



ST Hilda's
Warley Woods



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31st August 2025

11th 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.

Opening Hymn: Come let us sing of a wonderful love

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true,
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus, the Saviour, this gospel to tell,
joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame;
seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam,
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful Love,
come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride;
seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

By Robert Warmasley

Collect¹

We have not always welcomed your word gladly, O God,
What we have touched, we have defiled.
What we were told, we have forgotten.
We have traded glory for a basket full of junk.
We are sick and tired of all we have done.
But you are God the rescuer,
who repeatedly brings your people
out of slavery, deceit, and self-delusion.
Save us again from our love of money.
Keep us faithful to our closest bonds.
Do not let us take titles or positions of honour,
For humility is in your blood. **Amen.**

¹ Graham Turner, *Alternative Collects: Prayers to a Disruptive & Compassionate God*, Sacristy Press, 2018, page 97

First Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

13 Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶ So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gradual hymn: When morning gilds the skies

Number 619 in Common Praise

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

Offertory Hymn: Great God your love has called us here
Number 133 in Common Praise

Communion hymn: We come to you with no pretence

We come to you with no pretence,
yet nourished by your grace.
we come as people needing love
within this time and place.

We come confessing all we are,
yet all we have to give.
We ask for your renewing power
to teach us how to live.

We need your spirit to be strong,
your risking, leaping faith,
that brings the love of God to bear
in every aching space.

Then from this point, restored, renewed,
we pledge to take your way;
to live responding to your call
with each succeeding day.

Andrew Pratt (b 1948)

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Final hymn: Tell out my soul

Number 362 in Common Praise

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 31 st August 10:00am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 th September 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Wednesday 10 th September 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th September 10:30am:	Family Service – Pet blessing

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

This week's flowers are the gift of Mrs A Harris.

ELAINE CARRINGTON'S FUNERAL SERVICE

A service to give thanks for Elaine's life will take place at St Hilda's on Thursday 11th September at 11:30am. Everyone is invited to give thanks for Elaine's life and to commend her to God's safe-keeping. A private committal for close family and friends will follow.

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.

APPLES!

We have loads of apples from the tree next to the front door of church. Please help yourselves from the porch.

ECO LIFESTYLE TIP FOR SEPTEMBER

The **Season of Creation** (1 September - 4 October) is dedicated to God as the creator and sustainer of all life. During this period of the church calendar, many churches celebrate Harvest, thanking God for His provision through the land and food that is grown. It's a time when churches and congregations are called to pay special attention to the responsibility of humanity for the Earth and for all that lives upon it, and to pray for our world. Explore A Rocha UK's season of creation resources at: www.arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation

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;

Friday 12th September 1pm

Saturday 27th September 7:30pm

Friday 10th October 1pm

Saturday 25th October 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.

CREATIONTIDE GARDEN PILGRIMAGE – SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

On Saturday 20th September between 10am and 4pm there will be various prayer and reflection stations set up around the church garden. All are welcome to drop in at any point to journey with God in our beautiful grounds as part of the season of Creationtide.

DIANE'S ORDINATION AND WELCOME

On Saturday 4th October at 11am at Birmingham Cathedral Diane Reeves will be ordained Deacon and come to serve us as our Curate. We have some tickets for the service. If you would like one please ask Jenni. They will be given on a first come first served basis.

On Sunday 5th October we will welcome Diane in our morning service which will be followed by a bring and share lunch in the hall. Please keep this date free and pray for her and she prepares to join us.

DYING MATTERS DAY - SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

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.

This week please pray for;

- Children and young people as they return to school, especially those who are starting somewhere new.
- Teachers, TA's and all who work in schools. The schools in our parish are; Abbey Infants and Juniors, Annie Lennard, Bleakhouse, Lightwoods and Bristnall Hall.
- Diane as she prepares for ordination and to come to be our curate.
- The various groups this week who use our church hall;
- Cygnet hospital, a women's mental health hospital in our parish.
- All who mourn and whose funerals are taking place this week.



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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