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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.

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THE GATHERING

Come down, O love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

[Bianco de Siena tr. R. F. Littledale]

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome 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

What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

All *(sung in Greek)*

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, *(Lord, have mercy)*

Christe eleison, Christe eleison. *(Christ, have mercy)*

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, *(Lord, have mercy)*

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

All **Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

To God be glory forever!

To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, Amen!

Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in Christ Jesus!

Refrain

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the Spirit!

Refrain

The Collect - *The Collect for the Week is said after a moment of silence*

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Numbers ch 11 vv 24-30 (*read in Igbo*)

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading –Acts 2 vv 1 - 21 (*read in Creole*)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved."

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (Psalm 47 – *Portuguese*)

**Response: Povos, batei palmas, aclamai a Deus com júbilo.
Aleluia, Aleluia, Aleluia!**

*Peoples, clap your hands, acclaim God with joy.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

- 1. All peoples, clap your hands ,
acclaim the Lord with shouts of joy.*
- 2. Sing hymns to God, sing,
sing hymns to our King, sing.*
- 3. God is King of the Universe:
sing the most beautiful hymns.*
- 4. God reigns over the people.
God is seated on the holy throne.*
- 5. Because to God belong the powers of the earth ,
He is above all things.*

Gospel Reading – John 20:19-23 *(read in Nigerian Pidgin English)*

Alleluia, Alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

E toru ngā mea (*Maori*)

There are three things, very important things

As stated in the Bible

Hope, Faith, and the greatest thing: Love

The Sermon – All sit

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

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

All And lighten with celestial fire;

Thou the anointing Spirit art,

All Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above

All Is comfort, life, and fire of love;

Enable with perpetual light

All The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face

All With the abundance of thy grace:

Keep far our foes, give peace at home;

All Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,

All And thee, of Both, to be but One;

That through the ages all along

All This this may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit

All Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Amen

[John Cosin, based on Veni, creator Spiritus]

(Italian) We pray for God to fill us with his Spirit.

Generous God,

we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit.

We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

(French) We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.
Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

(Farsi) We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to keep us confident of your love
wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

(German) We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness
where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

(Afrikaans) We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to equip us for the work
which you have given us.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

(Cymraeg) We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.
We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

(Latin) We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit,
given us by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and
departed,

in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us

All and fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah
at the river Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room:
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
All **hear our prayer,**
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace – All stand

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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 (Zulu, English)

During this hymn a collection will be taken. You can use the QR code on page 2, and on the back of the chairs, for online donations.

(Pronounced: Si ya ham ba ku kan yen kwen kos)

Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos, (x4)

Siyahamba, hamba,

Siyahamba... ooh

Siyahamba ekukhanyeni kwenkos'.

(repeat)

We are marching in the light of God, (x4)
We are marching, marching,
we are marching, oh,.
we are marching in the light of God.
(repeat)

We are living in the love of God...

We are moving in the power of God...

Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos...

*[Traditional South African;
translation © Words: 1984, 1990 Peace Of Music Publishing]*

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

Generous God,
creator, redeemer, sustainer,
at your table we present this offering,
symbol of the work you have given us to do;
use it, use us, in the service of your world
to the glory of your name.

All Amen.

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This day we give you thanks
because in fulfilment of your promise
you pour out your Spirit upon us,
filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth,
and uniting peoples of many tongues
in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father,
to proclaim your gospel to all nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood.
Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels,
and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells,
to proclaim the glory of your 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.**

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.

Let us proclaim the miracle of faith:

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

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
as our Saviour taught us,
in the language of our hearts we pray:

We say the Lord's Prayer in our preferred language

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

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.

All We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.

The president and people receive communion.

All confirmed Anglicans, as well as all baptized Christians who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and are in a state of grace, are welcome to receive communion, provided they would normally do so in their own church. If you are not receiving communion today, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing; please indicate this by bringing your order of service with you.

Communion Hymns

Anthem: Ave verum corpus

[W A Mozart

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Tel que je suis, sans rien à moi
Sinon ton sang versé pour moi !
Et ta voix qui m'appelle à toi,
Agneau de Dieu, je viens!

*Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

Tel que je suis, bien vacillant,
En proie au doute à chaque instant,
Lutte au dehors, crainte au dedans,
Agneau de Dieu, je viens!

*Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fighting within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

Tel que je suis, ton coeur est prêt
À prendre le mien tel qu'il est,
Pour tout changer, Sauveur parfait,
Agneau de Dieu, je viens!

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

Tel que je suis, ton grand amour
A tout pardonné sans retour ;
Je veux être à toi dès ce jour,
Agneau de Dieu, je viens!

*Just as I am (thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.*

[Charlotte Elliott]

Nun danket alle Gott
mit Herzen, Mund und Händen,
der große Dinge tut
an uns und allen Enden,
der uns von Mutterleib
und Kindesbeinen an
unzählig viel zugut
bis hierher hat getan.

*Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.*

Der ewigreiche Gott
woll uns bei unserm Leben
ein immer fröhlich Herz
und edlen Frieden geben,
und uns in seiner Gnad
erhalten fort und fort
Und uns aus aller Not
erlösen hier und dort.

*O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.*

Lob, Ehr und Preis sei Gott,
dem Vater und dem Sohne
und Gott dem Heiligen Geist
im hohen Himmelsthronen,

*All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;*

ihm den dreiein'gen Gott,
wie es im Anfang war
und ist und bleiben wird
so jetzt und immerdar.

[Martin Rinkart]

*The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.*

[tr. Catherine Winkworth]

Wa wa wa emimao (Nigerian)

Come, O Holy Spirit, come!

Come, Almighty Spirit, come!

Come, come, come!

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Prayers after Communion

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

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
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;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices - see page 26

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing of Light

The ministers go to the Easter Candle.

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.
Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;
the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.
With the new wine of the Spirit
they proclaim your reign of love.
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation
the way of light is made known.
Source of freedom, giver of life,
blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit.

Commission

When all the candles are lit the president says

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus
Christ over the powers of sin and death.
We have proclaimed God's mighty acts
and we have prayed that the power that was at work
when God raised Jesus from the dead
might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in St Hilda,
I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
will you dare to walk into God's future,
trusting him to be your guide?

All **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

Will you dare to embrace each other
and grow together in love?

All **We will.**

Will you dare to share your riches in common
and minister to each other in need?

All **We will.**

Will you dare to pray for each other
until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All **We will.**

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ
into the world's dark places?

All **We will.**

Conclusion

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

May the Spirit,
who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into you the life he gives. **Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin
when the eternal Son came among us,
make you joyful in the service of the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit,
who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Recessional Hymn (*Cymraeg [Welsh]*) – see below for phonetic version

Nid wy'n gofyn bywyd moethus, Aur y byd na'i berlau mân: Gofyn wyf am galon hapus, Calon onest, calon lân.	<i>I do not ask for a luxurious life, The world's gold or its fine pearls, I ask for a happy heart, A truthful heart, a pure heart.</i>
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Chorus

Calon lân yn llawn daioni, Tecach yw na'r lili dlos: Dim ond calon lân all ganu Canu'r dydd a chanu'r nos.	<i>A Pure Heart, that's full of goodness, Fairer than the delicate Lily: Only a pure heart can sing, Sing the day and sing the night.</i>
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Pe dymunwn olud bydol, Chwim adenydd iddo sydd; Golud calon lân, rinweddol, Yn dwyn bythol elw fydd.	<i>If I desired worldly riches, It would swiftly go to seed: The riches of a virtuous, pure heart, Will reap eternal profit.</i>
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Chorus

Hwyr a bore fy nymuniad Gwyd i'r nef ar edyn cân Ar i Dduw, er mwyn fy Ngheidwad, Roddi i mi galon lân.	<i>Late and morning my wish, Rising to heaven on the wing of song, So to my God for the sake of my saviour, Give to me a pure heart</i>
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Chorus

Phonetic version

nid ooen gaw veen buh weed moy theece
ire uh bead nigh behr lie man
gaw veen ooev am gah lawn ha peace
cahlawn awenest cahlawn lan

