

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10am 01 SEPTEMBER 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

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks, and in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my Friend.

[John Bode]

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.

Blessing of School Bags

Students and teachers hold their backpacks, bags, or briefcases.

God of all wisdom and knowledge, pour out your blessing on the schools represented here today, that they may be lively centres for sound learning and new discovery; and grant that those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing with water

As this water is sprinkled on these students and teachers, and on their backpacks, may they be strengthened in memory, reason, and skill.

All Amen.

God of all wisdom and knowledge, bless and guide you in your learning/teaching.

All Amen.

The rest of the congregation is invited to pray:

**May Jesus, who calls us each by name to follow him, give you the courage and confidence to be his disciples wherever you may be, at school, at work, and at home. May the gifts God has given you be a source of blessing for you and for others.
Amen.**

Junior Church move to the Hall for Messy 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.
Amen

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
All 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*

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Song of Solomon 2 vv 8 – 13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
'Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – James 1 vv 17 – 17

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being

not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Mark 7 vv 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 – 23

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’ He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honours me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – All sit

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 – *All stand*

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

'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;

Here at thy feet none other may we see:

'Lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,

We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.

Above the level of the former years,

The mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,

The mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,

O Lord of Light, lift all our hearts to-day!

Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,

The deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,

The halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,

O Lord of Truth, lift every Christian soul!

Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given;

Low lies the best till lifted up to heaven;

Low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,

Till, sent from God, they mount to God again.

**Then, as the trumpet-call, in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,
Still shall those hearts respond, with full accord
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'**

[Henry Montagu Butler]

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.*

Christ is the bread of life:

**All When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus
until you come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Hilda and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
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

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

The president says the invitation to 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

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

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

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

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

[Edwin Hatch]

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

[from Sarum Book of Hours]

O for a heart to praise my God,
A heart from sin set free,
A heart that always feels thy blood
So freely shed for me.

**A heart resigned, submissive, meek,
My great Redeemer's throne,
Where only Christ is heard to speak,
Where Jesus reigns alone.**

**A humble, lowly, contrite, heart,
Believing, true and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part
From him that dwells within.**

**A heart in every thought renewed
And full of love divine,
Perfect and right and pure and good,
A copy, Lord, of thine.**

**My heart, thou know'st, can never rest
Till thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden repossess,
From self, and sin, I cease.**

**Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,
Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart,
Thy new, best name of love.**

[Charles Wesley]

Prayers after Communion

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

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices - see pages 24 - 27

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
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

All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew,
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple fall to dust.
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

**Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ, his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.**

[Robert Bridges based on the German of J. Neander]

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SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 4th September 11am

Sunday 8th September 10.00am

with baptism

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>

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THOSE FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ASKED:

Michael Brown	Massimo Pellizzari	David
Ros Clifton	Lena Richardson	Fiona
Gemma Hart	Derek Scott	Esperado (son of Fr. Domingos)
John Hunt	Martine Simpson	King Charles
Pat Kyle	Ben	Catherine, Princess of Wales
Ray Nation		

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

Josephine Taylor Wendy Mary Charlie Weston

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Charles Henry Elsom Smith	Eileen P Rudd	Brenda Mary Garrod Minall
Lisle Rutherford Minns	Elsie Staples	Madge Lambert
Winfred Laura Sloan	John Biliias	Patty Althea Clarke
Jean Maud Loomes	Leslie Frederick Cash	William George Mills

THOSE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Vienna-mai Crawl

Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

NOTICES

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

Community Lunch - Wednesday 4th September 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. At the moment we are looking at the writings of the prophet Hosea.

You are very welcome to join us.

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 October/November issue is **Today: 1st September**. Please send your contributions to: editor@sthilda.org

Mothers' Union Lunch: Tuesday 10th September at 12 noon

PCC Meeting: Tuesday 10th September at 7.15pm for 7.30

St. Hilda's Breakfast - Saturday 14th September at 9:30am

Do come along and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Nearer the time there will be a list at the back of church: if you intend to come please sign it so we know how many to cater for.

Suggested donation £5, payable on the day.

Jumble Sale - Saturday 21st September at 2pm

In the church, in aid of Church funds. Admission £1.

Helpers will be required to sort donations in the morning, and to help with the sale in the afternoon. If you can help, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 24th September 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.

24th Sept St Hilda's Church Window – part 2

22nd Oct St Andrew

26th Nov Christmas Carols

Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 3rd October at 7.30pm

(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.

Food Bank Donations

Donations for the Food Bank at the Salvation Army may be placed in the wooden chest next to the book stand at the back of church. They are currently asking for:

Toilet rolls

Toiletries - shampoo, shower gel, deodorant etc.

Long life milk

Biscuits

Tinned meat

Pasta

Microwaveable rice

Other items are welcome.

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

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 5th October at 7pm: Harvest Supper

Sunday 6th October at 10am: Harvest Festival

Saturday 12th October at 7.30pm: Concert by GUS and Lammas Bands

The Wardens would like to share the following letter with you:



The Venerable Richard Frank
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Dear Friends

I am truly sorry that the delay between the most recent round of interviews and being able to announce your new priest has caused concern.

We do have a new, full-time stipendiary, priest for St Hilda's, whom we are excited to be welcoming to the diocese as soon as possible. However, the person offered the post is currently ministering elsewhere in the Church of England and the delay in announcement has been caused by the bureaucratic and administrative hurdles to be overcome in transferring their immigration status to the Diocese of London's licence. Once this transfer has been achieved, we will be delighted to announce the appointment publicly and to name a date for them to join St Hilda's.

The diocesan team is working hard, with the candidate themselves, to progress things as rapidly as possible, but the national processes are slow and there are no shortcuts. We remain entirely confident that we will get a successful outcome before too long, and we are excited at the prospect of your new priest finally being able to get started in the community of St Hilda's.

In the meantime, Bishop Emma and I are hugely grateful to the Churchwardens, PCC, ordained and lay ministers who are caring for the life of the parish. Please do continue to support them with your efforts and prayers. I am grateful, most of all, for your prayers for your new priest, even before you know their name – I know they are already praying for you.

Every blessing

Richard Frank (Ven)

17th August 2024

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