



St Hilda's
Ashford

Weekly Newsletter

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We are looking for more contributions from the St Hilda's community, if you would like to contribute, please either call, email or send an article to the Parish Office.

If you would like help or to speak to a member of the ministry team please contact:

- Parish Office Tel - 01784 253525
 Email - office@sthilda.org
- Father Joseph can be contacted on 01784 254237.

St Hilda's is open for public worship



St Hilda's Church has been open at the time of writing for 3 Eucharist services, 2 on Sunday's and 1 on Wednesday. The Sunday service is reasonably well attended.

Guidance on attending a Church service

As previously mentioned, there have been a number of changes to the layout of the Church alongside a number of requirements:

- **Booking system** - To attend a service or for your child to attend Junior Church, you must book a ticket via Eventbrite – the link is on the website, or you can call Denise in the Parish Office. It is important that you adhere to this to enable us to allocate yourself/ family a seat/ place whilst ensuring we are maintaining safe distancing guidelines.
- **Seat Allocation** – on booking to attend a service you will be allocated a seat, please ensure you use the seat as advised by the sides persons, an order of service will be on your seat waiting for you.
- **One-way system** - The church is operating a one-way system, there are yellow markings/ arrows to guide you, please walk in the direction of the arrows so that we can avoid path crossing.
- **Face masks** – we are awaiting further guidance from the Church of England, however, our recommendation is for anyone who attends a Church service to wear a face mask/ covering. Alison has made face masks for all attendees and these are available to all at the entrance to the Church. We encourage everyone to wear one.
- **Sanitiser** - there are 2 automatic (no need to touch) hand sanitising machines for your use at the entrance/ exit to the Church, please ensure you use them on arrival, prior to communion and as you leave.
- **End of service** - Please remain in your seat and wait for instruction from the sides persons, so that we can avoid any congestion in the aisles and exit.
- **Collection** – There is a box by the exit for the retiring collection or weekly envelopes.
- **Sides persons** – If you would like to join the team to meet and greet people each Sunday, please contact the Parish Office

All are welcome to attend, however, we would like to re-enforce that we are closely following government and Church of England guidelines and that if anyone who falls into one of the vulnerable categories we strongly recommend that you don't attend Church for the time being, needless to say we won't turn anyone away.

If you have any questions please call the Parish Office number and Denise will be able to assist you.

Thank you

Reverend Caroline Wareham

Reverend Caroline Wareham was one of the first women to be ordained to the ministry of the Church of England. This took place at Guildford Cathedral in March 1994.

Carol was a church worker at St James Whitton where she met Neville her husband. After their marriage in 1960 they moved to Ashford and St Hilda's Church where they worshipped until Carol became deaconess at St Mary Stanwell.

Carol then trained for the ministry and after ordination she became curate at Epsom and then parish priest in Aldershot before retiring to Mere in Dorset.

Whilst worshipping at St Hilda's Church she and Neville were very active members of the church, Carol with the Mothers union and a founder member of the St Hilda's Church playgroup which was started in 1968 to care for the children of the parish.

We remember her as a compassionate member of St Hilda's Church community and the loving mother to her four children

Burial will be on 24 July at 2 PM at West Knoyle Church in Dorset. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

May she rest in peace.

Lent Appeal: Wheels for Climate Change Emergencies

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it." 1 Corinthians 12:26



With rising global surface temperatures, intensifying droughts and more extreme storms, climate change is affecting our brothers and sisters across the globe, especially with our diocesan partners in Angola and Mozambique.

There is no doubt that the effects of Climate Change are here to stay and will affect us all. Since 1988, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has published special reports on climate change have detailed how the rise of temperatures are affecting life global for all people especially those in the developing world.

The beneficiary charity of the Lent Appeal 2020 is ALMA, the diocesan companion link partnership between the Anglican Church in Angola, London and Mozambique. The focus of the Appeal is to raise money to buy powerful trucks to help churches and Bishops provide instant practical help where it is needed after the extreme climatic events that are happening due to climate change.

In 2012, the Lent appeal bought cars and trucks for the four dioceses that span across these two massive African countries. Now, eight-years later, the church in these areas need new up-to-date jeeps to help them deal with the worst climatic weather systems the southern hemisphere has ever seen. In Southern Africa, the churches and bishops need to give instant and practical help where it is needed, the instant these extreme climatic events allow access to the areas.

