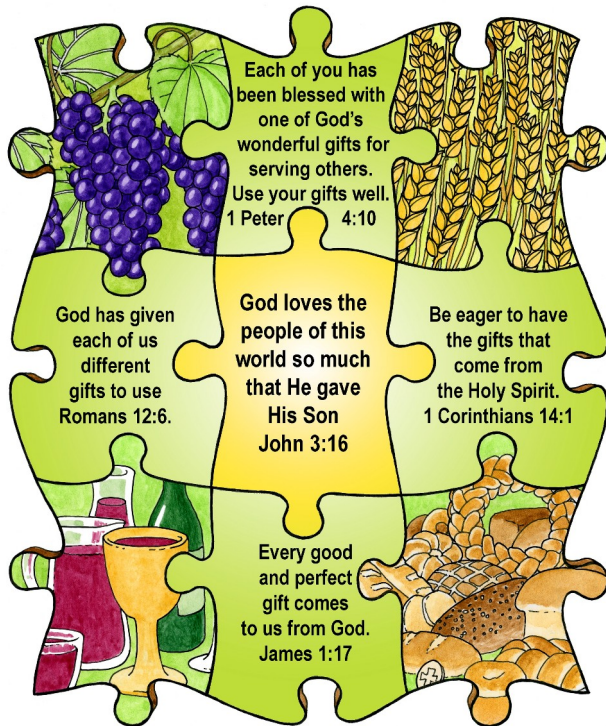


# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## HOLY CROSS DAY

### STEWARDSHIP: GRATITUDE

**10AM 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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.*

*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 toddlers' corner in the north aisle which young children are very welcome to use, and there activity sheets are available to occupy them.*

<p><i>Please indicate to the priest if you want a gluten free wafer during communion</i></p>
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# **THE GATHERING**

## **Introit Hymn**

Lord of beauty, thine the splendour  
Shown in earth and sky and sea,  
Burning sun and moonlight tender,  
Hill and river, flower and tree:  
Lest we fail our praise to render  
Touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying  
Mighty waters ebb and flow,  
While unhasting, undelaying,  
Planets on their courses go:  
In thy laws thyself displaying,  
Teach our minds thyself to know.

Lord of life, alone sustaining  
All below and all above,  
Lord of love, by whose ordaining  
Sun and stars sublimely move:  
In our earthly spirits reigning,  
Lift our hearts that we may love.

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,  
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,  
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,  
And, with wisdom purified,  
Lord of all, when all have known thee,  
Thou in all art glorified.

*[C. A. Alington*

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## 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 us,  
pardon and deliver us from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us 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** - *The Collect for the Week is said after a moment of silence*

Almighty God,  
who in the passion of your blessed Son  
made an instrument of painful death  
to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ  
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading** – Exodus 36:2-7

Moses then called Bezalel and Oholiab and everyone skilful to whom the Lord had given skill, everyone whose heart was stirred to come to do the work; and they received from Moses all the freewill-offerings that the Israelites had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill-offerings every morning, so that all the artisans who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task being performed, and said to Moses, 'The people are bringing much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do.' So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp: 'No man or woman is to make

anything else as an offering for the sanctuary.’ So the people were restrained from bringing; for what they had already brought was more than enough to do all the work.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading – Philippians 4:16–20**

For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be 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**

**This is the day the Lord has made,  
He calls the hours his own;  
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,  
And praise surround his throne.**

**Blest be the Lord who came to men  
With heavenly truth and grace,  
Who came in God his Father’s name,  
To save a sinful race.**

**Today he rose and left the dead,  
And Satan's empire fell;  
Today the saints his triumphs spread,  
And all his wonders tell.**

*[Isaac Watts and NEH Editors]*

## **Gospel Reading – Luke 17:11–19**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

**All Alleluia.**

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Taizè* **In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice  
Look to God, do not be afraid,  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**



## **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 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

*During this hymn a collection will be taken. You can use the  
QR code on page 2 for online donations.*

