St Hilda's Ashford

Thanksgiving for HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Pentecost

This service is being live streamed via the st hilda's facebook page https://www.facebook.com/StHildaAshford/ Today we celebrate the coming down of the Holy Spirit upon the eleven Apostles following the Ascension of our Lord.

In line with his promise to leave us 'not comfortless' the Holy Spirit descended upon those who were now called to go out into the world and build a church and the new Body of Christ.

Often referred to as Whit, or Whitsun Sunday in the UK, today is also regarded as the 'Birthday of the Church' of which we are all members.

The Holy Spirit, one of the three persons of the Trinity, can be understood as the energy and love of God, that part of God that touches us and our lives in this age. What we do as Christians we do by the power of the Holy Spirit given to us as an act of grace by the Father.

As such, today forms the central focus of celebration for the side of God which connects most directly with us in our daily lives.

THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed, Without our aid he did us make; We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good: His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore.

William Kethe

The Greeting

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All 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

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,

and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Acts 2: 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.

Second Reading - Romans 8: 14 - 17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading - John 14: 8 - 27

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.

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works

themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

and the dead,

The Sermon

The Creed

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 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

... at the end

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

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.

Offertory Hymn

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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Preparation of the Table

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present this money, 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.

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son 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 *saying*:

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.

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 has taught us

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

All 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,
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 people and president receive communion.

Communion Hymns

Anthem: O taste and see how gracious the Lord is

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive your people's praise. Lord, for our land, in this our generation, Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care; For young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him, Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain; Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him, Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us, Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne; Past put behind us, for the future take us, Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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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

Prayer after Communion

Lord of our lives and Father of all, let our thanksgiving prove itself in service to you and to our Queen, our country and one another, for your Name's sake.

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.

Notices

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing of Light

The ministers go to the Easter Candle.

A minister says

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 president says

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

The president blesses the people, saying

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.

The minister departs.

Recessional Hymn

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,

Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;

Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; And keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; The One eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Martin Rinkart tr. Catherine Winkworth

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SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 8th June 11am Sunday 12th June 9.30am

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

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:

| Grace Cassar | Melvyn Jansen | Ray Nation |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Lizio Cassar | Elaine Langford | Roy Stone |
| Alison Griffiths | Keren Lattimore | Barbara Warne |
| Vicky Hall | Pauline Milton | Peter Wilson |

We are in the process of updating the prayer list. If you would like a name to be added, please do contact the parish office.

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

| Shirley Wetherill | Pamela Davey | Peggy Pinfold |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Pauline Lewis | Joan Harden | Robert Martin |

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK:

| Susan Anne Whittle | Alan Tunstall | Walter Ratcliffe |
|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| William H Rogers | Stephen J Jones | Doreen Alice Staples |
| Doris Haswell | Alexander W Kent | Robert 'Bob' Cooper |
| Leslie N Sims | May Bullogh | Mary Isabella Ross |
| Lilly Simpson | | |

Please pay for our ALMA twin Parish, Holy Cross Murrupula

NOTICES

The Parish Office is available by phone or email Visitors by appointment only

Church Opening

St Hilda's is open for public worship services. Masks are optional.

Following the teaching of 'Loving thy Neighbour' - If you feel unwell, we ask that you do not attend so that we can maintain the health and safety of all who attend the services.

Sidespersons / Welcomers

Displayed on the blue board are the names of the current volunteers, if you would like to join the team performing this very important role of welcoming people to St Hilda's, please add your name on the sheet. Thank you.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party – Today – 3pm

There is a sign-up list at the rear of the Church to join us for the party to celebrate the Queen's historic jubilee. It will be held on the grounds between the Church and Church Hall (or within the hall if there is poor weather).

Community Breakfast – Saturday 25th June at 9.30am

Do come along and enjoy good food and fellowship. The speaker is Mother Helen Calner. Book via the office or tickettailor.

Feed My Sheep – Tuesday 28th June – 2.30 - 4pm

The theme is 'Occupations in the Bible'

Ambling through Acts course – Next meeting Thursday 7th July (7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month)

Led by Fr Steve, a study of the Acts of the Apostles will entail a close reading of the text. We will see the unfolding story of the beginnings of the church through the eyes of the writer, try to discern his purposes, discover new things, and learn that though the context has changed, human nature remains much the same. Hence, the struggles of those first followers may find resonances in our own day

as we live out our individual lives of discipleship and participate together in the life of the church.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at the end. We will 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.

<u>Conscious Inclusion – Saturday 24th September – 10am – 12.30pm</u>

You are cordially invited to attend a session in church, hosted by the PCC, on the subject of "Conscious Inclusion - if we don't consciously include we will unconsciously exclude", on Saturday the 24th September between 10-12.30.

It will explore why inclusion is important at St Hilda's, followed by reflections on the impact of bias - insiders/outsiders and micro behaviours what this looks like with examples linked to aspects of our identity e.g. age, gender, race etc.

Could you please confirm your attendance with the parish office.

Eco Church Volunteers Needed

The Church of England is seeking to reach "net zero" carbon by 2030 to meet a target set by the General Synod in 2020 and we at St Hilda's are looking closely at how we can help in moving towards this. We are planning to set up a small group to investigate how we can improve our eco credentials and encourage us all on the journey. If you would like to be involved please speak to Carolyn.

We need YOU!

Community Lunch – every Wednesday

Join us 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 – every Wednesday

Bible Study group meet in Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Food Bank Donations

Please use the wooden chest at the rear of the Church to place any donations for the local food bank, such as tinned and dried goods and toiletries.

Paving Slabs needed

If anyone has any spare slabs that could be used in the Memorial Garden, please see Paula Gething.

Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey - Date TBC

A parish pilgrimage is being arranged to Westminster Abbey, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the Church or contact the office. A date will be arranged if we have enough interest.

St Hilda's News

We are still looking for a new editor(s) to take over.

Sponsor a church chair

If you can help towards the cost of the last chairs or trolleys (that have now arrived), please complete the form at the rear of the Church.

- £90 covers the cost of a chair
- £225 covers the cost of a stacking trolly

Job Opportunities at Bishop Wand School

Please see the school website for further details – application deadline is tomorrow.



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The Bishop Wand C of E School in Sunbury on Thames is looking to recruit to various non-teaching positions as soon as possible.

We currently have vacancies for:

- Exam Invigilators (flexible role £9.50/hour)
- · Learning Support Assistants (full-time, term-time only)
- Site Officer/Caretaker (full-time)
- · Science Technician (full time, term-time only)

If you are interested in joining our School community and would like detailed information on any of the above roles, please visit the 'Working for Us' area of the School website www.bishopwand.surrey.sch.uk

Training will be given to suitable candidates with no previous experience.

The deadline for applications to be submitted for all positions is 6^{th} June 2022, 10am. We reserve the right to interview on receipt of application.

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