

# St Hilda's Ashford



# Easter Day

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*Happy Easter to you all!*

Easter Day is when we remember that Jesus rose again from the dead and it is the most important day in our year. We have all journeyed through the dark and difficult Good Friday, and we now celebrate together as God's promises to us come true.

Easter is a day all about new life, and so during this service we renew our Baptism Vows which were made in the past.



# THE GATHERING

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Renewal of Baptismal Vows

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**All I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**All I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**All I repent of them.**

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.  
At our baptism, God called us out of darkness into his  
marvellous light. Therefore, I ask:

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**All I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**All I come to Christ.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
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**

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in  
glory.

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### **First Reading – Acts 10: 34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11**

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved,

if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you— unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading - John 20: 1-18**

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.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other

disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

### Commission

We who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
In the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?



**All With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil,  
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the  
Lord?

**All With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example  
the good news of God in Christ?

**All With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,  
loving your neighbour as yourself?

**All With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,  
by prayer for the world and its leaders,  
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice

**All With the help of God, I will.**

God of mercy and love,  
in baptism you welcome the sinner  
and restore the dead to life.  
You create a clean heart in those who repent,  
and give your Holy Spirit to those who ask.  
Grant that these your servants may grow  
into the fullness of the stature of Christ.  
Equip them with the gifts of your Holy Spirit,  
and fill them with faith in Jesus Christ  
and with love for all your people,  
in the service of your kingdom.  
**Amen.**

## **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 risen Christ be always with you  
**All and also with you. Alleluia.**

*Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

Lord of life,  
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.  
As we are fed with the bread of heaven  
may we know your resurrection power;  
through Christ our risen Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **The 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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**All You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends

he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**All** Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.

### **Agnus Dei**

**All** Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.

### **Giving of Communion**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*The people and president receive communion.*

## Prayer after Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy:

grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

## 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 light and peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## **SERVICE TIMES**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – 9.45am**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am**

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

**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

### **THE SICK:**

James Bedford	Jane Johnson	Sandra Swain
Robb Clarke	Pat Kyle	Rev. Peter Taylor
Rebecca Cohen	Libby Mills	Chick Wilson
Ann Considine	Raymond Nation	Peter Wilson
Michael Dixon	June Prentice	Jo Wood
Jackie Forsbrey	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Erin
Patsy Forsbrey	Delphine Scrivener	George
Peter Garner	Riley Shaw	Izzy
Eileen Gilbert	Elsie Stone	Pat
Jean Iddiols	Roy Stone	

### **RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Michael Orchard	Daphne Leader	John Radford
Peter Richardson	Beryl Loveridge	Jean Newrick

### **THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Ethel Ellen Barlow	Doris May Hedges	Barbara Smith
Hilda Donnachie	Lucy Webb	May Davidson
Joan Cooke	Frederick John Rickson	Jean Cockings
Patricia June Shelley		

**Please pray for those affected by the Corona Virus**

## NOTICES

**The Parish Office is closed to visitors, we are still available by phone**

### **Church Opening**

St Hilda's is open for public worship services. Numbers will be limited to ensure social distancing and masks must be worn. Junior Church will not be returning at this time, however, children are very welcome in the main service in St Hilda's.

All tickets must be pre-booked to attend a service either via the links on our Facebook page and website or by contacting the parish office.

<b>Day of Service</b>	<b>Booking Opens</b>	<b>Booking Closes</b>	<b>Livestream</b>
Sunday	Monday 9am	Saturday midday	Yes
Wednesday	Thursday 9am	Tuesday midday	No

### **Birthday Wishes**

Happy Birthday to Sheila Freeman for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, a fantastic 90 years young.

### **St Hilda's Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

The APCM will be held via zoom after the service at 11.30am. Nomination forms for Church Warden and PCC are available in Church or by contacting the office. Further details to follow.

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage – 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

A new date for the pilgrimage has been set, there is an information sheet available at the rear of the Church which gives further details of the pilgrimage and how to book.

### **St Hilda's News**

Please do send reflections, stories and others to Denise at the Parish Office. It can be a short piece, but the more variety we have the more interesting for everybody. The deadline for the week is midday Tuesday.

### **Sunday Tea & Chat**

Tea and chat will be having a short Easter break.

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