

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

10AM 10 NOVEMBER 2023

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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.

THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
With thy living fire of judgment
Purge this realm of bitter things:
Solace all its wide dominion
With the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
For the hour that brings release:
And the city's crowded clangour
Cries aloud for sin to cease;
And the homesteads and the woodlands
Plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;
Cleave our darkness with thy sword;
Feed the faithless and the hungry
With the richness of thy word:
Cleanse the body of this nation
Through the glory of the Lord.

[Henry Scott Holland]

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; 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

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins
and to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**All Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

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

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – Jonah 3 v 1 – 5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Mark 1 v 14 – 20

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

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Creed

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

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

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called the children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn a collection will be taken

**O thou who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return,
In humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
'Til death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.**

[Charles Wesley]

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

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ
to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels 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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with 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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

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

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God,
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

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The president and people receive communion.

Communion Hymns

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

[Isaac Watts]

Once, only once, and once for all,
His precious life he gave;
Before the Cross in faith we fall,
And own it strong to save.

'One offering, single and complete,'
With lips and hearts we say;
But what he never can repeat
He shows forth day by day.

For, as the priest of Aaron's line
Within the holiest stood,
And sprinkled all the mercy-shrine
With sacrificial blood;

So he, who once atonement wrought,
Our Priest of endless power,
Presents himself for those he bought
In that dark noontide hour.

His manhood pleads where now it lives
On heaven's eternal throne,
And where in mystic rite he gives
Its presence to his own.

And so we show thy death, O Lord,
Till thou again appear,
And feel, when we approach thy board,
We have an altar here.

[William Bright]

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

[Frances Ridley Havergal]

Prayers after Communion

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

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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 21 - 26

THE DISMISSAL

The Grace

All May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen

National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King!

[Anon]

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THOSE FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ASKED:

Michael Brown	Ray Nation	Ben
Ros Clifton	Pat Parish	David
Tony Diggins	Massimo Pellizzari	Fiona
Gemma Hart	Lena Richardson	John
Matthew Hutnell	Martine Simpson	Viviann
John Hunt	Hugh Thomson	King Charles
Pat Kyle		Catherine, Princess of Wales

If you would like a name added to or removed from the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. If you know of someone ill or in hospital in need of prayer and support please tell our LLM Rosalyn Young (contact details on back cover).

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Charles Esau Davenport	Robert S Phillipson	Matthew R Warne
Leonard Henry Taylor	Charles Goodbarne	Elaine Hollister
William John Thomas Heath	Emily Cockings	Chrissie Lawrence
Elizabeth Annie Page	Eileen Ingham	Thomas William Riddett
William Maurice Bickerdike	Eddie Bellerby	Royston J Cartwright
Leslie Richard Brown		

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/>

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

Archdeacon Richard writes: “It has been a long wait, but I am truly delighted to be able to tell you that your new parish priest, Fr Julius, will be joining you at St Hilda’s in time for Christmas and ready to lead you into 2025. I know that those who took part in the interviews were unanimous in agreeing that he was the person God was calling to the parish and we are all so glad that these past months of administrative process are over and we can look forward to a new chapter in the life of St Hilda’s.”



Fr Julius writes: “My name is The Rev. Fr Onyekachi Julius Anozie, born and raised in Nigeria. I am honoured to introduce myself as the new vicar designate of St Hilda’s, Ashford. It was with profound joy that I received the news of this appointment—a joy tempered by a season of waiting and anticipation. This period reminds me of those sacred moments in Scripture: Joseph awaiting the fulfilment of his dreams, David awaiting his kingship, and the Apostles awaiting the gift of the Holy Spirit. In this season of reflection, I have found space to pray, to discern, and to affirm my call to serve at St Hilda’s. I have no doubt that God has been intricately present in each step of this journey. I must thank the parish reps, the Bishop and the Diocesan officers for all their support. And so, let me introduce myself as simply Fr Julius – a joyful, spirited servant of Christ, eager to journey alongside each of you in faith. I look forward to meeting you all. Don’t forget to bring your dancing shoes!”

