

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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*Welcome to St Hilda's. We are delighted that you are able to share in our celebration of the Eucharist today,*

*If you are new to the church please do take time to introduce yourself to the people at the back of the church and to the ministry team at the end of the service. We would be delighted to meet you.*

*If you are able please join us for tea or coffee after the service so we can get to know one another.*

*Should you need any help during the service please do not hesitate to ask those around you and we are sure they will be able to support you.*

*For children, there is a children's corner in the north aisle which they are very welcome to use.*

# **THE GATHERING**

## **Introit 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]*

## **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.*

## **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  
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*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our  
hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
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

### First Reading – Genesis 29 vv 15 - 28

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading** – Romans 8 vv 26 - 39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading** – Matthew 13 vv 31 - 33, 44 - 52

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

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

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

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.

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

**All We 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 We 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 We 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.**

**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*

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*

God is working his purpose out  
as year succeeds to year,  
God is working his purpose out  
and the time is drawing near;  
Nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west  
where'er man's foot hath trod,  
By the mouth of many messengers  
goes forth the voice of God:  
"Give ear to me, ye continents,  
ye isles, give ear to me,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea."

What can we do to work God's work,  
to prosper and increase  
The brotherhood of all mankind,  
the reign of the Prince of Peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world;  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,  
to set their captives free,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea.

**All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed;  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed;  
Yet near and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
As the waters cover the sea.**

[A C Ainger]

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

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

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

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

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

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

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

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
*Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

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

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Hilda and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**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*

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

As water to the thirsty

*[©Words: 1979 Dudley-Smith, Timothy  
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King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
And that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
And the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
And alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enrol thee:  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol thee.

*[George Herbert]*

Antem: The Lord bless you and keep you

*[John Rutter Text: © 1981, Hinshaw Music, Inc.]*

## Prayers after Communion

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

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you 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 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**

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey though:  
Strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.**

*[William Williams tr. Peter Williams]*

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

### **THE SICK:**

Michael Brown	Vicky Hall	David
Lizio Cassar	Melvyn Jansen	Elaine
Ros Clifton	Pat Kyle	Nic
Saffi Cobham	Ray Nation	Rachel
Joan Davies	Lena Richardson	Solange
Rev. Elizabeth Greenwood	Jonathan Wren	

*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:**

Andrew Pennock	Alistair Goff	Grace Mannagh
Jean Ann Cobb	Margaret Rose Shoulder	

### **THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Fred Scholar	Eileen Marjorie Dansie	William George Mills
Constance E Bailey	Jacqueline Haxton	Brian Malcolm de Pear
Eileen Ellen Wooster	Edith Emily Howe	Joan Merrilees
Agnes Kate Sophia Rickson	Angela Dickenson	

### **THOSE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM:**

Priscilla-Ann Maguire

### **THOSE RECENTLY MARRIED OR PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE:**

Jordan Ronald Jennings and Chloe Alexandrai Anne Christou  
Miles Buttigieg and Lucy Roshier  
Tim Moggeridge and Sara Lee  
Christopher Gale and Katja Neumann

**Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula**

## SERVICE TIMES

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 11am**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 10am**

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

## NOTICES

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

Junior church will resume on September 3rd, when there will be the blessing of the school bags. There will be no messy church in September. The first messy church will be on October 1st with the theme of Harvest.

The choir will be taking a break during August and will also return on Sunday 3rd September. They will continue to provide recorded accompaniment to hymns each Sunday for all to join in with.

Wishing you all a safe and restful summer.

### **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 7.30pm**

We meet in Church on most Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm.

We are looking at Christian Community for the next few weeks.

You are very welcome to come and join us.

### **Ambling through Acts course –Thursday 3rd August 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. Please bring a bible – ideally the NRSV, but any version will do.

**\*\*\* Confirmations\*\*\***

There will be a Service of Confirmation at St Hilda's on the 5th November.

If you are thinking about being Confirmed or would like to find out more about what it means to be confirmed. Please talk with Rosalyn Young. We aim to begin a series of meetings in preparation for this next stage on your Christian journey in September. Further details to follow.

**\*\*\* St Hilda's Newsletter \*\*\***

The August issue of the Newsletter is available via the St. Hilda's web site (under "About Us"). There are a few printed copies at the back of church: please leave these for people without internet access and for visitors.

The deadline for items for the **September** issue is **Next Sunday 6th August**. This is your magazine - so start writing!

Please send your contributions to: [editor@sthilda.org](mailto:editor@sthilda.org)

**Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 26th 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.

(no meeting in August)

Sept 26th The Sunday School Movement

Oct 24th St Francis of Assisi

Nov 28th Pick and Mix

**Parish administrator**

Our parish administrator is Laura Goodman. Her office hours are:

Monday: 3.30-5pm

Wednesday: 3.30-6.30pm

Friday: 3.30-6.30pm

Saturday: 9.45-11.15am

Any appointments in person must be booked.

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