# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



# THE LAST SUNDAY OF TRINITY 10AM 27 OCTOBER 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.

For children, Junior Church meets in the Church Hall during the first part of the service, and there is a children's corner in the north aisle which they are very welcome to use.

# **Praying for peace in the Middle East**

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**

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised:
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised.

The night becomes as day
When from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised.
The powers of darkness fear,
When this sweet chant they hear,
May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heaven's eternal bliss
The loveliest strain is this,
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Let earth, and sea and sky
From depth to height reply,
May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine,
May Jesus Christ be praised:
Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages on,
May Jesus Christ be praised.

[German, 19th century, tr. Edward Caswall]

# The Greeting

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

#### All Amen

The Lord 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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

# **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 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.

#### 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

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

# Old Testament Reading – Jeremiah 31 vv 7-9

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

#### All Thanks be to God.

# New Testament Reading - Hebrews 7 vv 23-28

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

#### All Thanks be to God.

# Gospel Reading - Mark 10 vv 46-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark All Glory to you, O Lord.

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

#### All Praise to you, O Christ.

#### The Sermon

#### The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

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**

During this hymn a collection will be taken

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,'
Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
Till traveling days are done.

[Horatius Bonar]

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

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

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

# **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

#### All and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;

through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

#### All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

The president and people receive communion.

# **Communion Hymns**

**Song**: As water to the thirsty

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Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, And lighten with celestial fire; Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above Is comfort, life, and fire of love; Enable with perpetual light The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face With the abundance of thy grace: Keep far our foes, give peace at home; Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, And thee, of Both, to be but One; That through the ages all along This this may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

[John Cosin, based on Veni, creator Spiritus]

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?
Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

[Text: Based on Isaiah 6. Text and music: Dan Schutte, © 1981, OCP. All rights reserved].

Lord, thy word abideth, And our footsteps guideth; Who its truth believeth Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us, Then thy word doth cheer us, Word of consolation, Message of salvation. When the storms are o'er us, And dark clouds before us, Then its light directeth, And our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure, Who recount the treasure By thy word imparted To the simple hearted?

Word of mercy, giving Succour to the living; Word of life, supplying Comfort to the dying!

O that we, discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee!

[H. W. Baker]

# **Prayers after Communion**

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

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and 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 - see pages 23 - 27

#### THE DISMISSAL

# **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

#### All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

#### All In the name of Christ, Amen

# **Recessional Hymn**

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.

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# Please remember in your prayers this week:

#### THOSE FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ASKED:

Michael Brown Ray Nation Ben
Ros Clifton Pat Parish David
Tony Diggins Massimo Pellizzari Fiona
Gemma Hart Lena Richardson Viviann
Matthew Hutnell Martine Simpson King Charles

John Hunt Hugh Thomson Catherine, Princess of Wales

Pat Kyle

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

# THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Sam Hollister George Andrew Harris Sarah A P Barratt

Alice Edith Divey Lilian E Smith

## **THOSE RECENTLY MARRIED**

Vicky Palmer and William Gething

# Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula, and for Fr. Domingos and his family

also for Christians facing persecution in countries such as North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Eritrea and Yemen.

for more details see <a href="https://www.opendoorsuk.org/">https://www.opendoorsuk.org/</a>

# SERVICE TIMES Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 11am Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 10.00am

with Mothers' Union

The Sunday service is livestreamed and can be viewed later our Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/StHildaAshford/live\_videos">https://www.facebook.com/StHildaAshford/live\_videos</a> or see: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@sthildachurch8263">https://www.youtube.com/@sthildachurch8263</a>

#### **NOTICES**

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

# \*\*\* Special Annual Parochial Church Meeting \*\*\* TODAY Sunday 27th October at 11.15 am

There will be a meeting in church after the service to approve the Parish's accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023. (These were not in a fit state for approval at the APCM). Everyone on the electoral roll is invited.

