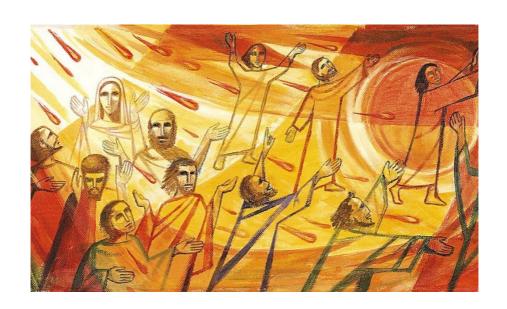
ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



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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

Come down, O love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

[Bianco de Siena tr. R. F. Littledale]

The Greeting

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

All Amen

The Lord be with you

and also with you. All

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia! ΑII

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

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Acts 2 vv 1 - 21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading – Romans 8 vv 22 - 27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – John 15 vv 26 - 27, 16 vv 4b - 15

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace – All stand

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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

O thou who camest from above,

The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love

On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return,
In humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire

To work and speak and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up thy gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,

My acts of faith and love repeat,

'Til death thy endless mercies seal,

And make my sacrifice complete.

[Charles Wesley]

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

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this offering, symbol of the work you have given us to do; use it, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name.

All Amen.

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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith.

Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father, to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood.

Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.

ΑII

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.

Let us proclaim 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 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.

A/I Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us, each in our preferred language:

All [pray the Lord's prayer]

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

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love what thou dost love, And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure, Until with thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly thine, Until this earthly part of me Glows with the fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die, But live with thee the perfect life Of thine eternity.

[Edwin Hatch]

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, And lighten with celestial fire; Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above Is comfort, life, and fire of love; Enable with perpetual light The dullness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face With the abundance of thy grace: Keep far our foes, give peace at home; Where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son, And thee, of Both, to be but One; That through the ages all along This this may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

[John Cosin, based on Veni, creator Spiritus]

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, Gentle as is the dove: Teach us the truth and help us believe, Show us the Saviour's love!

You spoke to men - long, long ago - Gave us the written word;
We read it still, needing its truth,
Through it God's voice is heard.
Refrain

Without your help we fail our Lord, We cannot live his way; We need your power, we need your strength, Following Christ each day.

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, Gentle as is the dove: Teach us the truth and help us believe, Show us the Saviour's love!

[Margaret V. Old © 1971 Scripture Union]

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us In the truth that Christ makes known; We have faith and understanding Through your promised light alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us, Come as advocate to plead; Loving Spirit from the Father, Grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us, Come yourself to make us live; Holy through your loving presence, Holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us, You the love of Three in One; Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.

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Prayers after Communion

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

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen.

Banns of Marriage; Notices - see pages 25 - 27

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing of Light

The ministers go to the Easter Candle.

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.

With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.

Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.

Strong and weak, women and men tell out your word;

the young receive visions, the old receive dreams.

With the new wine of the Spirit

they proclaim your reign of love.

Amid the birth pangs of the new creation

the way of light is made known.

Source of freedom, giver of life,

blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Each member of the congregation has a candle which is lit.

Commission

When all the candles are lit the president says

For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death.

We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church here in St Hilda, I call upon you to live out what you proclaim. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk into God's future, trusting him to be your guide?

All By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to embrace each other and grow together in love?

All We will.

Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?

All We will.

Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?

All We will.

Conclusion

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives.

All Amen.

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us, make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

All Amen.

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the Day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

All Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Filled with the Spirit's power, go in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Recessional Hymn

O worship the King, all glorious above; O gratefully sing his power and his love: Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days, Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old: Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; Thy mercies how tender! How firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless might, Ineffable love, While angels delight to hymn thee above, The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall all sing thy praise.

[Robert Grant]

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SERVICE TIMES Wednesday 22nd May 11am Sunday 26th May 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	Lena Richardson	Cyril
Ros Clifton	Esperado (son of Fr. Domingos)	David
John Hunt	King Charles	Demi
Pat Kyle	Catherine, Princess of Wales	Fiona
Ray Nation		Mary

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

Jeffrey Forsbrey Trevor Weston Saffi Cobham

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Dorothy Violet Smith	Andrina Brown	Pauline Bleckwen
William Lund	Samuel Searle	John Tank
Bertram George King	Richard Straughan	Connie Clayton
Gilbert Thorley		

THOSE PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

James Ellison and Katie Ellesley

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

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

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 **August/September** issue is **Sunday 7th July.**

Please send your contributions to: editor@sthilda.org

STOP PRESS: items still needed for June/July edition - please send to the editor by the middle of this week.

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 28th May 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.

28th May Non Canonical Gospels

25th June Jargon Busting23rd July Celtic Spirituality

Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 13th June at 7.30pm

(7:30pm usually 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.

Summer Fair -Saturday 13th July

A date for your diary, and workers wanted! See Alison Garner if you can help planning and/or on the day.

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

Resettlement Housing Empowerment Worker

HMP Bronzefield is committed to the safe resettlement of prison leavers. Finding suitable, safe, supportive, and sustainable accommodation is often a challenge for prison leavers and we seek to address this through innovation and partnership with local stakeholders.

The St. Hilda's House Project is a unique partnership between HMP Bronzefield, St. Hilda's Church and Hope into Action. The project provides accommodation for a small number of prison leavers from HMP Bronzefield into the local area of Ashford, Surrey.

The St. Hilda's House project comprises of accommodation in a small house which is owned by St. Hilda's Church and provides tenancy for 2 women for up to 2 years with the support of a network of church volunteers and specialist guidance from Hope into Action, a leading charity which enables churches to house the homeless.

We are seeking to recruit a **Resettlement Housing Empowerment Worker** to support the project and the tenants living in the house. The Empowerment Worker will meet regularly with tenants to provide resettlement support and advice; therefore, we are looking for candidates with experience in navigating local government housing, finance and benefit systems/legislation.

The successful candidate with act as liaison between the stakeholders as well as overseeing and supporting the team of volunteers from St Hilda's Church.

This is a paid, part-time role. The deadline for applications is 21/05/2024.

For more details see:

https://community.sodexojobs.co.uk/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=125700

and

https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3919645804

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