## ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



# THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 2022

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#### THE GATHERING

#### **Introit Hymn**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;

O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:

Come ye who hear,

Now to his temple draw near,

Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:

Hast thou not seen

All that is needful hath been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;

Ponder anew

All the Almighty can do,

He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who when tempests their warfare are waging,

Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging, Biddeth them cease,

Turneth their fury to peace,

Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord who when darkness of sin is abounding,

Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding, Sheddeth his light,

Chaseth the horrors of night,

Saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen

Sound from his people again:

Gladly for ay we adore him.

[German, Joachim Neander tr. Catherine Winkworth and others]

#### The Greeting

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

#### All Amen

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

#### All and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction are said; we pray with Junior Church.

#### **Prayer of Preparation**

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Prayers of Penitence**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save from our sins 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

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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 – Jeremiah 31 vv 27 - 34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.'

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

#### All Thanks be to God.

#### New Testament Reading – 2 Timothy 3 v 14 - 4 v 5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Reading - Luke 18 vv 1 - 8

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

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

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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.

ΑII 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 and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

#### **Offertory Hymn**

ΑII

During this hymn a collection will be taken

We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth,
The gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
Not in a royal house or hall,
But in a stable dark and dim:
The Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
Hated by those he came to save,
In lonely suffering on the cross:
For all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
Empty the tomb, for he was free:
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share his victory.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand, By all creation glorified: He sends his Spirit on his Church To live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

This gospel message we proclaim;
We sing his glory, tell his worth.

[Edward Burns © 1968 The Lorenz Corporation ]

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:

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.

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**

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**

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,

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]

Help us, O Lord, to learn
The truths thy word imparts:
To study that thy laws may be
Inscribed upon our hearts.

Help us, O Lord, to live
The faith which we proclaim,
That all our thoughts and words and deeds
May glorify thy name.

Help us, O Lord, to teach
The beauty of thy ways,
That all who seek may find the Christ,
And sing aloud his praise.

[William Watkins Reid]

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him, Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain; Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him, Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign. Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us, Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne; Past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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#### **Prayers after Communion**

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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

#### 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

#### 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**

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name.

Morey he has shown us

Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever, faithful to the end of days.

Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment, risen from the snares of death.

His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all.

Chorus

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high; solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendour of the living God.

Chorus

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet, praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days.

Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.

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#### **SERVICE TIMES**

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 11.00am

in the small hall

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Bert [Albert] Newell Phyllis Maude Alford

Rona Florence Sidwell Kathleen Tank

Lily Franklin Arthur Sydney Freeman Edith Elizabeth Wakeling David Paul Eldridge

Gladys Irene Davies William Henry Scott

Lee Francis Kitto Richard Thomas William Prior

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October - 2.30 - 4pm

Meeting in the Small Hall.

The theme will be Hildegard of Bingen.

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

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov St Hilda

#### \*\*\* Light Party Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 6pm \*\*\*

We are holding a Light party – a Christian alternative to Halloween - on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 6pm in the Hall. There will be pizza, pumpkin carving, craft, games and of course, sweets.

Please can you register your child(ren) via the Church website for catering and pumpkin purposes. Thank you.

Christine Taylor and the Junior Church team

#### Ambling through Acts course -Thursday 3rd November

(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 News

Please send items for the Newsletter to <a href="mailto:kmroach45@gmail.com">kmroach45@gmail.com</a>
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 December edition is Sunday 6th November.

## St. Hilda's Breakfast - Saturday 12th November at 9:30am Further details later.

#### Karaoke evening - Saturday 12th November at 7pm

A fun fundraising evening in the Church Hall. £10 to include cheese & ploughman's. Booking will open nearer the time.

#### St. Hilda's Bazaar - Saturday 19th November

Look out for more details soon.

#### Turkiye and tinsel - Saturday 17th December at 7pm

(Like curry & carols): Turkish food (not turkey) and carols. 7pm in the Church. £10. Booking will open nearer the time.

#### **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 the Holy Land 5<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March 2024

10 days based in Jerusalem and Galilee With Father Steve Gayle and Father Joseph Fernandes. See literature at the back of church for more details.

#### Visit to Westminster Abbey - Date TBC

A parish pilgrimage (but not walking there!) 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**<sup>th</sup> **and 11**<sup>th</sup> **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 31**<sup>st</sup> **October 2022**, so we know how many groups are taking part.

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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 from 5pm until 7pm and collected at the close of the Festival on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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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