



ST Hilda's

Warley Woods

Sunday 31st May 2026

Trinity Sunday

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.



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Opening Hymn: We believe in God, the father
Number 363 in Common Praise

*Collect*¹

Trinity God, you are One, always One, only ever One;
and you are Three, always Three, only ever Three.

We do not need to manipulate you

to fit our limited mind-sets

or our preferred doctrinal assumptions,

so deliver us from this sinful, idolatrous urge.

You are beyond us,

beyond our comprehension, pigeon-holing, and stereotyping.

Yet still you invite us to participate

in all that constitutes your being.

Help us to lean confidently into your Oneness

that we may experience your Threeness

and taste your life eternal.

Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31

¹² Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

¹³ Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

¹⁴ Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,

and showed him the way of understanding?

¹ Graham Turner, *Alternative Collects: Prayers to a Disruptive & Compassionate God*, Sacristy Press, 2018, page 21

¹⁵ Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.
¹⁶ Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.
¹⁷ All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and
emptiness.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Gradual hymn: God has spoken by his prophets

God has spoken by his prophets,
Spoken his unchanging Word,
Each from age to age proclaiming
God the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, his throne eternal,
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one,
Spoken by the Word incarnate,
God from God, before time was,
Light from Light, to earth descending--
He reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by his Spirit,
Speaking to the hearts of all,
In the ageless Word expounding
His own message for us all.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith is standing fast.
God abides, his Word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.

Lyrics: George Wallace Briggs, Tune: Hyfrydol

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Offertory Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love.
Where there is injury Your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Communion hymn: Within God's hand

Dark clouds may come and block out all our sunlight.
We feel alone; neglected or unheard.
Within God's hands, we find a place of safety;
where we are known, and loved for who we are.
Within God's hands, we take our rest and comfort;
regain our strength, prepared to serve afresh.

We have our doubts, we shout our disagreements,
our heartfelt views can threaten common bonds.
But as God's Church, we work for what unites us:
the love of Christ; the grace that reaches all.
And as God's Church, we join our hands together,
walking with God, in humble, joyful steps.

The news proclaims: the world is ever bleaker.
The ravaged earth, the wars, disease, and hate.
And yet that voice which whispers through the stillness,
calls us to hope, to trust in God alone.

That Holy voice, the Spirit deep within us,
awaking prayer and action in God's name.

For God is Lord, the universe-creator,
the Holy one, inspiring awe and praise.
God's love will reign, that Love that came among us,
Immanuel, God's love in human form.
God's love will reign, and we will see God's glory;
as one, in wholeness for eternity.

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*Final hymn: Affirm anew the threefold name
Number 200 in Common Praise*

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 3 rd June 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 7 th June 10:30am:	Holy Communion & Baptism
Wednesday 10 th June 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th June 10:30am:	Family Service

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday we will welcome Elicora and her family as she comes to be baptized. Our seating will be in an oval so we can celebrate the sacrament of baptism and of Holy Communion.

AN INVITATION TO A BREATHING SPACE

All are invited to our monthly gathering for silent contemplative prayer. As one participant says it is *“An opportunity for shared prayerful silence amidst our noisy world”*. And if you’re unsure, or you’d like to just come and try it then *“The thought of sitting in silence with others might feel scary, but rest assured: introduction and instructions are given”*. *“45 prayerful minutes contemplating a suggested religious text, in silence, with others. What a lovely start to a Friday morning”*.

We will next gather in the vestry on 19th June at 10am - 10.45am. Please access the vestry through the back door of the church in the car park. You don’t have to come every time. Come when you can. If you want to know more please speak to Fran.

