

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## COMMUNION SERVICE THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
Brothers and sisters, with one voice  
Make all men know He is your choice.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The first Apostles round them drew  
Thousands of faithful men and true  
Sharing a faith for ever new;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Then magnify the Lord, and raise  
Anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,  
All the world over, seek again  
The Way disciples followed then.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same:  
Place the same hope in His great name,  
With the same faith His word proclaim.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let Love's unconquerable might  
God's people everywhere unite  
In service to the Lord of light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

[George Bell]

## **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 or introduction are said.*

## **Prayer of Preparation – Sit or kneel**

**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**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save from our sins  
and to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all

**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 us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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** - *The Collect for the Week is said after a moment of silence*

Almighty God  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**All Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament Reading – Psalm 51: 1 - 13**

*Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy*

*blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.  
Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.*

*You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.*

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading – Ephesians 4: 1 – 16**

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading – John 6: 24 - 35**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** – *All sit*

**The Creed** – *All Stand*

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

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

## **Prayers of Intercession** – *We sit or kneel*

*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*

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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**

**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**.Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fighting within and fears without  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
Because Thy promise I believe  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**.Just as I am (Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down),  
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**.Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
Here for a season then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

[Charlotte Elliott]

## **Thematic Reading – Luke 24:30-34**

*At the lectern.*

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”

**Blessing of God for his goodness  
Blessed are you,  
God of those who hunger and thirst,  
for you give us our food in due season.  
You nourish us with your word,  
Which is the bread of life.  
You strengthen us with your Spirit,  
the new wine of your kingdom.  
In Christ you are food for the hungry,  
refreshment for the weary.  
Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer.  
Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*From the lectern.*

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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The minister moves to the Table and says*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The people and minister receive communion.*

## **Communion Hymn**

**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]

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!**

[Liturgy of St. James tr. Gerard Moultrie]

**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
For thy flesh is meat indeed:  
Ever may our souls be fed  
With this true and living bread,  
Day by day with strength supplied  
Through the life of him who died.**

**Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies  
This blest cup of sacrifice;  
'Tis thy wounds our healing give;  
To thy cross we look and live.  
Thou our life! O let us be  
Rooted, grafted, built on thee.**

[Josiah Conder]

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept after which the Post-Communion prayer is said.*

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal the fulness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and language to share in the  
eternal banquet of 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.*

*Notices*

**THE DISMISSAL**

## **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen**

*The minister and people depart.*

## **Recessional Hymn**

**Guide me O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land:  
I am weak but thou art mighty,  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey though:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer  
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction**

**Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.**

*[William Williams tr. Peter Williams]*

## SERVICE TIMES

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 9.45am

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 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	Sheila West
Darren Burkin	Pat Kyle	Philip Willerton
Robb Clarke	Libby Mills	Chick Wilson
Daniel Cohen	Raymond Nation	Peter Wilson
Rebecca Cohen	Pat Parish	Jo Wood
Mary Congdon	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Erin
Ann Considine	Delphine Scrivener	George
Julia Cowley	Riley Shaw	Izzy
Michael Dixon	Elsie Stone	Nic
Peter Garner	Roy Stone	Baby Reuben
Eileen Gilbert	Sandra Swain	Bob
Alison Griffiths	Rev. Peter Taylor	Margaret
Jean Iddiols	Carla Wells	

#### RECENTLY DEPARTED

Marion Muggeridge	William Loveridge	Ronald Winslade
Paul Harvey	Daphne Roberts	

#### THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK

Edith Emily Howe	Angela Dickenson	William George Mills (Snr)
Brian Malcolm De Pear	Joan Merrilees	Eric Barnett-Roberts
Cecily Chippendale	John Henry Wakeling	

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

# NOTICES

The Parish Office is available by phone weekdays 9am – 5pm

## Church Opening

St Hilda's is open for public worship services. We will be continuing the ticket booking system and ask that people wear masks for the service.

Day of Service	Booking Opens	Booking Closes	Livestream
Sunday	Monday 9am	Friday 5pm	Yes
Wednesday	Thursday 9am	Tuesday midday	No

## Spelthorne Deanery Confirmations

Spelthorne deanery confirmation service is taking place at St Hilda's on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm.

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. If you were baptized at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At the confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be here to promise to support and pray for you. Bishop Graham will lay his hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life.

If you would like to find out more, please do get in touch with Fr Joseph.

Confirmation preparation for adults will run on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## Hope Into Action

Homelessness has been a key element of St Hilda's missional engagement and St Hilda has started to support Hope Into Action:

*"We provide not just shelter and housing know-how but also friendship. Together with over 70 churches, we provide direct support to people whom others have often given up on. Our vision is for every church to lovingly provide the homeless with a home. The tragedy of homelessness is in every community"*

There are two blue wheelie bins, one in church and one in the church hall to take

donations of clothes, belts and shoe. It will all be sold, and the proceeds donated towards the partnership with Hope Into Action. Please – clean clothes, paired shoes, and belts only. We cannot do anything with bedding, towels, curtains, and other soft furnishings.

### **Junior Church**

Junior Church will return with the book bag blessing service on 29<sup>th</sup> August. All children are welcome in the service in Church during the summer break.

### **Young Christian Climate Network Walking Relay**

This is taking place from 13<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> October. The walkers will be stopping at St Hilda's on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Details are in this weeks St Hilda's News.

### **ALMA Parish Twinning**

St Hilda's are to twin with the Parish of Holy Cross, Murrupula, in Nampula, Mozambique. Full details of this are in this week's St Hilda's News.

### **Women's Breakfast**

Starting on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> October, it will be a time for fellowship, followed by a cooked full English breakfast, and a talk by a guest a speaker.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Starting on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> September. It will be a time for fellowship, followed by a cooked full English breakfast, and a talk by a guest speaker.

### **Soup and roll**

Starting on Wednesday 29th September, after the 11am service and continuing on the last service of each month.

*There's something spiritual about breaking bread together. After the Eucharist, we will gather for soup and roll. It will be an excellent way to get to know each other better, to share in fellowship, meet some new faces and enjoy a delicious home cooked soup with a bread roll.*

### **Thread Donations**

We have been asked if we can support a local project with donations of any unwanted thread, embroidery thread or wool. There is a box at the rear of the Church for any donations.

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

An information sheet is 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**

The Sunday Tea and Chat is taking a short break for the summer, we are currently looking at holding this at another time as following the lifting of covid restrictions.



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