

# ST HILDA'S ASHFORD



## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

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

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# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
And the precious corner-stone,  
Who, the two walls underlying,  
Bound in each, binds both in one,  
Holy Sion's help forever,  
And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
Dearly loved by God on high,  
In exultant jubilation,  
Pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Threefold glory,  
Singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness,  
Hear thy people as they pray;  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;  
Here to have and hold for ever,  
Those good things their prayers obtain,  
And hereafter, in thy glory,  
With thy blessed ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,  
Laud and honour to the Son,  
Laud and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One;  
One in love, and One in splendour,  
While unending ages run.

*[Latin c 7th Century tr. J. M. Neale]*

## **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*

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All    Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** – Isaiah 1:1,10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah  
and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah,  
kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom!  
Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!  
What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the Lord;  
I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;  
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,  
    who asked this from your hand?  
    Trample my courts no more;  
bringing offerings is futile;  
    incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—  
    I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.  
Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
    my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me,  
    I am weary of bearing them.  
When you stretch out your hands,  
    I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
    I will not listen;  
    your hands are full of blood.  
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
    remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil, learn to do good;  
seek justice, rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan, plead for the widow.  
  
Come now, let us argue it out,  
    says the Lord:  
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;  
though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.  
If you are willing and obedient,  
    you shall eat the good of the land;  
but if you refuse and rebel,  
    you shall be devoured by the sword;  
    for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading – Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



## Gradual Hymn

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might;  
His will obey, him serve aright;  
For thee the Saints uplift their voice:  
Fear not, O land, in God rejoice.

Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,  
With joy and peace thou shalt abound;  
Yea, love with thee shall make his home  
Until thou see God's kingdom come.

He shall forgive thy sins untold:  
Remember thou his love of old;  
Walk in his way, his word adore,  
And keep his truth for evermore.

*[Robert Bridges]*

## Gospel Reading – Luke 12:32-40

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.**

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him

as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Thuma mina.

**All Thuma mina, thuma mina, thuma mina, somandla.**

Send me, Jesus.

**All Send me, Jesus, (x3) send me, Lord.**

## **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.*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be thou mine Inheritance now and always:  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*[Irish c. 8th century  
tr. Mary Byrne, versified Eleanor Hull]*

*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

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

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

**Song: Bless the Lord, O my soul**

*[Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman  
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Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fighting within, and fears without,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
Because thy promise I believe,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am (thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down),  
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

Just as I am, of that free love  
The breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
Here for a season then above,  
*O Lamb of God, I come.*

*[Charlotte Elliott]*

## Prayers after Communion

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

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;  
glory to you 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.

<b>Notices</b> - see page 22
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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**

**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]*

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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, 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, Eric, Fiona, Melissa, Peter

**THE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Pat Parish, David Edwards, Elishba Zachariah

**THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Queenie Boulden, Richard Eric Clifton, Ellen Ada Florence Eveline Clifton, L Dudley Hughes, Betty May Urwin, Alan William Palmer

**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 13<sup>th</sup> August 11am**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 10am**

## NOTICES

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

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

### **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.

### **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

### **September will be our Stewardship month**

### **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: by appointment only,

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



**The Hall Toilet fund has reached at least £2,454**

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