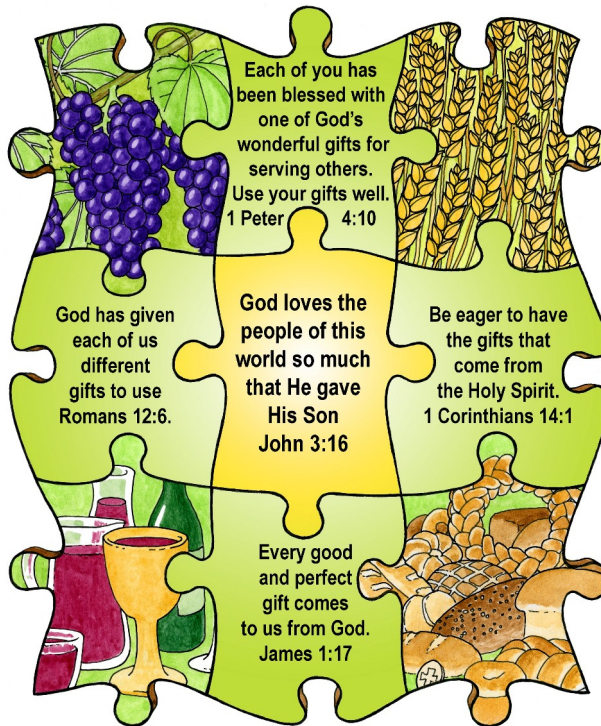


ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

10AM 7TH 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

We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching,
we are marching, oh,.
we are marching in the light of God.
(repeat)

We are living in the love of God.

We are moving in the power of God.

*[Traditional South African;
translation © Words: 1984, 1990 Peace Of Music Publishing]*

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.

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 Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, Amen!
Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, Amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in Christ Jesus!

Refrain

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the Spirit!

Refrain

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

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Exodus 35:4–5, 20–29

Moses said to all the congregation of the Israelites: This is the thing that the Lord has commanded: Take from among you an offering to the Lord; let whoever is of a generous heart bring the Lord's offering: gold, silver, and bronze.

Then all the congregation of the Israelites withdrew from the presence of Moses. And they came, everyone whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and brought the Lord's offering to be used for the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the sacred vestments. So they came, both men and women; all who were of a willing heart brought brooches and earrings and signet rings and pendants, all sorts of gold objects, everyone bringing an offering of gold to the Lord. And everyone who possessed blue or purple or crimson yarn or fine linen or goats' hair or tanned rams' skins or fine leather, brought them. Everyone who could make an offering of silver or bronze brought it as the Lord's offering; and everyone who possessed acacia wood of any use in the work, brought it. All the skilful women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun in blue and purple and crimson yarns and fine linen; all the women whose hearts moved them to use their skill spun the goats' hair. And the leaders brought onyx stones and gems to be set in the ephod and the breastpiece, and spices and oil for the light, and for the anointing-oil, and for the fragrant incense. All the Israelite men and women whose hearts made them willing to bring anything for the work that the Lord had commanded by Moses to be done, brought it as a freewill-offering to the Lord.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – 1 Peter 4:7-11

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power 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

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord,
And let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord,
And let there be light*

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Gospel Reading – Mark 10:13–16

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.

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to

them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Thuma mina **Thuma mina (x3),somandla.**
Send me, Jesus **Send me, Jesus, (x3) send me, Lord.**

The Sermon – All sit

The Creed

We say together in faith

**All Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

**All for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

**All for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**All the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
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.*

One more step along the world I go,
One more step along the world I go,
From the old things to the new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,
More and more about the world I learn;
All the new things that I see
You'll be looking at along with me:
Chorus

As I travel through the bad and good,
Keep me travelling the way I should;
Where I see no way to go
You'll be telling me the way, I know:
Chorus

Give me courage when the world is rough,
Keep me loving though the world is tough;
Leap and sing in all I do,
Keep me travelling along with you:
Chorus

You are older than the world can be,
You are younger than the life in me;
Ever old and ever new,
Keep me travelling along with you:
*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
Keep me travelling along with you.*

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Blessing of the Backpacks

Students and teachers hold their backpacks, bags, or briefcases.

God of all wisdom and knowledge,
pour out your blessing
on the schools represented here today,
that they may be lively centres
for sound learning and new discovery;
and grant that those who learn
may find you to be the source of all truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing with water

As this water is sprinkled on these students and teachers,
and on their backpacks,
may they be strengthened in memory, reason, and skill.
Amen.

God of all wisdom and knowledge,
bless and guide you in your learning and teaching. **Amen.**

All **May Jesus, who calls us each by name to follow him,
give you the courage and confidence
to be his disciples wherever you may be,
at school, at work, and at home.
May the gifts God has given you
be a source of blessing for you and for others. Amen.**

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**All He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
*Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.*

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
*Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.*

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

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.

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

Song: Make me a channel of your peace

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**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you.
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too.**

[Richard Gillard]

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**May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favour,
Rest upon us from above.**

**Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford.**

**To the God whose wisdom made us,
To the Son who set us free,
To the sanctifying Spirit,
Glory, endless glory, be!**

[John Newton]

Prayers after Communion

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

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of 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.

<p>Notices – see pages 22 - 23 <i>followed by a short seminar about Gift Aid</i></p>

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

May the Father
from whom every family in earth and heaven
receives its name
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith,
and that, knowing his love,
broad and long, deep and high beyond our knowledge,
you may be filled with all the fullness of God;

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

In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
In my failures, you won't walk out,
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea. (*Whoa oh*)
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, you won't let go.
In the questions, your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea. (*Whoa oh*)
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you! Oh
My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea. (*Whoa oh*)
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you! Oh
My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

Fire before us, you're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, you're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms. (*Hey!*)

**Fire before us, you're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms.**

**Fire before us, you're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms.**

**My lighthouse, my lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you! Oh
My lighthouse, my lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.**

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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, Edith Smith, Delia Woodley, Ben, Debora, Fiona, Melissa, Peter

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Lena Richardson

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK:

Elsie Staples, John Biliass, Leslie Frederick Cash, Brenda Mary Garrod Minall, Madge Lambert, Patty Althea Clarke, William George Mills, Daphne Bartlett, Neil Richard Lewis Jarvis, Kevin Gapper, Margaret Boyer, Victoria Beatrice Dale, John Barnett Mowe, Douglas Edmonds, Annie [Nancy] Dowding, Bert George Wooster

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 10th September 11am

Sunday 14th September 10am – Holy Cross Day

**Continuation of Stewardship month, with the theme of
Gratitude**

NOTICES

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

Send to 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 at **Choral Evensong on Sunday 21 September 2025 at 3.30pm.**

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church if you plan to attend. Please sign **by noon Today** so we can send a combined response.

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 first epistle. You are very welcome to join us.

Community Sing – Friday 12th September at 8.10pm

In church, fortnightly. No commitments: each Friday is stand alone to learn a single piece of music, try Taizé, sing for health and well-being

Parish Breakfast – Saturday 13th September at 9.30am

Do come along and enjoy good food and fellowship.

There will be a list at the back of church: if you intend to come please sign it so we know how many to cater for.

Suggested donation £5, payable on the day.

Lena Richardson's Funeral

will be on Thursday 18th September at 11.40am at Hanworth Crematorium

Jumble Sale – Saturday 20th 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.

Parish Mission Weekend - 26th - 28th 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

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