# **ST HILDA'S ASHFORD**



# SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTER 10AM 27 APRIL 2025

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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.

Please take this booklet home with you so you have a record of the prayer requests and notices to use during the week

# THE GATHERING

## **Introit Hymn**

All hail the power of Jesu's name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem To crown him, crown him, crown him, Crown him Lord of all. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race. Ye ransomed from the fall. Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him, crown him, crown him, Crown him Lord of all. Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call; The God incarnate. Man divine. And crown him, crown him, crown him, Crown him Lord of all. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall. Go spread your trophies at his feet, And crown him, crown him, crown him, Crown him Lord of all. Let every tribe and every tongue To him their hearts enthral. Lift high the universal song And crown him, crown him, crown him, Crown him Lord of all.

[Edward Perronet and others]

# **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.

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**

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,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:

open the doors of our hearts,

that we may seek the good of others

and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,

to the praise of God the Father.

All Amen.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

# First Reading – Acts 5 vv 27 - 32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

## New Testament Reading - Revelation 1 vv 4 - 8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

#### All Thanks be to God.

# Gospel Reading - John 20 v 19 - end

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 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.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe. 'A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and vet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

# **The Sermon**

# **The Creed**

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

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

We believe in one Lord. Jesus Christ. the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come Amen.

# **Prayers of Intercession**

Jesus our exalted Lord has been given all authority. Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be perfected by his prayer.

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**

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

# All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

# **Offertory Hymn**

During this hymn a collection will be taken

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, First-begotten from the dead, Thou alone, our strong defender, Liftest up thy people's head. Alleluya, Alleluya, Jesu, true and living Bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we, Here in loving reverence bow; Here for Faith's discernment pray we, Lest we fail to know thee now. Alleluya, Alleluya, Thou art here, we ask not how.

Though the lowliest form doth veil thee As of old in Bethlehem, Here as there thine angels hail thee, Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem. Alleluya, Alleluya, We in worship join with them

Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished Once for all when thou wast slain, In its fullness undiminished Shall for evermore remain. Alleluya, Alleluya, Cleansing souls from every stain.

Life-imparting heavenly Manna, Stricken Rock with streaming side, Heaven and earth with loud hosanna Worship thee, the Lamb who died, Alleluya, Alleluya, Risen, ascended, glorified!

[G. H. Bourne]

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.

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.

# 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.

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**

Sweet sacrament divine, Hid in thine earthly home, Lo, round thy lowly shrine, With suppliant hearts we come; Jesu, to thee our voice we raise, In songs of love and heartfelt praise: Sweet sacrament divine. (x2) Sweet sacrament of peace, Dear home for every heart, Where restless yearnings cease And sorrows all depart; There in thine ear all trustfully We tell our tale of misery: Sweet sacrament of peace. (x2) Sweet sacrament of rest, Ark from the ocean's roar, Within thy shelter blest Soon may we reach the shore; Save us, for still the tempest raves, Save, lest we sink beneath the waves, Sweet sacrament of rest. (x2) Sweet sacrament divine. Earth's light and jubilee, In thy far depths doth shine The Godhead's majesty; Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray, That earthly joys may fade away, Sweet sacrament divine. (x2)

[Francis Stanfield]

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here. Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear. In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned. How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place; He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place. [David J. Evans © 1986 Kingsway's Thankyou Music]

This our song shall ever be; For we have no hope nor Saviour If we have not hope in thee. All for Jesus! thou wilt give us Strength to serve thee hour by hour: None can move us from thy presence While we trust thy love and power. All for Jesus! at thine altar Thou dost give us sweet content; There, dear Saviour, we receive thee In thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus! all for Jesus!

All for Jesus! thou have loved us, All for Jesus! thou hast died,

All for Jesus! thou art with us, All for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! This the Church's song shall be Till at last the flock is gathered One in love, and one in thee.

[W. J. Sparrow-Simpson]

# **Prayers after Communion**

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

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord 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.

Notices - see pages 23 - 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. **Amen.** 

Go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

# **Recessional Hymn**

Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown, When thou camest to earth for me;

But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room For thy holy nativity:

> O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, There is room in my heart for thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, Proclaiming thy royal degree; But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth, And in great humility: *Refrain* 

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word That should set thy people free; But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn, They bore thee to Calvary: *Refrain* 

When all heaven shall ring, and her choirs shall sing, At thy coming to victory,Let thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room, There is room at my side for thee."

