



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

Sunday 27th July 2025 - Trinity 6

Holy Communion & Holy Baptism of Ava and Bethany

Welcome to this service. Please join in with the words in **bold**.

If you have children with you and they get restless during the service please don't worry, we won't. We do have a children's corner (inside) you are welcome to use if you'd find that helpful.

This morning we are delighted to welcome Ava, Bethany and John and their family and friends for this special occasion – it's great to have you with us to support them in this step of faith.

Call to Worship

Please stand as able at the entry of the ministers.

One: In the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

Many: Amen

One: We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise God's presence with us.

A short time of quiet is kept

One: As God's people we have gathered

Many: Let us worship God together.

Welcome

We sit as we receive words of welcome, concluding with this prayer:

**Many: 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.**

Opening Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

We stand as able to sing

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flow'r that opens,
each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful...

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.
All things bright and beautiful...

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
He made them every one.
All things bright and beautiful...

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

Cecil Franics Alexander

Confession

We sit or kneel.

One: Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's
redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

*We keep a short time of quiet
Then we all say together:*

**Many: Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

The president assures us of God's forgiveness using these words;

One: May the God of love
bring *you* back to himself, forgive *you your* sins,
and assure *you* of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria

We stand as able to sing the gloria together, singing three times;

**Many: Glory to God;
Praise to the Son;
Love to the Spirit:
Three and yet one.**

Collect

We remain standing as able as we are led in prayer.

One: Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see
and serve you in all that we do;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Colossians 2:6-7

We sit as we listen to our first reading.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and

established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

One: This is the word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: Amazing Grace

We stand as able to sing

1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

John Newton

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

We remain standing, as able, for the Gospel reading.

One: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke

Many: *Glory to you O Lord*

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished,
one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John
taught his disciples.' ² He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³ Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴ And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

⁵ And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” ⁷ And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ ‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

One: This is the gospel of The Lord

Many: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

We sit and listen to the sermon.

The sermon is followed by a short time of quiet for personal reflection.

My story

We remain seated as Ava and Bethany share why they have chosen to be baptized.

The Liturgy of Baptism

Bethany, Ava, John and their sponsors are invited to the pool.

Jenni: Bethany and Ava, do you wish to be baptized?

B&A: I do.

Jenni: John, do you wish to re-affirm the promises made at your baptism for yourself?

John: I do.

Jenni addresses the congregation.

Jenni: We thank God for Ava and Bethany who have come to be baptized today. Christ loves them and welcomes them into the Church. We thank God for John's faith in you and decision to proclaim it publicly today.
Will you support them on their journeys of faith?

Many: We will.

Jenni: Will you help them to live and grow within God's family?

Many: We will.

Jenni addresses Bethany and Ava's sponsors

One: God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Will you pray for Ava and Bethany, and help
them to follow Christ?

Sponsors: We will.

One: We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us
home. In baptism we respond to God's call.
Therefore I ask:
Do you turn away from sin?

B,A & J

Sponsors: I do.

Jenni: Do you reject evil?

B,A & J

Sponsors: I do.

Jenni: Do you turn to Christ?

B,A & J

Sponsors: I do.

Jenni: Do you trust in Christ?

B,A & J

Sponsors: I do.

Signing with the Cross

One: *Name*, Christ claims you as his own. Receive the
sign of the cross. It is the mark of Christ.

Jenni makes the sign of the cross with holy oil on Ava and Bethany's foreheads. They make it on John's forehead.

Jenni: Throughout your life may you bear the mark
of Christ's love.

God created you for wonder and joy,
But there is darkness here too and suffering.
Christ came to show us the way of love that
transforms all.

**Many: May you remain faithful to God to the end of your
life.**

Prayer over the water

Jenni: We praise you, loving Creator, for the gift of Jesus.
He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him and
revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.
Now, life-giving God, we ask you to bless this water,
that Ava and Bethany, and all who are baptized in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever. **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

We stand as able

Jenni: Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

Many: I believe and trust in God.

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

Many: I believe and trust in God.

Jenni: 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?

Many: I believe and trust in God.

Jenni: This is the faith of the Church.

Many: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Baptism

Bethany, Ava, Ian and, Jenni get into the pool.

Jenni: *Name*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Ava and Bethany are fully immersed into the water once each

Jenni: May God who has received you by baptism into the Church, pour upon you the riches of God's grace

that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by the anointing Spirit
and come to the inheritance of the saints in
heaven. **Amen.**

Welcome

Jenni: There is one God, one faith, one baptism:
by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**Many: God receives you by baptism into the Church.
Children of God,
blessed in the Spirit,
welcome to the family of Christ.**

John gets into the pool

Jenni: John, remembering your baptism receive this water
as a sign of God's continual love for you and a
reminder of the call to follow Jesus.

