

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**10AM 03 AUGUST 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.*

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# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
*O praise him! O praise him!*  
*Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluya!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light:

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluya!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them His glory also show:

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluya!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One:  
*O praise him! O praise him!*  
*Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!*

[St. Francis of Assisi tr. William Draper]

## **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**    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.  
**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*

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** – Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.  
The more I called them,  
the more they went from me;  
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,  
and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
I took them up in my arms;  
but they did not know that I healed them.  
I led them with cords of human kindness,  
with bands of love.  
I was to them like those  
who lift infants to their cheeks.

I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt,  
and Assyria shall be their king,  
because they have refused to return to me.

The sword rages in their cities,  
it consumes their oracle-priests,  
and devours because of their schemes.

My people are bent on turning away from me.  
To the Most High they call,  
but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
How can I hand you over, O Israel?  
How can I make you like Admah?  
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?  
My heart recoils within me;  
my compassion grows warm and tender.  
I will not execute my fierce anger;  
I will not again destroy Ephraim;  
for I am God and no mortal,  
the Holy One in your midst,  
and I will not come in wrath.

They shall go after the Lord,  
who roars like a lion;  
when he roars,  
his children shall come trembling from the west.  
They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,  
and like doves from the land of Assyria;  
and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading – Colossians 3:1-11**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**

**In Christ there is no East or West,  
In him no South or North;  
But one great fellowship of love  
Throughout the whole wide earth.**



Join hands, then, brothers of the faith,  
Whatever your race may be;  
Who serves my Father as a son  
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,  
In him meet South and North;  
All Christlike souls are one in him,  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

*[John Oxenham]*

### **Gospel Reading – Luke 12:13-21**

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.**

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with

those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **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.*

**In Christ alone, my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe,  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave he rose again.  
And as he stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am his and he is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death:  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny.**

**No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from his hand  
Till he returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

*[Keith Getty and Stuart Townend © 2001 Thankyou Music]*

*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 truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.  
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,

and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.  
And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.  
And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:

**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

### **Anthem: *Fairest Lord Jesus***

*[tr. Lilian Sinclair Stevenson, tune arr. Martin How*

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Jerusalem the golden,  
With milk and honey blest,  
Beneath thy contemplation  
Sink heart and voice oppressed.  
I know not, O I know not,  
What social joys are there,  
What radiancy of glory,  
What light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,  
Conjubilant with song,  
And bright with many an angel,  
And all the martyr throng;  
The Prince is ever in them,  
The daylight is serene.  
The pastures of the blessèd  
Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,  
And there, from care released,  
The shout of them that triumph,  
The song of them that feast;  
And they who, with their Leader,  
Have conquered in the fight,  
For ever and for ever  
Are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessèd country,  
Shall I ever see thy face?  
O sweet and blessèd country,

Shall I ever win thy grace?  
Exult, O dust and ashes!  
The Lord shall be thy part:  
His only, his forever,  
Thou shalt be, and thou art.

[Bernard of Cluny, tr. J. M. Neale]

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]

## Prayers after Communion

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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, 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.**

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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

All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew,  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tower and temple fall to dust.  
But God's power, hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore from his store  
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'almighty Giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ, his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

*[Robert Bridges based on the German of J. Neander]*

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

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

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

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Pat Parish, David Edwards, Elishba Zachariah

**THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Brian Malcolm de Pear, Joan Merrilees, Eric Barnett-Roberts, Cecily Chippendale, John Henry Wakeling, Nancy Wootton, Rose Cash

**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 6<sup>th</sup> August 11am**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 10am**

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## NOTICES

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

### **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.

### **Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm**

in church: everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at the end. We finish by saying Compline (Night Prayer) together round about 9pm. I hope to see you there. Please bring a bible – ideally the NRSV, but any version will do.

### **David Edwards funeral – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

11am            Committal at Hanworth Crematorium

12 noon        Service of Thanksgiving at St. Hilda's Church

Please support Eileen and her family

### **Pat Parish funeral – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

11am            at St. Hilda's Church

12.20pm       Committal at Hanworth Crematorium

Pat was a member of our Mothers' Union and the Hall Committee

Please support John and his family

### **Community Sing – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm**

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

### **Family Weekend – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September**

For Junior Church members and their families

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

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

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

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