June Eco Tips

This month, A Rocha suggests we take part in citizen science or a local nature event. Citizen science is a way for ordinary people to get involved in scientific research or data collection. There are many projects to choose from and it’s easy to make a contribution. Here are some projects that you could help with:

- Spend ten minutes counting pollinators: ukpoms.org.uk
- Do a Bee Walk: beewalk.org.uk

· Join us for our events during Great Big Green Week (6-14 June) , see below and see what else is happening at: greatbiggreenweek.com

Wild Flower Guided Walk - 9 June, 11am

Pamela has kindly offered to host a guided walk around the church grounds on Tuesday 9 June at 11.00am to explore and learn about the wild flowers growing around our church. Refreshments will be available afterwards in the hall, including mint tea made using mint from the church herb garden. All are welcome!

Litter Pick - 11 June, 11am - 12pm.

Join us for litter picking as we continue our journey following the parish boundary, helping to make our community cleaner and greener. We have a limited number of litter pickers and high vis vests available, bring your own if you have them. Please bring gloves! We'll be meeting at the Abbey Pub and walking up towards Barclay Road.

CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS

The summer is a very busy time for Concerts. We have the 3 Shires Festival in June and July, as well as Conservatoire Concerts.

Conservatoire Concerts will be on:

Friday 12th June 13.00. Zoe Tan – pianist

Friday 10th July 13.00. Rumei Huang – pianist & Diane Ludwig – violinist

Saturday 25th July. Oliver Matthews - pianist

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 to cover costs and 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.

Information about the 3 Shires Festival will be advertised separately.

WOMEN'S THEOLOGY

Mother Diane our curate and Mother Charlotte Gibson, who works for the diocese of Birmingham, run a Women's Theology Group fortnightly during term times. We meet on Thursday evening at St George's vicarage Edgbaston and on Friday morning at a cafe on Harborne High St. It's open to anyone who identifies as a woman and is 18 years of age and over. It's ecumenical, which means people come from a variety of churches in the local area. No preparation is necessary and it's suitable for all levels of knowledge and ability. Each week is a separate session so you can come as and when you like. We look at women's stories in the Bible and see how God shows the good news of themselves to the women and ourselves. If anyone is interested in coming along, speak to Mother Diane and she can give you more details. The next dates are: 4th and 5th June, 25th and 26th June, 9th and 10th July.

PONDERING NUERO-DIVERISTY

Pondering will be back this June, thinking through neuro-diversity theologically as well as practically. We will run the same session twice on **Thursday 11th June at 7:30pm** and **Saturday 13th June at 10:30am**. All are welcome!

NEW PCC TREASURER

At the PCC meeting after the APCM on 10th May the PCC appointed the newly elected Simone Abbott to be the treasurer. Our outgoing treasurer, Terry Daniels, will continue to work alongside Simone to support her to ensure a smooth transition. Please pray for them!

Ordination of Priests – Saturday 20th June 11am, Birmingham Cathedral

Our curate Mother Diane Reeves will, God-willing, be ordained Priest at this service. This is a ticketed event and we have very few available due to the large number of ordinands and the size of our

cathedral. Diane has a few tickets available so do ask her if you would like to attend.

Everyone is invited to a bring and share lunch to celebrate with Diane in our church hall afterwards from 1:00pm. If you can help with some of practicalities of this celebration please let Jenni know.

THANK YOU FROM JENNI!

A huge thank you for the card, flowers and chocolates you gave me for my 40th birthday. I was very touched by your kindness. Thank you also for the individual cards and gifts, and for coming to celebrate with me. Love from Jenni.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

DUTY WARDENS

Duty Wardens are responsible for getting the church ready on Sundays, including setting up the altar for Holy Communion, lighting candles, managing the collection, and clearing up at the end of the service. Most duty wardens serve once a month. Full training will be given. As with all church roles Basic Awareness Safeguarding training will be need to be completed before starting.

Please see Church Wardens Ian or Julie to find out more.

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 interests you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Our current team, Anne Harris, PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR (PSC) and Mike Baynham, PARISH SAFEGUARDING

OFFICER (PSO) are looking for help with managing our Safeguarding needs, including the writing and reviewing of policies. Anne Harris will eventually be stepping down and we are seeking to recruit in time for a smooth handover from Anne and for the next PSC to work alongside Mike Baynham and others as part of a team.