John is splashed with water by Bethany, Ava, Ian and Jenni.

*We delight in what has happened with a round of applause.
Everyone gets out of the pool and to get changed as we are led in
prayer.*

Prayers of Intercession

We sit or kneel as we are led in prayer.

At the end of each bidding;

One: Lord, in your mercy;

Many: Hear our prayer

At the end:

One: Merciful Father

**Many: Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

We stand as able to share the peace.

One: The peace of God be in your heart and mind.
The peace of God give you hope and courage.
The peace of God make you whole and holy.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

Many: And also with you.

David Adam

We offer one another a sign of peace in whatever way is most appropriate.

Offertory Hymn: What a friend we have in Jesus

We remain standing as able to sing. During the hymn a collection for the mission and ministry of the church will be taken. You can also give through the contactless card-reader on exit.

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven

The Eucharist

Please remain standing as able.

One: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;

Many: All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

One: The Lord is here

Many: God's spirit is with us

One: Lift up your hearts

Many: We lift them to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Many: It is right to give thanks and praise.

One: Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and *singing*:

Many: *Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
you are holy, Lord. (x2)*

One: We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his
friends and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in
glory.

One: Jesus Christ is Lord

**Many: Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

One: Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen**

We sit or kneel and continue with The Lord's Prayer.

One: As our Saviour taught us so we pray, in whatever form or language comes most naturally;

**Our Father
in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today
our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

**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.**

**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**

One: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**Many: Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

One: God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Many: Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

If you would like to receive communion please follow the instructions of the wardens who will direct you. If for any reason you do not want to receive but would like a prayer of blessing please come forward and keep your hands lowered. If you do not want to come up for either communion or a blessing please remain seated.

If you are unable to walk up to the altar let a duty warden know and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Song: A gift each day

During communion we sing

A gift each day, our daily bread
reveals your faithful love,
you keep your pilgrim people fed
with manna from above.

We live, not by this bread alone,
but by your holy Word:
so feed our hearts, and make us one
in you, O Christ our Lord.

All are invited, called from far
and near, to eat this fare;
As all we have, and all we are,
are gifts to grow and share.
You are the host, and we your guests,
You greet us as your friends:

to gather and be richly blessed.
with life that never ends.

In broken body, life-blood shed,
true love was once made known.
In pouring wine and breaking bread
that love again is shown.
We are your body, fed today
for strength, for grace, for good:
Break us and send us out, we pray,
to bring the world its food.

Words by Rev'd Ally Barrett

Post Communion Prayer

When everybody has received communion, we say this prayer together;

**Many: Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Notices

We remain seated as we listen to any family news and notices.

Final Hymn: To God be the glory

We stand as able to sing our final hymn

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord...

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.*

Giving of a Lighted Candle

Bethany and Ava are given a candle, lit from the paschal candle.

One: Jesus said 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

Bethany and Ava, you have received the light of Christ;

walk in this light all the days of your life.

Many: Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God.

Blessing and dismissal

We remain standing as able

One: Go with confidence into the day ahead,
trusting in God's unfailing love and faithfulness.
God will not abandon you, for you are the
work of His hands - His own creation - and
His love endures forever.
And the blessing of God...

Many: Amen.

One: Go in the peace of Christ.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served at the back of church after the service. Do stay if you can.

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 30 th July 10am:	Morning Prayer
Sunday 3 rd August 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Wednesday 6 th August 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 10 th August 10:30am:	Morning Prayer

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.

Church History Booklets.

The history of St. Hilda's Church from 1907-2024 is detailed in these booklets. We are asking for a donation for church funds which will include printing costs. They are available from Julie Batham at Sunday services.

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: 2nd August, 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.

This week please pray for:

- *The newly baptized*
- *All who mourn, including the family and friends of Roy Archer as they prepare for his funeral*
- *The churches in our Oversight area: Old Church Smethwick, St Matthew with St Chad Smethwick and St Mary's Bearwood.*
- *Diane as she prepares for ordination and to start her curacy with us in the autumn.*

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<p><u>Safeguarding information</u></p> <p>1. Never promise to keep a secret.</p> <p>2. Assure the person that what they say will be taken seriously.</p> <p>3. You might say "I will have to talk about what you have told me to the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Vicar or the Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor, and this will be with as much confidentiality as is possible".</p> <p>http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html</p>		

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