The Challenge



After eight years of extensive action responding to climate catastrophes across dioceses 1.5 – 5 times the size of the whole UK (1000 miles) on rough terrain, each diocese needs to replace its existing vehicles. These vehicles have been twice round the clock on mainly dirt roads, are almost beyond maintaining now and cannot be relied on. They are no longer fit for purpose.

The four Partner Bishops with the ALMA link are seen, and looked up to, as community leaders. They need to respond quickly in a community that is suffering; struggling as a result of adverse conditions – drought, flooding, etc. However, the sheer size of the areas that the Bishops must cover, means that they have a mammoth task. In many cases, it is not just the Bishops' physical presence and ministry that is required; they need to offer practical assistance, delivering vital supplies wherever they are needed.

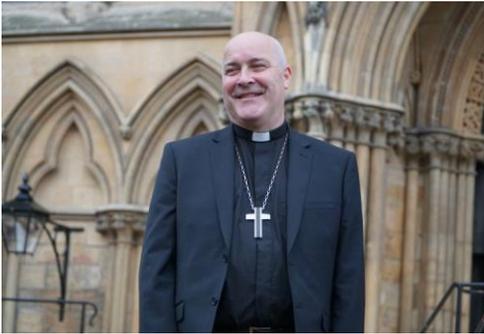
The money raised by **Wheels for Climate Change Emergencies** on behalf of ALMA would be distributed equally between the four Dioceses to help them replace these old, and in some cases, broken down vehicles. This practical assistance will enable the Bishops to continue to provide the much-needed pastoral support in a practical way.

ALMA Appeal

As a response to the climate change catastrophes that are happening in these four African dioceses, the ALMA Link hopes to raise a minimum of £40,000 which will be shared equally. so each bishop in the link Dioceses can deliver essential supplies – a practical response – whilst providing much-needed pastoral support.

If you would like to donate towards this appeal, please let us know by calling the Parish Office, or follow this link - <https://www.give.net/lent2020>

Stephen Cottrell confirmed as Archbishop of York



Archbishop Stephen Cottrell has been confirmed as the 98th Archbishop of York in a service broadcast entirely via video conference because of the Covid-19 restrictions.

The service was in two parts: a legal ceremony with readings, prayers and music; and a film marking the start of Bishop Stephen's ministry as Archbishop of York.

It included music from York Minster Choir and Manor Church of England Academy School (York). Young people from across the North of England, read a letter written by the medieval religious scholar Alcuin of York.

Church must 'learn afresh how to share the gospel', Archbishop of York tells Synod

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, has called the Church of England to "learn afresh how to share the gospel in the world" as church and society face "turbulent times" in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

In his first public address since his confirmation as Archbishop, he spoke of the pain and loss many have experienced in recent months and the major challenges ahead.

Speaking to members of the General Synod, who are meeting remotely today following the cancellation of the annual July group of sessions in York, Archbishop Stephen spoke about lockdown, as a time when people have experienced a "stripping back of our lives", bringing hardship but also clarity and a renewed focus on God.

He also warned that the Church has allowed itself to become "tribal and divided" and now needs to "learn again how to love one another, love the world and love God".

His comments came in a joint presidential address, alongside the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. Members are also discussing the impact of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and joining question and answer sessions on a range of issues.

Archbishop Stephen, who was until recently Bishop of Chelmsford, spoke of his experience of recent months of lockdown.

"Do not misunderstand me," he said.

"I hugely miss our church buildings and our liturgy, just as I also miss going to the cinema and eating in restaurants, or just having a coffee; and I grieve for the fact that I was not able to say goodbye to the diocese of Chelmsford in the ways I wanted, nor am I able to hug my new grandson without donning a mask; and I cry out for the pain of all those socially distanced funerals, the thousands of people who have died alone, the baptisms, weddings

and ordinations that have had to be postponed; the economic misery which is around the corner and the devastating impact of this pandemic upon the whole life of our world.

“But neither can I deny, that it has forced me to encounter things about myself which I had allowed to remain hidden behind the security of the things I have had to relinquish.”

He spoke about a group he is leading to discern a vision and strategy for the Church for the next decade.

The vision, he said, is the easy part: “It is unchanging - it is what God has done for us in Jesus Christ and continues to do through the power of the spirit.”

He acknowledged that the Church will have to make decisions about priorities amid limited resources but he emphasised that it has reached no conclusions and hopes to bring some proposals to Synod next year.