These roles are; 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, and the PSOS support this role. These roles 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 more detailed role descriptions. Please pray for the right people to be recruited for this essential aspect of parish life, and whether this could be you.

Tidying the garden at the front of the church

From 11th April, weather permitting, the monthly Saturday morning sessions to tidy the church front garden will resume. These will 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 2026 dates will be: 4th July, 1st August, 5th September, and 3rd October. If you have any queries, please speak to Rob Eaton or Anne Harris. As with all volunteering roles volunteers will be required to complete Basic Awareness Safeguarding training prior to starting.

PLEASE NOTE THAT GARDENING ON SATURDAY 6TH JUNE WILL BE FROM 2-4PM AS THERE IS A FUNERAL TAKING PLACE IN THE MORNING.

This week please pray for;

- Ian, Diane and Jenni as they take an 'Open the book' assembly at Abbey School.
- Our Oversight area as the ordained leaders meet for lunch this week and talk about opportunities to work together.
- Mother Diane as she prepares for her ordination as priest.



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Friday 12 June	1pm - Conservatoire Concert – in the Church. Join our soloist Zoe Tan who will perform on the Piano. Donations.
Saturday 20 June	7:30pm – Keys & Curiosities – in the Church. An evening of varied piano music and spoken word. Donations.
Thursday 25 June	7:30pm - Soundbath – in the Church Hall. A meditative experience with the sounds of Himalayan bowls, gongs, and crystal bowls. £20 - please book in advance.
Friday 26 June	7:30pm – Juniper Folk – in the Church. An eclectic 6-piece band bring their interpretations of folk both classic and contemporary. £10 adults, £5 kids/students.
Saturday 27 June	7:30pm - Midland Chamber Orchestra – in the Church. Birmingham's leading amateur chamber orchestra perform their summer programme. Donations.
Saturday 4 July	7:30pm - Quinton Community Choir – in the Church. A top choir celebrate their 20 th Anniversary with their spectacular summer concert. Tickets £10/£8.
Sunday 5 July	6:30pm – Taizé service – in the Church. An invitation to worship through meditative singing, contemplative prayer, and silence.
Saturday/ Sunday 4/5 July	Photograph Exhibition – in the Church. Come a little earlier to events on the 4 th & 5 th July to browse an exhibition of thought-provoking photographs taken by members of the church.
Friday 10 July	1pm - Conservatoire Concert – in the Church. Join us for a concert of duets by Ruimei Huang, John Lee (both Piano) and Diane Ludwig (Violin). Donations.
Sunday 12 July	10:30am – Sea Sunday Outdoor Service – in the Church. Creative church service in honour of the Mission to Seafarers. Donations.

For information and ticket details, visit...

www.3shires.org facebook.com/3shires



Explorations of the Early Church: St George's Talks 2026

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, EDGBASTON

Friday 20th March, 7pm

WAS THERE A BIBLE IN THE EARLY CHURCH?

The Revd Dr Sam Gibson
Vicar, St George's Church, Edgbaston

Friday 26th June, 7pm

ST AUGUSTINE: A THINKER ROOTED IN THE EXPERIENCE OF THE AFRICAN CHURCH

Lord Rowan Williams of Oystermouth
World-renowned Poet and Theologian
104th Archbishop of Canterbury

Bishop Rowan will also be
preaching at St Alban's Church,
Highgate, for the Patronal Festival
Mass: Saturday June 27th, 11am
followed by parish lunch

Friday 18th September, 7pm

A BODY SHARED: MICROCHIMERISM AND THE MYSTERY OF MARY'S ASSUMPTION

The Revd Charlotte Gibson and The Women's Theology Network

Friday 13th November, 7pm

THE REST IS DARKNESS: KEY FIGURES IN EARLY AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY

The Revd Jarel Robinson-Brown
Vicar, St German's Church, Cardiff



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<p><u>Safeguarding information</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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". <p>http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html</p>		

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