

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY PETER AND PAUL THE APOSTLES 10AM 29 JUNE 2025

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*Welcome to St Hilda's. We are delighted that you are able to share in our morning worship today,*

*If you are new to the church please do take time to introduce yourself to the people at the back of the church and to the ministry team at the end of the service. We would be delighted to meet you.*

*If you are able please join us for tea or coffee after the service so we can get to know one another.*

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# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound wherever he reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honours to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeats the long Amen.

*[Isaac Watts]*

## The Greeting

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

**All    Amen**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All    and also with you.**

*Words of welcome are said; we pray with Junior Church.*

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**All**    Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.    Amen.

## **Prayers of Penitence**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us 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 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,  
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,  
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul  
glorified you in their death as in their life:  
grant that your Church,  
inspired by their teaching and example,  
and made one by your Spirit,  
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All**    **Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading** –Acts 12:1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he

said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **New Testament Reading –2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

Fight the good fight with all thy might,  
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace,  
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;  
Life with its way before us lies,  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, upon thy Guide  
Lean, and his mercy will provide;  
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove  
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near,  
He changeth not, and thou art dear;  
Only believe, and thou shalt see  
That Christ is all in all to thee.

*[J. S. B. Monsell]*

## Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:13-19

Alleluia, alleluia.

I do not call you servants but friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything that I have heard from my Father.

**All Alleluia.**

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

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,  
he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of



Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Taizé chant: O Christe Domine Jesu**

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**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**

Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints,  
let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

*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 fellow-citizens with the saints  
and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to  
those who were far off and those who were near.

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*

**My song is love unknown,  
My Saviour's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown  
That they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

**He came from his blest throne  
Salvation to bestow,  
But men made strange, and none  
The longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my friend, my friend indeed,  
Who at my need his life did spend!**

**Sometimes they strew his way  
And his sweet praises sing,  
Resounding all the day  
Hosannas to their King.**

Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
And for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these  
Themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise

They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes  
That he his foes from thence might free.

In life no house, no home,  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb,  
But what a stranger gave.  
What my I say? Heav'n was his home,  
But mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing;  
No story so divine,  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

[Samuel Crossman (1624-1684)  
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*The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you**

Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
because you formed your Church on the apostles  
to stand firm for ever,  
as a sign on earth of your infinite holiness  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.*

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
*Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.*

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All    Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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**

*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*

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.



**All**    **We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

*All confirmed Anglicans, as well as all baptized Christians who truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and are in a state of grace, are welcome to receive communion, provided they would normally do so in their own church. If you are not receiving communion today, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing; please indicate this by bringing your order of service with you.*

## **Communion Hymns**

**Anthem:** Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes

*[Thomas Attwood*

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a division of The Lorenz Corporation (Admin. by Music Services)]*

'Thou art the Christ, O Lord,  
The Son of God most high!'  
For ever be adored  
That Name in earth and sky,  
In which, though mortal strength may fail,  
The saints of God at last prevail.

O surely he was blest  
With blessedness unpriced,  
Who, taught of God, confessed  
The Godhead in the Christ;  
For of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own  
Thy saint a true foundation-stone.

Thrice fallen, thrice restored!  
The bitter lesson learnt,  
That heart for thee, O Lord,  
With triple ardour burned.  
The cross he took he laid not down  
Until he grasped the martyr's crown.

O bright triumphant faith,  
O courage void of fears,  
O love most strong in death,  
O penitential tears!  
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,  
And make us go where thou shalt call.

*[W. Walsham How]*

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never-failing skill  
He treasures up His bright designs,  
And works his sovereign will

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy and, shall break  
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
But trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,  
And scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter  
And he will make it plain.

*[William Cowper]*

## **Prayers after Communion**

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

Almighty God,  
who on the day of Pentecost  
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles  
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,  
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:  
by the power of the same Spirit  
strengthen us to witness to your truth  
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**All** Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

<b>Notices</b> - see page 23
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## THE DISMISSAL

### Blessing

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,  
bring you, with Peter and Paul and all the saints,  
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;  
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Recessional Hymn

Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now his brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose, as of that rose the stem;  
The Root whence mercy ever flows,  
The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love!  
Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end, and round his piercèd feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
Glassed in a sea of light, where everlasting waves  
Reflect his throne - the Infinite!  
Who lives - and loves - and saves.

*[Matthew Bridges]*

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

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

Ben Bishop	John Hunt	Edith Smith
Stan Bishop	Pat Kyle	Delia Woodley
AnneMarie Bough	Ray Nation	Ben
Tony Diggins	John Parish	David
Sheila Freeman	Pat Parish	Fiona
Gemma Hart	Massimo Pellizzari	Geoff
John Hare	Lena Richardson	Peter

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Elishba Zachariah   Jane Samuels   Gerald Forsbrey   Maurice Watts

**THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Geoffrey Peace (Priest)	Eileen Oakes	Alan Littleworth
Evelyn Etheridge	John Fredrick Clark	
Dorothy Blanche Hale	Russell Mark Piesley	

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

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

Pray for the areas of the world where there is conflict, including:  
the Middle East including Gaza, the West Bank, Israel and Iran;  
India and Pakistan; Ukraine and Russia; Sudan; Myanmar.

## **SERVICE TIMES next week**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 11am** with Mothers' Union

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 10am**

Children have Messy Church in the church hall

## **NOTICES**

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

### **Safeguarding audit – your help is needed**

Over a five-year period, from 2023 – 2028, independent safeguarding audits are being carried out in every diocese across the Church of England. Each audit results in a report and action plan, to bring us closer to being a truly safe Church for all.

The survey is at <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/london/>



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

Do join us! If you are able to help, please liaise with Bobbie.

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

We meet in **church** most Wednesday evenings. This week we continue looking at the Nicene Creed which is 1700 years old this year. You are very welcome to join us.

### **Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm**

### **Induction of Helen Calner – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7pm**

**The Parish Office** : the Parish Administrator's hours are

Mon: 3.30-4.30pm, Wed: 12:00-5:00pm, Thur: 6.30-9.30pm

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