



ST Hilda's
Warley Woods



St Hilda's is proud to be a member of the Inclusive Church Network.

3rd August 2025

7th Sunday after Trinity

In here you'll find today's hymns and readings, and this week's notices to use alongside the Ordinary Time Holy Communion order of service.

Today we welcome Rev'd Canon Catherine Grylls as our guest preacher and presider. Catherine works for the diocese in Mission Support.

Opening Hymn: Lord we come to ask your healing

Lord, we come to ask your healing, teach us of love;
all unspoken shame revealing, teach us of love.

Take our selfish thoughts and actions,
petty feuds, divisive factions,
hear us now to you appealing, teach us of love.

Soothe away our pain and sorrow, hold us in love;
Grace we cannot buy or borrow, hold us in love.
Though we see but dark and danger,
though we spurn both friend and stranger,
Though we often dread tomorrow, hold us in love.

When the bread is raised and broken, fill us with love;
Words of consecration spoken, fill us with love.
As our grateful prayers continue,
make the faith that we have in you
more than just an empty token, fill us with love

Help us live for one another, bind us in love;
Stranger, neighbour, father, mother – bind us in love.
All are equal at your table,
through your spirit make us able
to embrace as sister, brother, Bind us in love.

Jean Holloway, tune ar Hyd Nos

Collect¹

We are a pre-occupied people:
too much caught up in self indulgence,
seeking to disguise the discomfort of our existence.
You are the God deeply committed:
unable to give us up;
unable to give us over.
Redeem us from the so-called easy way of life.
Call us afresh to a re-ordered inconvenient life
that renounces pious, romantic religion,
and practises the memory of Jesus. **Amen.**

¹ Graham Turner, *Alternative Collects: Prayers to a Disruptive & Compassionate God*, Sacristy Press, 2018, page 94

First 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. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ 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!

Gradual hymn: In Christ there is no east or west

Number 477 in Common Praise

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ ¹⁴ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ ¹⁵ 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.’ ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” ²⁰ 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?” ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Offertory Hymn: Heaven shall not wait

Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience,
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted;
in him injustice confronts its timely end.

Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,
the proud to fall, the élite to tend the least:
Jesus is Lord; he has shown the master's privilege—
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.

Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.

Heaven shall not wait for triumphant Hallelujahs,
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:
Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection;
his power and love are for now; and then for evermore.

Graham Maule & John L. Bell

Communion hymn: As the dear pants for the water
Number 37 in Mission Praise

Final hymn: Be thou my vision

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 thee, and I with thee, Lord, be thou my
heart's great love, and I am thine own,
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 need not, nor vain empty praise:
Be thou my 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.

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 6th August 10am: Holy Communion
Sunday 10th August 10:30am: Morning Prayer
Wednesday 13th August 10am: Holy Communion
Sunday 17th August 10:30am: Holy Communion

Judith's Service of Thanksgiving – 18th August 2025

We would like to invite you to a Service of Thanksgiving for Judith Gibbens at St. Hilda's church on Monday, 18 August 2025 at 11:30am. This will be followed by a service at Lodge Hill Crematorium at 1:00pm.

We hope you will also be able to join us for refreshments and sharing memories of Judith which will be in St. Hilda's church after the services.

Alan, Chris, Lizzie and Vicky

PCC TREASURER NEEDED – URGENT

We urgently need someone to take on the role of Treasurer. This is an important role in the life of the church. You do not need to be an expert in finances, just a willingness to learn and computerate literacy. Terry Daniels, our interim treasurer will work with you to ensure a handover and you will have the support of the Wardens and PCC. As a PCC member you will need to complete some Safeguarding modules and have an enhanced DBS. Please speak to Jenni or Terry if you think you may be able to take on this role.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR (PSC)

After over a decade in this role Anne Harris intends to step down at the next APCM. We are seeking to recruit in time for a smooth handover from Anne and for the next PSC to work alongside Mike Baynham as part of a team.

This role is; to work with the incumbent and PCC in promoting

safeguarding within the parish, and to ensure that church leaders are implementing the Church of England's safeguarding guidance. The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is the key link person between the parish and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

This role requires an enhanced DBS and completion of several training modules offered by the Diocese. Good computer literacy is essential for this as it includes working with a database.

If you think this might be something you would be interested in and God is calling you to consider it, please speak to Anne Harris or Jenni Crewes. We can offer you a more detailed role description.

Please pray for the right person to be recruited for this essential aspect of parish life.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVER(S) NEEDED

We are seeking a new member (or perhaps members!) to join our team of Holy Communion servers. This role includes assisting with the preparation of the altar, helping with the distribution of Holy Communion and clearing at the end of the service. Due to the nature of our building Servers need to be able to use stairs. Full training will be given, including Basic Awareness Safeguarding which is imperative for any volunteer role in the church. Please speak to Jenni or Ian if this interest you.

THE BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT: NEXT WEEK 10TH AUGUST!

After the Sunday service next week, we'll join the Big Butterfly Count - a UK-wide survey helping monitor environmental health by counting butterflies for 15 minutes. Butterflies are in decline, and the data collected supports conservation efforts and tracks climate change impacts. Everyone is welcome to take part!

CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS

We have a full programme of concerts by students of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, with lunchtime concerts at 1.00pm on the second Friday of the month, and evening concerts at 7.30pm on the fourth Saturday of the month The programme this quarter is;

Saturday 30th August 7:30pm

Friday 12th September 1pm

Saturday 27th September 7:30pm

Light refreshments are available after each concert, and there is usually an opportunity to talk with the performer(s). The concerts are free, but donations for church funds are welcome. Why not come along and join us, and please spread the information to anyone else who may be interested? More details are available from sthildasconcerts@gmail.com Angela, Terry and Marian.

TIDYING THE GARDEN AT THE FRONT OF CHURCH

The monthly Saturday morning sessions to tidy the church front garden will continue to be on the first Saturday of each month, between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. If you are free, your help would be appreciated at any time during those mornings.

Experienced and inexperienced gardeners are all welcome. The 2025 dates will be: 6th September, and 4th October. If you have any queries, please speak to Rob Eaton or Anne Harris.

PONDERING FAITH

Pondering returns this autumn, an opportunity to learn together over hot drinks and pastries as we consider what it means to follow Jesus. The next two sessions will focus on Confirmation and everyone is invited whether you've preparing for Confirmation or not. Those who have been confirmed are encouraged to come too as we learn together. The dates are 27th September and 25th October both from 10:30am until about 11:45am in the choir vestry.

JENNI ON ANNUAL LEAVE

Please note our vicar Jenni is on annual leave from 28th July until 12th August and won't be checking emails or answering calls/what's app or messages until then. Please speak to the Wardens about anything urgent.

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