ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER 14 APRIL 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.

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

THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
Make all men know he is your choice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The first Apostles round them drew Thousands of faithful men and true, Sharing a faith for ever new:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Then magnify the Lord, and raise
Anthems of joy and holy praise
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men, All the world over, seek again The Way disciples followed then: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same:
Place the same hope in His great name,
With the same faith His word proclaim:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let Love's unconquerable might God's people everywhere unite In service to the Lord of light. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[George Bell]

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Acts 3 vv 12 - 19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – 1 John 3 vv 1 - 7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading - Luke 24 vv 36 - 48

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 Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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.

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: have compassion on our weakness, and give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

ΑII

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace – All stand

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

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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

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

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

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

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

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

Now we rejoice to name him King:

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

This gospel message we proclaim;

We sing his glory, tell his worth.

[Edward Burns © 1968 The Lorenz Corporation]

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

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

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 lifegiving Spirit,

and made us a people for your own possession.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

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 miracle 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

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The president and people receive communion.

Communion Hymns

Anthem: O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.

Broken for me, broken for you, the body of Jesus broken for you.

He offered his body, he poured out his soul; Jesus was broken, that we might be whole.

Come to my table and with me dine, eat of my bread and drink of my wine.

This is my body given for you; eat it rememb'ring I died for you.

This is my blood I shed for you, for your forgiveness, making you new.

[Janet Lund © 1978 Sovereign Music UK]

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun. And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee, But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me. I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -They came with me and the dance went on. Refrain

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame: The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high; They left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black - It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I'm the Dance, and I still go on.

Refrain

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he
[Sydney Carter Words: Stainer & Bell Ltd, Music: Stainer & Bell Ltd]

Prayers after Communion

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

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; 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 24 - 27

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Recessional Hymn

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with him, from death's domains,
The long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey Alone our Leader bore; His ransomed hosts pursue their way Where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
And at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son, All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, While endless ages run.

[St. Fulbert of Chartres tr. Robert Campbell]

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SERVICE TIMES Wednesday 17th April 11am Sunday 21st April 10.00am

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

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

Michael Brown Pat Kyle Fiona

Ros Clifton Ray Nation King Charles

Saffi Cobham Lena Richardson Catherine, Princess of Wales

John Hunt David

Esperado (only son of Fr. Domingos of Murrupula)

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

Doreen Walker Betty Collins Graham Thompson

Mark Goff

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Peter John Murray Gwendoline Lilian Humphrey Jill Elizabeth Baker
Emma Cooke Daphne Monica May Moore May Ellen Lawrence
Janet Mills Peggy Pinfold Emily Gooch

Kate Turner Mary Mills Kathleen Newell
David Campbell Rose Edith Blanchard James Alan Perry
Valerie Patricia Taylor Win Heather Patricia Pouffou

Sarah Ratcliffe David Frank Rawlinson Banks

Please pray for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula and for Christians facing persecution in countries such as North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Eritrea and Yemen for more details see https://www.opendoorsuk.org/

Praying for peace in Israel and Gaza

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

NOTICES

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 7.45pm

We meet in Church on most Wednesday evenings. This week we are starting a new study on *The Kingdom*, mainly from Matthew's Gospel. You are very welcome to join us.

Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 23rd April 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.

23rd Apr St Hilda's Church Window 28th May Non Canonical Gospels

25th June Jargon Busting 23rd July Celtic Spirituality

RED HOT STRINGS in concert - Saturday 27th April

at St. Hilda's. See posters in church for more details.

Tickets £15 from http://ticketsource.co.uk/st-hildas-church-ashford, or on sale in church.

APCM- Sunday 28th April at 11am

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in church after the Sunday morning service.

Ambling through Acts course - Thursday 2nd May

(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.

Jumble Sale - Saturday 11th May at 2pm

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 June/July issue is Sunday 5th May.

Please send your contributions to: editor@sthilda.org

The Parish Office is available by phone or email.

Any appointments in person must be booked.

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

Monday: 3.30-5pm Wednesday: 3.30-6.30pm Thursday 6.30-9.30pm Saturday: 9.45-11.15am

Junior Church during Roof Repairs

Due to repairs to the Hall roof we are unable to use the Hall during April, however there will be a Junior Church activity in Church.

May's Messy Church will go ahead as usual on May 5th with the theme of Pentecost.

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

UPDATE ON CHURCH HALL ROOF

The great news is that the new roof is in place. The weather has not been in our favour, but the team worked very hard last weekend to catch the dry weather required to remove the old roof and install the new roof panels. Once the old roof was off it became clear that there was some missing material around / supporting the gutters on either side (where the water ingress has been worse) and additional work was carried out to rectify this. I was advised that this problem would not have been visible without removing the roof sheet and perhaps explains why successive attempts at relining the gutters have not been successful.

This all means that we will be cleaning over the weekend and Happytots and the other regular hirers can return to the hall on Monday - but the only access remains through the side door as the scaffolding will still be in place.

During the week of 15th April, the roof team will finish the flashing and the heavy machinery, airbags and remaining rubbish will be removed from the car park. The exception being the heras fencing which will stay as long as the scaffolding is in place. The solar panels will also be installed next week and the teams will need to be in and out of the Hawley room and small kitchen dealing with the wiring and electrics. The car part will be re-opened to church and hall users when the heavy equipment has been removed, we hope this will be towards the end of the week.

The bad news is that the gutter lining has not yet been done - due to the ongoing wet weather. This means we may continue to see leakage into the hall. The team needs 2-3 clear, dry days to remove the existing linings and replace and the weather forecast for next week is not looking helpful. At present this doesn't delay the whole project - but it might unless we have a few days (and nights) of dry weather. Please pray!

Paula Gething



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