ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 2022

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THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest-home! All be safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide For our wants to be supplied; Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his harvest home; From his field shall purge away All that doth offend, that day; Give his angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast, But the fruitful ears to store In his garner evermore. Then, thou Church triumphant, come, Raise the song of harvest-home; All be safely gathered in, Free from sorrow, free from sin, There, forever purified In God's garner to abide: Come, ten thousand angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest-home

[Henry Alford]

The Greeting

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

ΑII **Amen**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

ΑII 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

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy

All forgive us and help us.

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 Eternal God,

you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – Lamentations 3 vv19-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!

My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation 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 Timothy 1 vv 1 – 14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Luke 17 vv 5 – 10

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing

what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon – All sit

The Creed - All Stand

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

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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.

Blessing of the harvest gifts

Almighty Lord God,

You keep on giving abundance to men in the dew of heaven, and food out of the richness of the soil.

We give thanks to your most gracious majesty for the fruits of the field which we have gathered.

We beg of you, in your mercy, to bless our harvest, which we have received from your generosity. Preserve it, and keep it from all harm.

Grant, too, that all those whose desires you have filled with these good things may be happy in your protection.

May they praise your mercies forever, and make use of the good things that do not last in such a way that they may not lose those goods that are everlasting, through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn a collection will be taken

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise In hymns of adoration;
To thee bring sacrifice of praise With shouts of exultation.
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn, The hills with joy are ringing,
The valleys stand so thick with corn That even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day,
Thy bounteous hand confessing,
Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay
The first-fruits of thy blessing;
By thee the souls of men are fed
With gifts of grace supernal;
Thou who dost give us earthly bread,
Give us the bread eternal.

We bear the burden of the day,
And often toil seems dreary;
But labour ends with sunset ray,
And rest comes for the weary;
May we, the angel-reaping o'er,
Stand at the last accepted,
Christ's golden sheaves for evermore
To garners bright elected.

O blessèd is that land of God,
Where saints abide for ever;
Where golden fields spread far and broad,
Where flows the crystal river:
The strains of all its holy throng
With ours today are blending;
Thrice blessèd is that harvest-song
Which never hath an ending.

[W. Chatterton Dix]

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

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the earth.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image, and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air, the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin, giving him to die upon the cross and to rise again for our salvation.

Through him, you begin your work of new creation, as we look for a new heaven and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels, and give voice to every creature under heaven, for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

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

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.

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.

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.

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

The president and people receive communion.

Communion Hymns

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy Church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love;
More blessed still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

[William Turton]

Anthem: Thou visitest the earth (*Maurice Greene 1695-1755*)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluya! Alleluya!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, Alleluya! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light:

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them His glory also show:

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One:
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluya! Alleluya!

[St. Francis of Assisi tr. William Draper]

Prayers after Communion

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

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation

and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us

and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through 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;

Notices

Amen.

through Christ our Lord.

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine,
And soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.
Refrain

We thank thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer,
For all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.

[Matthias Claudus tr. Jane Campbell]

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SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 5th October 11.00am

With Mothers' Union, in the small hall

Sunday 9th October 10.00am

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

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

Lizio Cassar Pat Kyle Barbara Warne

Ros Clifton Pauline Milton Lisa Joan Davies Ray Nation Nic

Vicky Hall Roy Stone Melvyn Jansen Betty Vince

We are in the process of updating the prayer list. If you would like a name to be added, please do contact the parish office.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Alison Griffiths David Grigg Doreen Saville

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Richard Albert Eade Henry William Turner

George Roy Pink Neville Wareham

Charles Makings Ray Cutler

Edna Heath

Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

NOTICES

The Parish Office is available by phone or email Visitors by appointment only

Church Opening

St Hilda's is open for public worship services.

Following the teaching of 'Loving thy Neighbour' - If you feel unwell, we ask that you do not attend so that we can maintain the health and safety of all who attend the services.

St Hilda's News

Please send items for the Newsletter to kmroach45@gmail.com
Note that it makes the Editor's job much easier if you submit an item as a Word document rather than in the body of an e-mail.
The deadline for the November edition is TODAY: Sunday 2nd October.

Community Lunch – Wednesday at 12 noon

Join us for the Community Lunch at midday in the Small Hall If you are able to come forward and help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie.

Bible Study - every Wednesday

Bible Study group meet in Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Ambling through Acts course -Thursday 6th October

(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.

CTAS Quiz Night - Saturday 8th October at 7pm

Churches Together in Ashford and Stanwell have organized a quiz which will be held at St. Matthew's Church Hall (Muncaster Close, Ashford TW15 2EE) next Saturday evening from 19.00 to 22.30.

