at whose supreme command  
From Earth we rise and seek the joys at his right hand.

There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our  
Righteousness,  
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace:  
On Sion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,  
And glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

Before the great Three-One they all exulting stand,  
And tell the wonders he hath done, throughout the land:  
The listening spheres attend, and swell the growing fame,  
And sing in songs which never end the wondrous name.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
Eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee!"

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high:  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," they ever cry:  
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine! (I join the heavenly lays)  
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

*[Thomas Olivers based on the Hebrew Yigdal]*

*God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.*

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling:  
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting;  
Let us all revere and love him, God eternal:  
Loving him, let each love Christ in all his brothers.

*God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.*

**When we Christians gather, members of one Body,  
Let there be in us no discord, but one spirit;  
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel:  
Christ our God be present always here among us.**

***God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.***

**Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with all the blessed,  
When we see your face, O Saviour, in its glory;  
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,  
Be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.**

***God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.***

*[from the Latin liturgy of Maundy Thursday tr. James Quinn*

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**Through all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God shall still  
My heart and tongue employ.**

**O magnify the Lord with me,  
With me exalt his name;  
When in distress to him I called,  
He to my rescue came.**

**The hosts of God encamp around  
The dwellings of the just;  
Deliverance he affords to all  
Who on his succour trust.**

**O make but trial of his love,  
Experience will decide  
How blest are they, and only they,  
Who in his truth confide.**

**Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
Have nothing else to fear;  
Make you his service your delight,  
Your wants shall be his care.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom we adore,  
Be glory, as it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.**

*[Tate and Brady]*

## **Prayers after Communion**

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

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of 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.**

**Notices** - see pages 22-23

## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **Blessing**

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory  
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his  
kingdom;  
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

### **Recessional Hymn**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!**

**The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly;  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!**

**The church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out;  
But, above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!**

*[George Herbert]*

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

**THOSE FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ASKED:**

Michael Brown	John Hunt	Martine Simpson
Ben Bishop	Pat Kyle	Ben
Ros Clifton	Ray Nation	David
Tony Diggins	Pat Parish	Fiona
Gemma Hart	Massimo Pellizzari	John
Matthew Hutnell	Lena Richardson	

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Edward Harris	Paul Ashbey	Paul Ingram
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**THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Bette Porter	Derek Willmott	Edward Kingston
Rita Mabel Boulding	Joyce Titt	Elizabeth May Webber

**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 and Yemen.

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

and 18th - 25th January is the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**

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## SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 11.00am

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am

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

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## NOTICES

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

### **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 Church on most Wednesday evenings. We will be continuing our look at John's Gospel. You are very welcome to join us.

### **Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 21st January at 2:30pm**

Our topic will be: Caves in the Bible

Do come and join us .We meet on the 4th Tuesday, from 2.30pm – 4pm in Church 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.

25th February: Bishop Morley and the Winchester Cathedral library

25th March: St. Patrick and St. George

### **Candlelight Concert - Friday 31st January at 7.00pm**

Tickets available ONLINE ONLY between £20 and £30 from

[www.fatsoma.com](http://www.fatsoma.com)

St. Hilda's is not selling tickets for this, but we will run a bar.

**Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 6th February 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.

**Burns Night – Saturday 8th February at 7.00pm**

Ticket price held at £10 per hear (under 12s free), available from the back of church. This is a great family evening, including traditional haggis, tatties and neeps followed by ceilidh dancing. Nick's bar will also be open.

**Mothers' Union Lunch – Tuesday 11th February at 12 noon**

**The Parish Office** is available by phone or email.

Any appointments in person must be booked.

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

Monday:	3.30-5pm
Wednesday:	3.30-6.30pm
Thursday	6.30-9.30pm
Saturday:	9.45-11.15am

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