



ST Hilda's
Warley Woods



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

24th August 2025

10th Sunday after Trinity

St Bartholomew



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.

Opening Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King

Number 563 in Common Praise

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe
and to preach your word:
grant that your Church
may love that word which he believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:9-15

⁹ For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. ¹⁰ We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. ¹¹ To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, ¹² and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; ¹³ when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

¹⁴ I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵ For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

Gradual hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say

Number 469 in Common Praise

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:24-30

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

²⁸ 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; ²⁹ and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Offertory Hymn: Here I am, Lord
Number 470 in Common Praise

Communion hymn: Jesu my Lord, my all
Number 483 in Common Praise

Final hymn: Fearfully made in love

Fearfully, made in love
In Christ our saviour held
We are God's children all
Joined by love's strongest weld
Love's height and depth and breadth and length
We all lean on our saviour's strength

We know that we are loved
Beautiful in God's eyes
We are forgiven all
With Christ to guide our lives
Made in God's image here we stand
God builds the kingdom through our hands

Show me the gifts I have;
Show me the gift I am.
We all have unique gifts
Our God believes we can!
We go from here to spread that word
To a broken, dark and hungry world

Words by Ian Dickinson

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 27 th August 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 31 st August 10:30am:	Holy Communion
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Sunday 7 th September 10am:	Holy Communion

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

This week's flowers are the gift of Mrs C Southall.

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 compute 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.

Eco Church - Silver Award

We're delighted to announce that we've won a Silver Eco Church award! This is in recognition of our efforts to care for God's earth in each of the following areas - Worship and Teaching, Management of Buildings and Land, Community and Global Engagement, and Lifestyle. We're so thankful for the encouragement, prayer, and practical action from so many in our congregation. The Eco Group will now explore what's needed to progress to Gold, and we look forward to continuing this journey together.

Butterfly Count - Thank you!

A big thank you to those who helped with the Big Butterfly Count last week! We spotted 4 beautiful species fluttering through our gardens - Large White, Small White, Speckled Wood and Gatekeeper. Taking part helps conservationists understand how butterflies are doing and how we can protect them. Every sighting, big or small, makes a difference.

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.

PCC highlights: 23rd July 2025

PCC met on 23rd July and began by hearing from the ECO group reps.
- James' has produced an ECO policy, to be read and discussed at next PCC meeting. We are making good progress towards the Silver award. The national butterfly count will take place in a couple

of weeks' time after Sunday service. People are donating to the recycling box in the porch and the box is being emptied regularly. There will be a notice in the pewsheets again to remind everyone they can bring old phones, cameras, stamps, etc., to be donated.

Safeguarding – new members are completing their training asap and new posters will soon be printed and displayed. PCC approved 2 non-church activities – Karate club and Rugby Tots – in the hall.

Safeguarding officer confirmed that safeguarding videos are being updated and Diocese have advised that we should not use the old training videos.

Treasurer is still trying to access HMRC gift aid site. The Three Shires Festival was successful, bringing in £800 for the Church. Legacies - Douggie's legacy requires us to look at alternative sources of power (solar panels) and a solar panel group has been set up to look at possible grants to add to the legacy. Treasurer has also been notified of a £10,000 legacy from M. Scrivenger (Peter Stokes remembers a Mr Scrivenger being church warden many years ago). Treasurer checking if there are any restrictions attached to the legacy. Tree maintenance - some tree maintenance took place 2 years ago and some of those need pruning again, along with some that were not cut back previously, particularly those now overhanging in the car park. Julie to obtain quotes. For tree maintenance, the Diocese will cover half the cost if we use one of their recommended tree maintenance companies.

Scout hut – after a recent inspection, it was recommended that an Asbestos Management Survey be obtained before any decision is made on its future use. A 'Hut' group was set up and will review the survey and report back.

Inclusive church – hearing difficulty - although we have the hearing loop facility in church, it can still be helpful to see the face of the person reading or leading prayers, etc. Jenni to take to Worship Planning Group.

Health and Safety – suggestion that we use a table in the children's corner to provide biscuits and squash for children after Sunday

morning service has finished, rather than them having to join the queue in the inner porch where it can be quite congested. Julie will speak to Refreshments Lead asap. There was a suggestion that we put together a salting/sanding group to help clear Church driveway of snow in the winter – volunteers welcome!

AOB - Ian and Elizabeth are producing a 'Welcome' book. Ian confirmed that the Icon consultation period finished last Friday and the Icon will be going up in Church shortly. Peter Stokes has produced 3 booklets (Church, Choir and rambles) using photos and information from the original St. Hilda's website. Booklets will be available shortly with a request for donations rather than a set price.

RECYCLING

Due to the RNIB introducing postage costs which the church would have to cover, the Eco Group has decided to stop collecting stamps and currency for RNIB. However, these items can still be placed in the Recycling for Good Causes box in the porch. We will still send off the stamps that were placed in the RNIB boxes.

We can accept:

- Stamps – UK and overseas, any age. Please leave 1cm around stamps when cutting them off envelopes.
- Coins & Currency – any currency, any age
- Jewellery – unwanted gold, silver, damaged items, costume jewellery, watches
- Tech – mobile phones, cameras (film, digital, or video), Sat Navs, games consoles (including games and accessories), MP3 players, iPods, and tablet computers.

Thank you for all your donations so far which will raise funds for the church.

Please note: some electrical items donated recently cannot be accepted and these have been taken to the small appliances collection point at the tip. Please check the list above (also listed on the box) before donating, or speak to the Eco Group if you're not

sure. For advice on where to take other electrical goods, the Recycle Now website is very useful: www.recyclenow.com
Finally, we kindly ask that you do not bring your household recycling (paper or cardboard) to add to the church recycling bins which are for church use only.

DYING MATTERS DAY - SATURDAY 13TH SETEMBER

As an oversight area we are hosting an afternoon to help our communities think about death, dying and grief. We are all invited, and if you think your friends and neighbours would benefit for this please pass on a flyer. There will be representatives from local funeral directors, solicitors and bereavement counselling services.

If you'd like to be around to be a friendly person on the day too you are welcome – please speak to Jenni for more information.



STEPHEN CREWES

PIANO RECITAL

BACH, RACHMANINOV, DEBUSSY, BEETHOVEN

Saturday 6th September 7:30pm

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Free entry, retiring collection for St Hilda's Church

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<u>Safeguarding information</u> 1. Never promise to keep a secret. 2. Assure the person that what they say will be taken seriously. 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". http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html		

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