Tickets cost £10 each from Eventbrite:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ctas-quiz-tickets-423215096747

St. Hilda's Breakfast - Saturday 15th October at 9:30am

Do come along and enjoy good food and fellowship.

This month's guest speaker will be Mother Helen, on 'What has Sweden given to the world', and there will be a quiz.

Please book via the Parish Office or Ticket Tailor (link on the Church web site), so we know how many to cater for. Suggested donation £5, payable on the day.

Saturday 15th October from 12noon

Come and "Meet the Beat" with your local PCs and PCSOs.

There will be leaflets on Anti-Social Behaviour and Scams and Fraud.

Please feel free to ask questions: they will answer as many as possible.

Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 25th October - 2.30 - 4pm

Meeting in the Small Hall.

The theme will be 'Hildegard of Bingen/ Gregorian chant'.

The following month's topic in Feed My Sheep will be:

Tuesday 22nd Nov St Hilda

Date for your diary:

St. Hilda's Bazaar will be on Saturday 19th November in the Church. Look out for more details soon.

Parish administrator

Our parish administrator is Laura Goodman; her hours of work are:

Monday: 3-4pm Tuesday: 3-4pm

Wednesday: 10-11am; 2-3pm

Thursday: 3-4pm

Friday: 3.30-6.30pm

Note that any appointments in person must be booked.

Food Bank Donations

Please use the wooden chest at the rear of the Church to place any donations for the local food bank, such as tinned and dried goods and toiletries.

Eco Church Volunteers Needed

The Church of England is seeking to reach "net zero" carbon by 2030 to meet a target set by the General Synod in 2020 and we at St Hilda's are looking closely at how we can help in moving towards this and become an Eco church. We are planning to set up a small group to investigate how we can improve our eco credentials and encourage us all on the journey. If you would like to be involved, please speak to Carolyn.

We need YOU!

Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey - Date TBC

A parish pilgrimage is being arranged to Westminster Abbey, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the Church or contact the office. A date will be arranged if we have enough interest.



St. Hilda's Church Nativity Festival

St. Hilda's Church will be holding their Nativity Festival during the weekend of **10**th **and 11**th **December 2022** and are inviting schools, organisations and businesses in the Parish of St. Hilda's and Ashford Town to join in. We would like you to create a Nativity Scene, or loan an existing Nativity Set for the exhibition. Visitors will be encouraged to vote for their favourite one.

An entry form can be found at the back of Church and will need to be returned to the Parish Office by Monday 31st October 2022, so we know how many groups are taking part. At the last event we held in 2019 we had Lego sets, knitted sets and hand-crafted sets as well as a variety of traditional and modern Nativity Scenes.

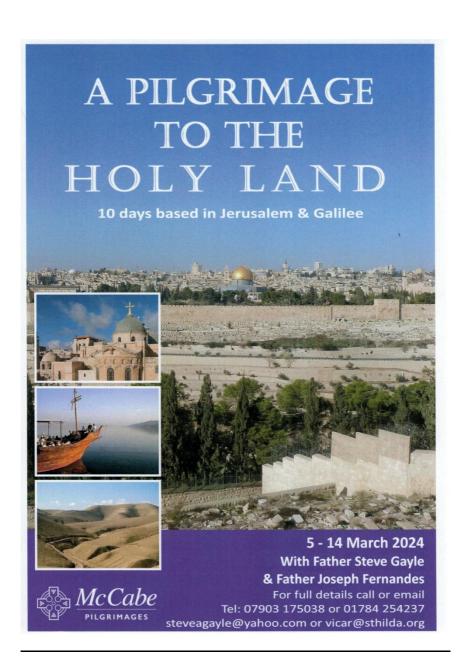
You are encouraged to use any craft activity and suitable medium to create your Nativity scene which will be of Mary and Joseph with Baby Jesus and the accompanying cast, if you have time and the resources to create a full scene. Should you wish to have your scene illuminated we ask that the lighting is battery operated as we are unable to plug into the Church's system. The maximum surface area size of your set should be no more that 50cm x 30cm, please do not exceed this as exhibition space may not be available for larger models.

We would like the completed Nativity scene to be brought to the Church on Friday 9th December 2022 from 5pm until 7pm and collected at the close of the Festival on Sunday 11th December at 4pm.

We look forward to receiving your entry form and subsequently the completed Nativity scene in December to make the exhibition as interesting as possible.

Let your creativity flow to make this year's festival fabulous!

Alison Garner, Pauline Milton and the Festival Team



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