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, There is room in my heart for thee. [Emily Elliott]

# Please remember in your prayers this week:

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

Michael Brown	John Hunt	Delia Woodley
Ben Bishop	Pat Kyle	Ben
Stan Bishop	Ashley Lee	Daniella
AnneMarie Bough	Ray Nation	David
Tony Diggins	John Parish	Fiona
Barbara Dunbar	Pat Parish	Mince
Maureen Firth	Massimo Pellizzari	Paddy
Sheila Freeman	Lena Richardson	Peter
Gemma Hart	Edith Smith	

#### THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Mary Mills Pope Francis Graham Elaine Taylor Mary Mason

#### THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Elvina Maud Stone	Elsie Winifred May Swain
Winifred Ellen Louise Barnes	Mary Ann Brooker
Doris Hilda Durham	Dorothy Barnett-Roberts
William George Frank Durham	John Charles Manning
Pauline Pearl Levey	

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

also for Christians facing persecution in countries such as North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Eritrea, Yemen, Iran and Nigeria. for more details see https://www.opendoorsuk.org/

# SERVICE TIMES next week Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 11.00am Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 10am

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

# NOTICES

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

Annual Parocial Church Meeting – TODAY after this service

#### Community Lunch in church - Wednesday at 12 noon

Do join us!

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

#### Bible Study Group - Wednesday at 7.45pm.

We meet in the **Hawley room** in the church hall: use the side door (which opens outwards) and follow the corridor left and left again. We meet most Wednesday evenings.

We will be continuing our look at John's Gospel, following the last hours of Jesus' life on earth. You are very welcome to join us.

## Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm

(Usually 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.



# RED HOT STRINGS

7.30pm Saturday 3rd May 2025

St Hilda's Church, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford TW15 3QL

Tickets £20

under 12's FREE

SCA

An electric/classic violin duo, the combined powerhouse of Lisa and Sarah are renowned for bringing classical music into the 21st century.

www.sthilda.org www.redhotstrings.com

# 80th Anniversary of VE Day - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm

There will be a ringing of the church bell from 6.30 for 10 minutes. If you would like to arrive at 6.30 and bring a bell you can ring whilst sitting in church, then please do.

There will be a "memorial board" up in Church from the preceding Sunday to the evening of the service on which you can write the names of any family and friends who died as a result of the war : military or civilian.

Refreshments will be served after the service

# Jumble Sale & Auction - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm

In St. Hilda's Church. Admission £1. Proceeds to Church Funds are also required to sell the goods and to clear up afterwards.

**St Hilda's Entertainers** proudly present our Summer 2025 production, Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*.

Opening night will take place at **7.45pm on 16th May**, with performances at **2pm and 7.45pm on the 17th May**.

Tickets are just £12 for adults and £10 for concessions.

Tickets are on sale now, so visit our box office via

https://www.sthildasentertainers.com and book your tickets now!

#### Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 27th May at 2:30pm

Our topic will be: Letters of Peter John and James

Do come and join us .We meet in the Small Hall on the 4th Tuesday, from 2.30pm – 4pm 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

# Parish Giving

In 2024 it cost £435 per day to run St Hilda's. This is more than double what it cost in £2019 and £20 per day more than 2023!

We are all impacted by the increase in the cost of living, but did you know there are ways of getting FREE money to St Hilda's? Of course nothing in life is totally free and even free money comes

with a little effort. Here is how you can help:

# GIFT AID

This is the government's way of helping charities by enabling them to claim the tax that was paid on the gift. We can claim gift aid on:

- A) Loose plate donations—cash collected on a Sunday
- B) Stewardship envelopes
- C) Stewardship paid by Standing order

There are several problems with this way of giving:

- It is dependent on getting people through the door
- It requires many hours of administration to count, and bank the money and then to make the actual claim to HMRC
- We only see the gift aid when a claim is made—maybe once or twice a year
- There is a limit on the loose plate claim and we are losing half of what we could claim. Last year the loose plate gift aid limit was £8,000. We collected a possible £15,000 which may be eligible that means we missed £1,750 of Gift Aid (or "free money")

The other problem is that we don't actually have someone willing to do this administration!

## SO HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**PARISH GIVING SCHEME** eliminates all of the problems, and still leaves you in control of what you give. It is a safe direct debit or bank transfer that you can alter whenever you want.

What's more it does all the administration for us:

- ♦ The money is counted
- ♦ The gift aid is claimed
- Both the gift and the gift aid are paid into our bank within a few days of your donation and in the winter months this would really help our cash flow .
- ♦ It is confidential between you and Parish Giving

#### TO FIND OUT MORE

FOLLOW THE LINK TO ST HILDA'S PARISH GIVING: https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/ashford-sthilda-ashford/



#### Food Bank Donations

We continue to collect for the Food Bank run by the Salvation Army. Please put donations of food and toiletries in the wooden chest at the back of church. Items most wanted at the moment are:

Pasta sauce Blackcurrent squash Porridge Tinned plum tomatoes

Cornflakes Tinned sweetcorn

They have "vast quantities" of the following items, so avoid them:

Pasta Long life milk

#### The Parish Office is available by phone or email.

Any appointments in person must be booked.

**Baked Beans** 

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

 Monday:
 3.30-4.30pm

 Wednesday:
 12:00-5:00pm

 Thursday
 6.30-9.30pm

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