# Orchestral Concert: TODAY Sunday 27th October at 4pm

See page 27 for more details

# \*\*\* The Parish Office \*\*\*

This will not be open until 31st October

Other arrangements will be made to handle phone calls and e-mails.

# Community Lunch in church - Wednesday at 12 noon

Do join us!

If you are able to help, even once a month, please liaise with Bobbie.

## Bible Study Group: Wednesday at 7.45pm

We meet in Church on most Wednesday evenings. We will be continuing our look at John's Gospel. You are very welcome to join us.

# Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 7th November 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.

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

The guest speaker will be Sue Pinfold.

Do come along and enjoy good food and fellowship.

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

Suggested donation £5, payable on the day.

#### PCC Meeting: Tuesday 12th November at 7.15pm for 7.30

#### Mothers' Union Lunch: Tuesday 12th November at 12 noon

#### Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 26th November at 2:30pm

**Topic: Christmas Carols** 

Do come and join us .We meet on the 4th Tuesday, from 2.30 pm - 4 pm 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.

## 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 December/January issue is 1st

December. Please send your contributions to: editor@sthilda.org

# Frost Fair 2024 - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 11am-3pm.

Alison Garner will be co-ordinating the event and wishes for the congregation to support in any way they can via the giving of time - setting up, manning stalls and packing up at the end, or by the giving of contributions to the stalls.

There will be the Book stall, Tombola, Cake Stall, Toy Stall, White Elephant Stall and a Christmas Stall, any further suggestions of stalls and a team to man it will be gratefully received.

We will be inviting outside Vendors to sell their goods, so if you know of anyone who would be interested, please bring along their details and Alison, and Laura, will contact them to arrange a table. Tables will be available at £15 each for the event.

#### <u>CurryOke – Saturday 30th November at 7pm</u>

Curry and Karaoke at St. Hilda's Church Hall with bar and raffle. Tickets £10 from the Parish Office

#### **December Dates for your Diary:**

Fridays 6th and 13th December, Saturdays 7th and 14th December:

St. Hilda's Entertainers present *Scrooge The Panto*. See <a href="http://www.sthildasentertainers.com">http://www.sthildasentertainers.com</a> for more details

Sunday 1st 3pm: Lodge Bros. Service of Remembrance

Sunday 8th 4pm Christingle Service

Sunday 15th 4pm Carol Service

Sunday 22nd 10am Eucharist with Crib Service

Tuesday 24th 11pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th 11am Christmas Day Parish Eucharist

#### \*\*\* STILL WANTED! \*\*\*

#### Workers and money to redecorate the Vicarage

We need to give the Vicarage a new coat of paint inside to spruce it up for our new incumbent. The work is progressing, but there is still more to do. Thank you to everyone who has helped already.

Paint is expensive now, so we are asking for donations towards the £300 it will cost even buying it on special offer.

Cash or cheques can be put in a blue Gift Aid envelope (mark it "For Vicarage Paint") and fill in the Gift Aid declaration if you want us to claim this. If you donate electronically via the machine at the back of church please tell one of the Church Wardens that this is for the paint.

The next planned date for working is this Monday 28th from 9.30am.

#### \*\*\* NEEDED \*\*\*

#### Computer-literate people prepared to give time to help the church

We are looking for people to do several important jobs:

- 1. Manage Gift Aid claims. We have just recovered over £8,500 from HMRC from donations in 2022. We need to make the claim for 2023 by next September we expect this to involve at least 30hrs work, mostly data input. A team will help explain the system to be used and will provide the data. Then we need to document the process and work on this year's donations...
- 2. Edit the Newsletter. Our current Editor is moving from the area. She has offered to produce the December/January edition but we need someone to take it on from next year. This involves 8-10hrs work every other month.
- 3. Assist in producing the weekly Service Sheet. The current producer is going away for several weeks this winter so needs someone to take over temporarily, and perhaps then do it once a month to keep their skill up. This takes 2-3 hrs a week.

For more details of what is involved speak to Rosemary Greenwood.



Tickets will be on sale at the door. Children under 12 free.

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