Fr Julius will be licensed as the new vicar by the Bishop of Kensington on **the evening of Monday 16th December**.

If you would like to attend but not able to get to St Hilda's Church for the service please let Laura, the Parish Administrator know by e-mail - office@sthilda.org or by phone on 01784 253525 so that a lift can be arranged. Please pray for him as he prepares to move from his current parish in the Derby Diocese, to London.

SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 13th November 11.00am

Sunday 17th November 10.00am

St. Hilda's Day

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.

Thanks to the generosity of members of the congregation we have been able to paint the Vicarage in time for the arrival of our new Incumbent. Many thanks to those who contributed to the cost of the materials and for those who did the hard work of getting the house ready.

***** St. Hilda's Day Bring and Share Lunch in church*****

Next Sunday 17th at 12 noon

If you intend to come, please sign the list at the back of church.

If you can bring some food, please check what others are bringing - so we have a reasonable mix of dishes - then indicate what you will contribute.

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.

PCC Meeting: Tuesday 12th November at 7.15pm for 7.30

Mothers' Union Lunch: Tuesday 12th November at 12 noon

Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 26th November at 2:30pm

Topic: Christmas Carols

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.

Frost Fair 2024 - Saturday 23rd November at 11am-3pm.

Alison Garner will be co-ordinating the event and wishes for the congregation to support in any way they can via the giving of time - setting up, manning stalls and packing up at the end, or by the giving of contributions to the stalls.

There will be the Book stall, Tombola, Cake Stall, Toy Stall, White Elephant Stall and a Christmas Stall, any further suggestions of stalls and a team to man it will be gratefully received.

We will be inviting outside Vendors to sell their goods, so if you know of anyone who would be interested, please bring along their details and Alison, and Laura, will contact them to arrange a table. Tables will be available at £15 each for the event.

Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 12th December 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.

St Hilda's Newsletter

The latest issue of the Newsletter is available via the St. Hilda's web site (under "About Us"). Please leave the printed copies for people without internet access and for visitors.

The newsletter is now produced every two months, and unless more people provide material the Newsletter will end.

The deadline for items for the December/January issue is **1st**

December. Please send your contributions to: editor@sthilda.org

***** NEEDED *****

Computer-literate people prepared to give time to help the church

We are looking for people to do several important jobs:

1. Manage Gift Aid claims. We have just recovered over £8,500 from HMRC from donations in 2022. We need to make the claim for 2023 by next September - we expect this to involve at least 30hrs work, mostly data input. A team will help explain the system to be used and will provide the data. Then we need to document the process and work on this year's donations...
2. Edit the Newsletter. Our current Editor is moving from the area. She has offered to produce the December/January edition but we need someone to take it on from next year. This involves 8-10hrs work every other month.
3. Assist in producing the weekly Service Sheet. The current producer is going away for several weeks this winter so needs someone to take over temporarily, and perhaps then do it once a month to keep their skill up. This takes 2-3 hrs a week.

For more details of what is involved speak to Rosemary Greenwood.



Curry & Karaoke at St Hilda's

St Hilda's Church Hall, Ashford, TW15 3QL

Saturday 30th November

At 7pm

Tickets £12 (concessions)



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December Dates for your Diary:

Fridays 6th and 13th December,

Saturdays 7th and 14th December:

St. Hilda's Entertainers present *Scrooge The Panto*. See
<http://www.sthildasentertainers.com> for more details

Sunday 1st	3pm:	Lodge Bros. Service of Remembrance
Sunday 8th	4pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 15th	4pm	Carol Service
Sunday 22nd	10am	Eucharist with Crib Service
Tuesday 24th	11pm	Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25th	10am	Christmas Day Parish Eucharist

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