

ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



PARISH EUCHARIST

10AM 9TH NOVEMBER 2025

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The Casualties

The casualties are not only those who are dead.
They are well out of it.
The casualties are not only those who are dead.
Though they await burial by instalment.
The casualties are not only those who are lost
Persons or property, hard as it is
To grope for a touch that some
May not know is not there.
The casualties are not only those led away by night.
The cell is a cruel place, sometimes a haven.
No where as absolute as the grave.
The casualties are not only those who started
A fire and now cannot put out. Thousands
Are are burning that have no say in the matter.
The casualties are not only those who are escaping.
The shattered shall become prisoners in
A fortress of falling walls

The casualties are many, and a good member as well
Outside the scenes of ravage and wreck;
They are the emissaries of rift,
So smug in smoke-rooms they haunt abroad,
They do not see the funeral piles
At home eating up the forests.
They are wandering minstrels who, beating on
The drums of the human heart, draw the world
Into a dance with rites it does not know.

The drums overwhelm the guns...
Caught in the clash of counter claims and charges
When not in the niche others left,
We fall.
All casualties of the war.
Because we cannot hear each other speak.
Because eyes have ceased the face from the crowd.
Because whether we know or
Do not the extent of wrongs on all sides,
We are characters now other than before
The war began, the stay-at-home unsettled

By taxes and rumours, the looters for office
And wares, fearful everyday the owners may return.
We are all casualties,
All sagging as are
The cases celebrated for kwashiorkor.
The unforeseen camp-follower of not just our war.

John Pepper Clark

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.

There is a toddlers' corner in the north aisle which young children are very welcome to use, and there activity sheets are available to occupy them.

Please indicate to the priest if you want a gluten free wafer during communion

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THE GATHERING

Introit: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

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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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**All Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

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

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading – Job ch 19 vv 23-27

‘O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Luke 20: 27-38

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, ‘Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a

place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe 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

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

All **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory

You can use the QR code on page 2, and on the back of the chairs, for online donations, or put your offering in the box when you come to take communion.

The table has been prepared, with bread and wine 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 saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
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.

All 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.

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to 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.

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

**O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.**

**Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.**

[Isaac Watts]

Song: Requiem for a Soldier

[Katherine Jenkins, Peter Ljung]

Prayers after Communion

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

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.**

<i>Notices</i> - see pages 17 - 19

*While the Choir sing the Contakion of the Dead, the minister
processes to the area of remembrance and lights a candle.*

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All We will remember them.

When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow we gave our today.
We will remember them.

All We will remember them.

THE DISMISSAL

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting:
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

National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the King!

[Anon]

**Please join us for the
Candles of Remembrance Service
at 4pm this evening**

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THOSE FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ASKED:

Ben Bishop, Stan Bishop, AnneMarie Bough, Wendy Butt, Julie Carr, Tony Diggins, Sheila Freeman, Gemma Hart, John Hunt, Pat Kyle, Ray Nation, John Parish, Massimo Pellizzari, Dorothy Reid, Elsie Stone, Jeremy Weston, Delia Woodley, Abby, Ben, Darren, Fiona, Mandy, Pauline, Peter, Ramin

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Deborah Jane Cogley, Susan Finch, Sister Janet Elizabeth (Davey)

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK:

Charles Esau Davenport, Robert S Phillipson, Leonard Henry Taylor, Charles Goodbarne, Emily Cockings, Eileen Ingham, Leslie Richard Brown, William John Thomas Heath, Elizabeth Annie Page, William Maurice Bickerdike, Eddie Bellerby, Matthew R Warne, Elaine Hollister, Chrissie Lawrence, Thomas William Riddett, Royston J Cartwright

**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, Israel and Iran;
India and Pakistan; Ukraine and Russia; Sudan; Myanmar.

SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 12th November 11.00am

Sunday 16th November 10.00am

St. Hilda's Day – followed by a bring-and-share lunch

NOTICES

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

Send to communication@sthilda.org

The Church Wardens of the Parish of St Hilda Ashford wish to inform the Parishioners of the **marriage ceremony of our Vicar Fr Julius Anozie** on the 3rd of January 2026 in Nigeria. The service will be streamed so all those who wish can join the service online.

Bible Study Group - Monday 10th November at 7.30pm.

In the **Hawley Room** in the church hall. This week we will be looking at Psalms. You are very welcome to join us.

Community Lunch in church - Wednesday at 12 noon

Community Sing – Friday 14th November at 8.10pm

In church. No commitments: each Friday is a stand alone session.

Parish Breakfast – Saturday 15th November at 9.30am

Do come along and enjoy good food and fellowship.

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

Suggested donation £5, payable on the day.

St Hilda's Day Lunch – Sunday 16th November

There will be a bring-and-share lunch after the morning service. There will be another sign-up list for this.

***** Frost Fair – Saturday 22nd November *****

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for volunteers to help.

Donations are also wanted for the Toy Stall, the Tombola, and (full) bottles of wine for the Water-into-wine stall

Ambling Through Acts – Thursday 11th December at 7.30pm

In church. Please bring a bible.

***** Socks for Bronzefield *****

Spelthorne Deanery has again agreed to donate a pair of socks as a Christmas gift for each inmate of Bronzefield – so more than 500 pairs are needed. There will be a box at the back of church if you want to make a donation of socks.

*** Communion Assistants ***

We welcome application for all those who may wish to join our team of communion assistants. If you wish to help in administering the chalice during services and the like, please pick a form from the back of church and return it to the Churchwardens after filling it. Anyone from age 12 is welcomed. Application ends 30th of November 2025

*** Servers ***

Application forms are also available for those who wish to join the servers' team everyone is welcomed. Children below ages 12 but above 8 years old will be considered provided there is evidence of understanding of responsibility. Application forms are available at the back of church. Return completed forms to the Churchwardens 30th of November 2025

EcoChurch

We would like St. Hilda's to achieve a Silver EcoChurch award. The Area Dean believes we can reach Silver very soon. See Alison Garner and Rosemary Greenwood if you would like to join the EcoChurch Team to help us work towards this.

The Parish Office : Office hours are

Mon: by appointment only,

Tue: 9am-6pm, Wed: 12 noon-4:00pm, Thur: 9am-6pm

THANK YOU

Dear Family of St. Hilda's,
I need to let you know
How much your prayers have meant
When I was feeling low.
It's hard putting into words
How special you all are.
Your friendship and your kindness
And all the love we share.
It's like a shield around me,
All warm and comforting.
And I just sit back and enjoy.
Don't have to do a thing.

God bless you all.

Much love,
Brenda (Ellaway)

(And thank you for supporting my dear John).

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