#### ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 10am 02 June 2024

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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.

There is a children's corner in the north aisle which children are very welcome to use, and there activity sheets are available to occupy them.

#### Praying for peace in Israel and Gaza

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

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

[Charles Wesley]

#### 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 are said. (Junior Church have Messy Church in the hall).

#### **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 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.

#### **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

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

#### All Amen.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading – 1 Samuel 3 vv 1 - 20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons

were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

#### New Testament Reading – 2 Corinthians 4 vv 5 - 12

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

#### All Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Reading - Mark 2 v 23 - 3 v 6

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

#### All Alleluia.

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

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

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – All sit

#### **Profession of Faith**

Let us affirm our common faith.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

#### All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

#### All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

#### All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

#### All This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father

The prayers end with the following:

Merciful Father,

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

#### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

#### The Peace – All stand

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

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

All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
For we have no hope nor Saviour
If we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
Strength to serve thee hour by hour:
None can move us from thy presence
While we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus! at thine altar
Thou dost give us sweet content;
There, dear Saviour, we receive thee
In thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus! thou have loved us, All for Jesus! thou hast died, All for Jesus! thou art with us, All for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!

This the Church's song shall be
Till at last the flock is gathered
One in love, and one in thee.

[W. J. Sparrow-Simpson]

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 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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song 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.

Great is the mystery 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. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer

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 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**

The president says the invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The president and people receive communion.

#### **Communion Hymns**

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

[Jan Struther © Words: 1931, 1982 Oxford University Press]

Teach me, my God and King, In all things thee to see, And what I do in anything To do it as for thee!

A man that looks on glass, On it may stay his eye; Or if he pleaseth, through it pass, And then the heaven espy.

All may of thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with this tincture, 'for thy sake',
Will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.

This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.

[George Herbert]

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

[Liturgy of St. James tr. Gerard Moultrie]

#### **Prayers after Communion**

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

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake 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 24- 27

#### THE DISMISSAL

#### **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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**

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labour to pursue; Thee, only thee, resolved to know, In all I think or speak or do.

The task thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
In all my works thy presence find,
And prove thy good and perfect will.

Preserve me from my calling's snare, And hide my simple heart above, Above the thorns of choking care, The gilded baits of worldly love. Thee may I set at my right hand,
Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labour on at thy command,
And offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,
And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look,
And hasten to thy glorious day;

For thee delightfully employ
Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,
And run my course with even joy,
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

[Charles Wesley]

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#### **SERVICE TIMES**

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 11am with Mothers' Union Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am

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

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

#### THE SICK:

Michael BrownKelly ReynoldsBenRos CliftonLena RichardsonDavidJohn HuntEsperado (son of Fr. Domingos)Fiona

Pat Kyle King Charles

Ray Nation 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

Jeffrey Forsbrey

#### THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Reginald Geoffrey Stevens Stephen John Jones
Susan Anne Whittle Doreen Alice Staples

Alan Tunstall Doris Haswell

Walter Ratcliffe Alexander William Kent William Hebdon Rogers Robert "Bob" Cooper

#### THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

James Ellison and Katie Ellesley

Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

and for Christians facing persecution in countries such as North Korea,

Somalia, Libya, Eritrea and Yemen.

#### NOTICES

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

#### **Fund Raising Committee**

Calling all members of the congregation: please consider joining the Fund Raising Committee. Your organising skills and ideas are vital to our ongoing fund raising for St. Hilda's.

Our first event will be the Summer Fair, your help will be gratefully accepted.

Going forward we would like to consider the ways and means we can fund-raise for the maintenance and care of St. Hilda's church.

As members of our Church if we don't stand forward and help who will?

#### Community Lunch - Wednesday at 12 noon

Join us in church 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 Group -Wednesday at 7.45pm

We meet in Church on most Wednesday evenings. This week we are starting a new study on *The Kingdom*, mainly from Matthew's Gospel. You are very welcome to join us.

#### Parish Breakfast - Saturday 8th June at 9.30am

Do come along and enjoy good food and fellowship. Paula Gething will be the speaker at the breakfast and will be talking about her travels A sign-up sheet will be at the back of Church so we know how many would like to attend.

Suggested donation £5, payable on the day

#### Garden Tidy - Saturday 8th June after the Parish Breakfast

The flower beds need a tidy up before the summer fair; a few of us are doing an hour after breakfast on 8th June. Help then, or any time in between, much appreciated.

#### Mothers' Union Lunch - Tuesday 11th June at 12 noon

#### St. Hilda's Entertainers present The Midnight Raiders

Friday 14th June at 7.30pm, Saturday 15th June at 2.30pm and 7.00pm See leaflets (available in church) for full details.

#### Ambling through Acts course - Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm

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

Note that in June it will be on the **third** Thursday of the month: changed from what was agreed at the last meeting.

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.

#### Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 25th June at 2.30pm

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 June Jargon Busting 23rd July Celtic Spirituality

#### 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 **August/September** issue is **Sunday 7th July.** Please send your contributions to: **editor@sthilda.org** 

#### Summer Fair -Saturday 13th July

A date for your diary, and workers wanted! See Alison Garner if you can help planning and/or on the day.

Donations of gifts are needed for the Tombola - packets, cans, drinks, crisps, toiletries etc.

Donations for a 'Bottle' stall for the grown-ups - donations of wine, beer and cider, for example, would also be gratefully received.

All donations to be left in the Parish Office.



**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



### **QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 29th June 7pm

St Hilda's Church Hall, TW15 3QL

£5 per person
Teams of up to 8
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Tickets from Parish office, back of church or our website www.sthilda.org

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