“At the moment I am engaged in a very wide ranging discussion with people from all across the church but with a particular determination to draw in and listen to the voices of younger Christians and those whose voices are not usually so easily heard in Church,” he added.

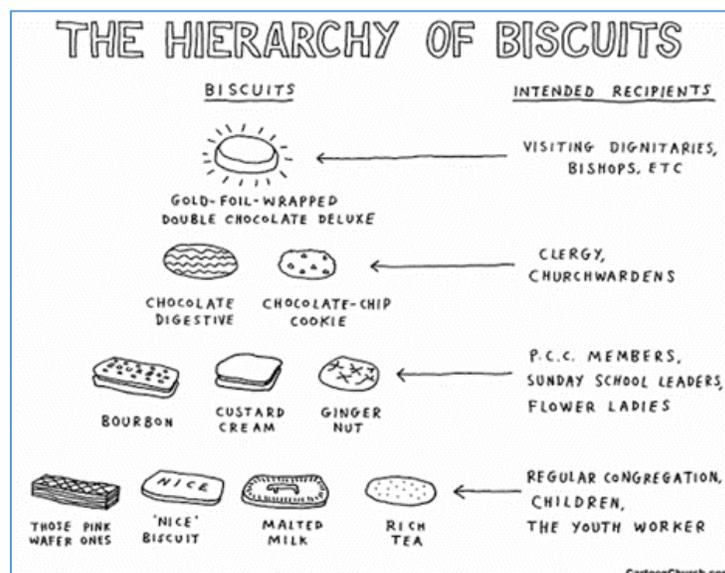
He concluded: “So, dear General Synod, as we enter some turbulent times and some challenging decisions, we are just going to have to learn again how to love one another, love the world and love God so that, both individually and collectively, we can be the place where God is revealed.

“We’ve not always been very good at this.

“We have allowed ourselves to become tribal and divided.

“We have allowed secondary things to obscure our belonging to each other.

“The Holy Spirit reveals Christ in us; and through us may we learn afresh how to share the gospel in the world.”



De cluttering again

I have several items of music to give away, if anyone has a relative or friend having Singing lessons, or taking a music exam. They are left over from the days when Roy and I were attending music courses.

They include....

Gondoliers. Carmen. Serenade to Music. Dido and Aeneas
Songs of the Sea. St. Matthew Passion. Christmas Oratorio
Creation Rejoice in the Lamb.

Art songs by Michael Head, Vaughan Williams, Stanford , Butterworth.

Some more modern things,..... Memory, All I ask of You, a Les Misérables collection, etc.

I will deliver. Anyone interested ? Hope so. Please contact through the Parish Office.

Frances Gilbert.

Innovative ways to worship

All Saints Church in Crowborough recently welcomed more than 200 church goers (in 60 cars) to its first-ever outdoor drive-in church service – in a nearby field with views over the Sussex countryside. Vicar of All Saints, Revd Steve Rees said: “The current pandemic has seen us discovering more and more new ways to share God’s word, support each other and worship.”

Church fossil-fuel holdings are sold to the sound of no trumpets



UP TO 20 dioceses no longer hold any investments in fossil-fuel companies, after one of the Church of England’s three investment bodies sold its last remaining stocks in the oil and gas sector.

CCLA, a fund manager which invests on behalf of Anglican dioceses, sold its stake in oil majors Shell and Total, worth £8.4 million, earlier this year.

Although the Church’s ethical guidelines already rule out investing in thermal coal and tar sands, holdings in oil and gas is still permitted. The Shell and Total shares were part of CCLA’s £1.5 billion CBF Church of England Investment Fund, the largest of the six funds it offers clients, as well as in a smaller UK Equity Fund.

An estimated 39 out of 42 dioceses invest in at least one of the CCLA’s funds, and the sale means that up to 20 are now fossil-free. The divestment came to light through an investigation by the climate change website DeSmog. A spokesperson for the diocese of Coventry told DeSmog that the funds had stopped investing in fossil-fuel companies “on the basis of the

financial risks posed by the short- to medium-term outlook for the oil and gas markets.” CCLA confirmed that the decision had been made for financial rather than ethical reasons.

CCLA said that it was unlikely to reinvest in Shell or Total through its CBF C of E funds, although such holdings remain eligible under current guidelines. Campaigners welcomed the move, but urged the fund manager to make a clearer stand on the ethics of profiting from fossil-fuel assets.