Chorus

*Cahlawn lahn uhn LLaoon dai awe knee
tech aCH 'i'oo nahr li lee dlaws
dim awnd cahlon lan ahLL gah knee
Carknee'r deeth ah CHah knee'r nawes*

*pear duh meanoon awe lead buhdoll
Chweem adenith eetho seeth
Gaw lead calawn lan rin ooethall
Uhn dooeen buhthawl airloo veeth*

Chorus

*whoer ah boreh vuh nuh minyad
gooeed eer nairv ahr ed in can
ahr ee thew air mooeen vung hide wahd
rawthee ee me gah lawn lan*

Chorus

Please join us for refreshments after the service

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THOSE FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ASKED:

Emma Aldridge, Emma Bennet, Ben Bishop, Stan Bishop, Brenda Charlton, Tony Charlton Tony Diggins, Robert Dobbie, Sheila Freeman, Gemma Hart, John Hunt, Lorna Jackson, Carole Kelly, Julia Kirkby, Pat Kitto, Pat Kyle, Ray Nation, John Parish, Massimo Pellizzari, Rev Chris Rogers, Annette Scott, Elsie Stone, Christine Taylor, Barbara Warne, Claire West, Jeremy Weston, Delia Woodley, Abby, Ben, Christine, Darren, Eva, Fiona, Peter, Ramin, Rose

If you know of someone who can be removed from this list, please tell Rosemary or email communication@sthilda.org

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Chris Thomas, Phyllis Amy Goldsmith, Beryl Marson, Jennifer Wrightson

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK:

Richard Straughan, Pauline Bleckwen, John Tank, Connie Clayton, Alec Hawley, Sylvia Chapman, Minnie Gregory, Cecil Gregory, Laura Ann Gardner, Edmund Maurice Rand, Jeanne Webster Hands, Joan Royall, Anna S Phillipson, Nigel Jeffery Hands

THOSE RECENTLY CONFIRMED:

Elizabeth, Gabriel, Nima, Malachi, Charlotte, Jenny, Teddy, Oliver, Farhad, Khadijeh, Ben, Adam

**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, Yemen, Iran and Nigeria.

for more details see <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

Pray for the areas of the world where there is conflict, including: the Middle East including Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Israel, Iran; India and Pakistan; Ukraine and Russia; Sudan; Myanmar.

SERVICE TIMES next week:

All week – 9am, noon, 6pm (see below)

Wednesday 27th May 11.00am

Trinity Sunday 31st May 10am

NOTICES

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

Send to [**communication@sthilda.org**](mailto:communication@sthilda.org)

St Hilda's Vision Day – Sunday 31st May 2026

preceded by **St Hilda's Week of Prayer 25th May – 30th May**

You are warmly invited to join us for a special week of prayer in preparation for St Hilda's Vision Day.

Daily Prayer Schedule:

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

Mid-day Prayer: 12:00pm

Holy Communion: 6:00pm

You are also invited to join the Vicar in prayer at any hour between **9:00am and 6:00pm** throughout the week in church.

We look forward to praying together as a church family.

Bible Study Group – Monday 25th May at 7.30pm

In church. We continue to learn about the Holy Spirit. All welcome!

Feed My Sheep – Tuesday 26th May at 2.30pm

in the Small Hall. The topic is Methodism.

Community Lunch in church - Wednesday at 12 noon

Corpus Christi - Thursday 4th of June at 7pm service in church

Ambling Through Acts – Thursday 11th June at 7.30pm in church

(Date changed because of the Corpus Christi service)

Parish Breakfast – Saturday 13th June at 9.30am

***** WANTED! *** Items for Newsletter**

Please send contributions to editor@sthilda.org

Notice

As part of an ongoing review of the use of St Hilda's Church Hall, we are considering how our spaces may best support the Church's mission and ministry in the years ahead. As a result, it will not be possible to continue offering the same arrangements to some groups currently using the Hall, including the local Muslim prayer group. We remain committed to maintaining good relationships within the community and continue to work closely and amicably with them in a spirit of mutual respect and interfaith friendship.

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