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
Like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in his justice,  
Which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
Are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings  
Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measure of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal  
Is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
By false limits of our own;  
And we magnify his strictness  
With a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption  
In the blood that has been shed;  
There is joy for all the members  
In the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
Of new worlds as great as this;  
There is room for fresh creations  
In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,  
We should take him at his word;  
And our lives would be all gladness  
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

[F. W. Faber]

*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.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

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**

**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*

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**

**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]*

*Song: One Bread, One Body*

*[John Michael Talbot & Terry Talbot  
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**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]*

## **Prayers after Communion**

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

Faithful God,  
whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree  
and gave us this sacrament  
to show forth his death until he comes:  
give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for he is our salvation, our life and our hope,  
who reigns as Lord, now and for ever..

**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.**

<p><b>Notices</b> – <i>see pages 22 - 23</i> <i>followed by a short seminar about Parish giving and one-off giving</i></p>
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## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your 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 you and remain with you always    **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **Recessional Hymn**

Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Hath 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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**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

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

Ben Bishop, Stan Bishop, AnneMarie Bough, Sandra Davis, Tony Diggins, Sheila Freeman, Gemma Hart, John Hunt, Pat Kyle, Denis Marshall, Ray Nation, John Parish, Massimo Pellizzari, Dorothy Reid, Edith Smith, Delia Woodley, Ben, Debora, Fiona, Melissa, Peter

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Lena Richardson

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

Nina Mary Hunt, Joseph Arthur Bollons, Graham Leslie Smith, May Thorley, Doris Maggie Franklin, Victor Leslie Crow, Stanley Leonard Bailey, Billy Noel Harden, Shirley Ratcliffe, Charles Frederick Crick

**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 17<sup>th</sup> September 11am**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 10am**

**Continuation of Stewardship month, with the theme of  
Giving: a command of scripture**

## NOTICES

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

Send to [communication@sthilda.org](mailto:communication@sthilda.org)

The Collation and Installation of **The Revd Prebendary Joseph Fernandes** as Vice-Dean and Canon for Congregation and Community will take place in Chelmsford Cathedral this afternoon. Please pray for him in his new ministry.

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

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

We meet in **church** most Wednesday evenings. This week we are looking at Peter's second epistle. You are very welcome to join us.

### **Lena Richardson's Funeral: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am**

Cremation and celebration of the life of Ernestine Eulene Richardson will take place in the Jamieson Chapel at Hanworth Crematorium (TW15 5JH), followed by a light finger buffet, tea and drinks at Ashford Manor Golf Club (TW15 3RT) at 1pm.

Wear and accessorise clothes with bright colours

### **Jumble Sale – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm**

In church. Admission £1

Proceeds to the Hall Toilet Fund

Helpers are needed to sort the donated goods from 10am, to sell the goods, and to clear up afterwards.

### **Feed My Sheep - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 2.30pm**

in the Small Hall. The topic will be The Oxford Movement.

### **Parish Mission Weekend - 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Friday at 6pm

Saturday 9 – 2pm at Thomas Knyvett School - sign-up sheet for lunch is at the back of church.

Thanksgiving service at 10am on Sunday

## St. Hilda's Church - Income and Expenditure January-July 2025)

Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Income	£8,051	£9,787	£11,424	£8,035	£13,036	£13,963	£14,180
Expenditure	£10,244	£12,951	£11,433	£13,565	£13,853	£8,449	£9,456

### **Food Bank Donations**

We continue to collect food (not near its use by or best before date) and toiletry items for the food bank at the Salvation Army. Please put your donations in the chest at the back of church.

**The Salvation Army have again thanked us** for our donations, but still have more than enough pasta and baked beans, so please don't give these until further notice!

### **The Parish Office** : Office hours are

Mon: by appointment only,

Tue: 9am-6pm, Wed: 12 noon-4:00pm, Thur: 9am-6pm

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