



7th September 2025

Creationtide 1

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

Prayer ministry will be available during the distribution of Holy Communion. Our prayer ministry team is small at the moment. We are still committed to offering prayer and for the time being we will be using a short Celtic prayer for healing.

Opening Hymn: Lord of Beauty, thine the splendour
Number 258 in Common praise

Collect

Creator God,
you formed the earth and all creation in wisdom and love,
and you hold all things in your tender hands:
reshape our lives, turning us, renewing us,
making our hearts supple through the refreshing of your
spirit,
and teaching us to live in peace with your creation,
that the world may rejoice
and all peoples walk in your ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Rev'd Dr Mike Perry

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and

break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Gradual hymn: For the beauty of the earth

Number 253 in Common Praise

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, “This fellow began to

build and was not able to finish.” ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Offertory Hymn: Stars and planets sing your glory

Stars and planets sing your glory,
God of might and God of love;
time and space proclaim your story
written in the realms above.
All the beauty of the cosmos,
summoned by your great command
gathered shape; while out of nothing
matter formed, as you had planned.

2 Power beyond our wildest dreaming:
forces weak and forces strong
melded in the cosmic streaming
when the universe was young.
Out of chaos, spheres and orbits
found their form through ages long:
and creation's still unfolding
in a great ongoing song.

Here on earth a mighty wonder

brought about life's earliest trace,
basis for both plants and creatures,
and in time, the human race:
Though we've grown in understanding
sin has torn this earth apart,
pitched against it we were helpless,
captive to our wayward hearts.

So the God who shaped the cosmos
set aside all power and might;
came, a humble human baby
in the darkness, God's own light:
taught us through his life of loving
how he would redeem our race,
by the death and resurrection
of the God of time and space.

Trevor Thorn

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Communion hymn: Spirit of the living God

Number 613 in Mission praise

*Final hymn: In Christ Alone*¹

In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
And on that cross as Jesus died,
the love of God was crucified,
our sinful world was reconciled;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain,
then, bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
No power of hell, nor human plan,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
His kingdom come! Earth touched heav'n;
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

¹ Adapted from Sturat Townsend

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 10 th September 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th September 10:30am:	Family Service – Pet blessing
Wednesday 17 th September 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 21 st September 10:30am:	Holy Communion

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

This week's flowers are the gift of Mrs Galea.

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 – SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

On Saturday 20th September between 9:30am and 6pm 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;

- Ian and Jenni as they deliver assemblies at Moat Farm School.
- Our annual animal service next Sunday
- The family and friends of Elaine Carrington as her funeral service is held on Thursday.
- The 2nd year curates as they learn about marriage ministry here at St Hilda on Tuesday.
- Our Oversight Dying Matters Day on Saturday.
- Diane as she prepares for her ordination as Deacon.
- For our urgent volunteer vacancies to be filled.

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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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