ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



PATRONAL FESTIVAL AND 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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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.

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THE GATHERING

Processional Hymn

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Lift high...

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. Lift high...

Saved by this Cross whereon their Lord was slain, The sons of Adam their lost home regain. Lift high...

From north and south, from east and west they raise In growing unison their song of praise. *Lift high...*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. Lift high...

Let every race and every language tell
Of him who saves our souls from death and hell. Lift high...

[George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956 © 1974, Hope Publishing Co.]

^{*} Each new-born soldier of the Crucifed Bears on his brow the seal of him who died. Lift high...

^{*}This is the sign which Satan's legions fear And angels veil their faces to revere. Lift high...

^{*} From farthest regions let them homage bring, And on his Cross adore their Saviour King. Lift high...

^{*}Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease Beneath the shadow of its healing pease. Lift high...

^{*} For thy blest Cross which doth for all atone Creation's praises rise before thy throne.. Lift high...

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

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11.28)

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3.16)

Hear what Saint Paul says:

This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance,

that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

(1 Timothy 1.15)

Hear what Saint John says:

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 2.1, 2)

Let us confess our sins and failings and ask him who is rich in mercy for forgiveness and peace.

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 us in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,

All and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect - The Collect for St. Hilda is said after a moment of silence

Eternal God, who made the abbess Hilda to shine like a jewel in our land and through her holiness and leadership blessed your Church with new life and unity: help us, like her, to yearn for the gospel of Christ and to reconcile those who are divided; through him 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 – Isaiah ch 61 v 10 - ch 62 v 5

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest. until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - Revelation ch 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Christ is our Cornerstone,
On him alone we build;
With his true saints alone
The courts of heaven are filled:
On his great love our hopes we place
Of present grace and joys above.

Oh, then with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim in joyful song
Both loud and long, that glorious Name.

Here may we gain from heaven,
The grace which we implore;
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore,
Until that day when all the blest
To endless rest are called away.

[Latin c. 7th century tr. John Chandler]

Gospel Reading – Luke 19:11-28

Alleluia, alleluia.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news

All Alleluia

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

As they were listening to this, he went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. So he said, 'A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power

for himself and then return. He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them, "Do business with these until I come back." But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saving, "We do not want this man to rule over us." When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by trading. The first came forward and said, "Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds." He said to him, "Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities." Then the second came, saying, "Lord, your pound has made five pounds." He said to him, "And you, rule over five cities." Then the other came, saying, "Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow." He said to him, "I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? Why then did you not put my money into the bank? Then when I returned, I could have collected it with interest." He said to the bystanders, "Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds." (And they said to him, "Lord, he has ten pounds!") "I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. But as for these enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and slaughter them in my presence."'

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

[George Herbert]

The Sermon – All sit

Profession of Faith

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers end with the following:

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace – All stand

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

All

During this hymn a collection will be taken. You can use the QR code on page 2, and on the back of the chairs, for online donations.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us, You are one with us, Mary's Son; Cleansing our souls from all their sin, Pouring your love and goodness in; Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of you:
Into our lives your power breaks through, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us, Born as one with us, Mary's Son; Led out to die on Calvary, Risen from death to set us free, Living Lord Jesus, help us see you are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you, live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through, living Lord.

[Patrick Appleford © Words and music: 1960 Josef Weinberger Ltd]

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

Lord, accept the gifts we bring to your table on this feast of Saint Hilda
Free us from the things that keep us from you and teach us to seek you as our only good.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, 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 for Hilda and all who have consecrated their lives to Christ for the sake of the kingdom; for in them you show us your saving love and call us back to 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

In the language of your heart let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

We say the Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God,

All you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion
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

Father, hear the prayer we offer:

Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.

Not forever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be;
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.

Not forever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness, In our wanderings be our guide; Through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be thou at our side.

[Maria Willis]

Anthem: When in our music God is glorified

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In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
For the saints who before us have found their reward;
When the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
But now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,
He called them away from our worship below,
But not till his love, at the font and the altar,
Had girt them with grace for the way they should go.

These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
And dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
Yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
And still they were seeking the city of God.

Sing praise, then, for all who here sought and here found him, Whose journey is ended, whose perils are past; They believed in the Light; and its glory is round them, Where the clouds of earth's sorrows are lifted at last.