Holly-Anna Petersen, a member of Christian Climate Action, said: “It’s vital for life as we know it that we stop funding climate suffering, so this is a positive step. As an Anglican, I find it disappointing that this divestment was not done for ethical reasons but because fossil fuels were deemed to be a risky economic investment. What does that say to our brothers and sisters in Christ, suffering in vulnerable countries around the world? It says their lives were not worth divestment, but our financial reports were.”

Dr Kat Kramer, Christian Aid’s Global Climate Lead said: “The Church of England’s investors have missed a great opportunity to publicise this fossil-fuel sell off. . . To make their divestment impactful they need to be shouting it from the rooftops, not keeping it quiet.”

In 2018, the General Synod voted to begin divestment in 2020 from oil and gas companies that failed to aid the transition to a decarbonised economy, with complete divestment by 2023 from those not on track to align with the Paris Agreement goals of keeping global temperature rise to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

This was confirmed by a Church of England spokesperson: “The basis of our climate-change policy is that there is no easy escape from climate change as an investor. We must all transition to lower carbon business models, consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

“We continue to engage urgently with companies rated poorly by the Transition Pathway Initiative, and will begin in 2020 to start to divest from companies that are not taking seriously their responsibilities to assist with the transition to a low carbon economy.”

James Buchanan, Bright Now campaign manager for the Christian climate-change charity Operation Noah, said that church investors had a role to play in funding a green recovery from the economic fall out of the Covid-19 pandemic.

“Fossil-fuel investments are not only unethical, they are also a growing financial risk that investors are increasingly unwilling to accept,” he said. “We urge CCLA to make this decision permanent.”

Tea and Chat after Sunday Service

We would like to invite you to join us for a virtual Tea and Chat after the service on **Sunday 19 July 2020 at 11.15am**. See below on how to join. Any questions please call the Parish Office.



The meeting is hosted by Zoom.

There are 2 ways in which you can join the Tea and Chat session

1. Join via a computer or tablet, for a video style experience (like Skype)

- Download the Zoom app – www.zoom.us
- Click – Join a Meeting
- Enter the Meeting id – **954 9532 9076**
- Enter password - **954348**

2. Join via telephone – cost of a local call.

- Dial – 0203 051 2874
- Enter Meeting Id – **954 9532 9076** – and follow instructions (you will be asked to press # and 1)
- Password – **954348**

More Tea with The Vicar – Weekday Tea and Chat

The second of the weekly Tea and chat sessions where you are able to 'meet up' over a cuppa. In this weekly session, we have introduced a topic for discussion – this week's topic is 'a book that you would recommend'.

If you haven't yet joined one of these sessions – give it a try, you can connect either on-line or via the telephone, we would like to see or hear as many of you as possible and encourage you to join us. We encourage all those who haven't yet joined one of the sessions to do so, and if you have any apprehension in doing so, please call the Parish Office and Denise will guide you through the process – it is quite simple once you've done it once.

This week the Tea and Chat will be held on **Tuesday 21 July @ 10.30am** (Please note change of day for this week only).

The codes are as per the following, to join follow the instructions above

- Meeting id – **993 4630 7470**
- Password - **066169**

Canaan Ministries have re-opened, and are following the latest government legislation in relation to the current guidelines on social distancing.

Please note, that due to the size of the shop we will only be able to allow a maximum of three customers in at any one time, and would ask that you limit your visit to a maximum of 15 minutes at a time, and of course ask you NOT to visit, if you are showing any of the symptoms of Covid 19. However, we will be open Monday to Saturday 10am – 5pm (closing during lunchtime 1pm – 2pm), so there will be plenty of time to see and serve everyone. Free local home delivery is also possible.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support, and we hope, your much needed support in the future.

Psalm 96:3

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Easy Fundraising

Raise funds for St Hilda's while shopping online at no extra cost to yourself.

Use [easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org) and choose St Hilda's as your cause and a percentage of your purchase will be paid to us. Over 4000+ retailers including John Lewis, Argos, M & S, Amazon and Aviva.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sthildasashford>

Electoral Roll

If you consider St Hilda's to be your regular place of worship, why not complete an application for enrolment on the Church Electoral Roll. Forms are available from the Parish Office.

Crossroads

Please email Rosemary at crossroads_ashford@hotmail.com if you have anything to be included in the parish magazine. The July/August edition is now available on our website.