[William Draper]

Prayers after Communion

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

Merciful God, who gave such grace to your servant Hilda that she served you with singleness of heart and loved you above all things: help us, whose communion with you has been renewed in this sacrament, to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Notices – see pages 22-23

THE DISMISSAL

St. Hilda's prayer

All May I be equal to your hope of me.

If I am weak, I ask that you send only what I can bear.
If I am strong, may I shrink from no testing
that shall yield increase of strength or win security for my
spirit.

I trust in thee, O Lord.

I say, 'Thou art my God.' My times are in thy hand.

Amen

The Blessing

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and steadfastness; 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

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 blessèd 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]

Please join us for tea or coffee after the service, then for our St. Hilda's Day lunch.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THOSE FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ASKED:

Ben Bishop, Stan Bishop, AnneMarie Bough, Wendy Butt, Tony Diggins, Sheila Freeman, Gemma Hart, John Hunt, Pat Kyle, Ray Nation, John Parish, Massimo Pellizzari, Dorothy Reid, Elsie Stone, Jeremy Weston, Delia Woodley, Abby, Ben, Callum, Darren, Fiona, Mandy, Pauline, Peter, Ramin

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Julie Carr, Susan Finch, Deborah Jane Cogley

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK:

Matthew Davey, Geoffrey Ratcliffe, Alfred Thornton, Herbert G S Matthews, Amy Lovejoy, John Wright, Agatha Bell, Peter Robert Scott, Charles F Scrivener, Lee Stewart Tanner, Alfred Leonard Dale, William Henry Hunter, Alan Dudley Rogers, Arthur William Allport, Penelope K B Waterton, Florence Elizabeth Mills, Irene Amelia Eade, William Warrender, Lucy Baker, Orde Dobbie. Anne Hollinson, Raymond John Granger

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 19th November 11am
Sunday 23rd November 10am –Christ the King

NOTICES

The deadline for items for the Service Sheet is noon on Thursday. Send to communication@sthilda.org

MEMORIAL BOOKS

We shall be taking our Memorial Books to be updated at the end of this month. Anyone wishing to make an application for their loved one/s to be entered should ensure their application is with me, Frances Forsbrey by no later than **next Sunday** 23 November 2025.

Bible Study Group - Monday 17th November at 7.30pm.

In the **Hawley Room** in the church hall. This week we continue to look at Psalms. You are very welcome to join us.

Community Lunch in church - Wednesday at 12 noon

*** Frost Fair - Saturday 22nd November ***

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for volunteers to help. Donations are also wanted for the Toy Stall, the Tombola, and (full) bottles of wine for the Water-into-wine stall

Feed My Sheep – Tuesday 25th November at 2.30pm

In the Small Hall. The topic is John Wycliffe - 700th Anniversary

PCC meeting - Wednesday 26th November at 7.30pm

Community Sing – Friday 28th November at 8.10pm

In church. No commitments: each Friday is a stand alone session.

Christingle - Sunday 7th December at 4pm

A short child friendly service raising funds for the Children's Society. Collection boxes are available at the back of Church. Alternatively donations can be made electronically through Givestar, the Children's Society Christingle page under St Hilda's Church Ashford.

Ambling Through Acts - Thursday 11th December at 7.30pm

In church. Please bring a bible.

The Church Wardens of the Parish of St Hilda Ashford wish to inform the Parishioners of the marriage ceremony of our Vicar Fr Julius Anozie on the 3rd of January 2026 in Nigeria. The service will be streamed so all those who wish can join the service online.

*** Socks for Bronzefield ***

Spelthorne Deanery has again agreed to donate a pair of socks as a Christmas gift for each inmate of Bronzefield – so more than 500 pairs are needed. There will be a box at the back of church if you want to make a donation of socks.

* Communion Assistants *

We welcome application for all those who may wish to join our team of communion assistants. If you wish to help in administering the chalice during services and the like, please pick a form from the back of church and return it to the Churchwardens after filling it. Anyone from age 12 is welcomed. Application ends 30th of November 2025

* Servers *

Application forms are also available for those who wish to join the servers' team everyone is welcomed. Children below ages 12 but above 8 years old will be considered provided there is evidence of understanding of responsibility. Application forms are available at the back of church. Return completed forms to the Churchwardens 30th of November 2025

EcoChurch

We would like St. Hilda's to achieve a Silver EcoChurch award.

The Area Dean believes we can reach Silver very soon.

See Alison Garner and Rosemary Greenwood if you would like to join the EcoChurch Team to help us work towards this.

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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