This weeks services

Sunday Eucharist – 19 July @ 9.30am

This service can be viewed via our Facebook page, our new YouTube channel (St Hilda's Ashford), and Twitter for those of you who are unable to attend in person

Wednesday Eucharist – 22 July

There will be no midweek service this week as a funeral will be taking place.

Please see our website (www.sthilda.org) for updates and the weekly service sheet.

Please hold in your prayers and thoughts this week those who are affected by the Corona Virus as well as the family and friends of those below.

The Sick

James Bedford	Penny Howell	Riley Shaw	Peter Wilson
Pamela Claridge	Libby Mills	Anne Shenton	Jo Wood
Robb Clarke	Raymond Nation	Elsie Stone	Nic
Rebecca Cohen	Michael O'Hagan	Roy Stone	Martyn
Ann Considine	June Prentice	Sandra Swain	
Michael Dixon	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Rev. Peter Taylor	
Jim Hennessey	Delphine Scrivener	Chick Wilson	

The Recently Departed

Rev'd Caroline Wareham	Heather Masters	Bernard Biggs	Alex Nare
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Prayer by Francoise Cohen

Loving God, in this time where we walk through the separation of lockdown,

may the Holy Spirit fill us with love to go out of our way to reach out to others

In hope and love help us to tread the path that lies ahead.

May we find rest and peace beneath the empty Cross, and may our souls be restored through the Resurrection.

Amen.

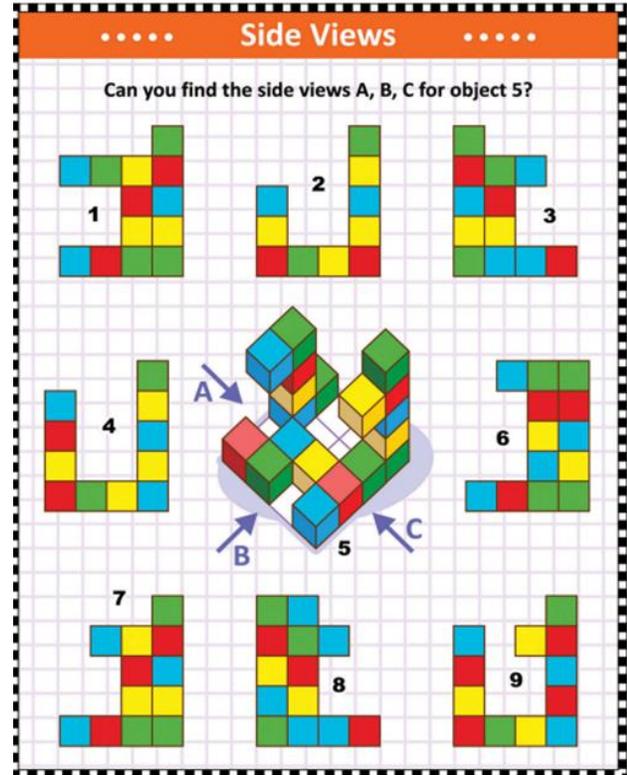
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British Islands Hopper Wordsearch

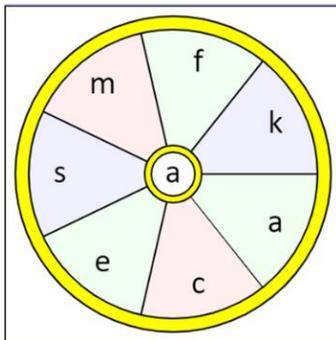
(puzzle created by Terry Rickson)

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- BROWNSEA
- COLONSAY
- FLANNAN
- HAYLING
- IONA
- JERSEY
- MAN
- ST. KILDA
- SARK
- SKOMER
- SKYE
- STAFFA
- STEEP HOLM
- TIREE
- TRESCO
- WIGHT



Word Wheel



How many words can you find using the centre letter?
There is one 8 letter, a new fashion accessory

Riddle

I am tall when I am young,
and short when I am old.
What am I?

Answers from last week

Lockdown Bingo

How many did you manage to cover?

We covered off 17 squares

Riddle

Palm

Number Sequence

Times by 2 plus 4

4, 12, 28, 60, 124

Word Wheel

9 letter word – Sanitiser

Seven Little Words

1. Not justified – Unwarranted
2. Giving a dirty look – Scowling
3. Shakespearean actor, Kenneth – Branagh
4. Clasps for tresses – Slides
5. Non violent – Peaceable
6. City with a famous library – Alexandria
7. Short course - Seminar