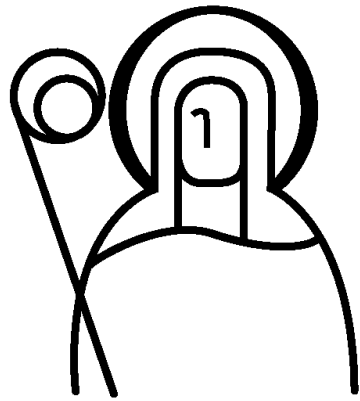




ST Hilda's
Warley Woods

Sunday 28th June 2026

Trinity 4

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: To God be the glory
Number 609 in Common Praise

Collect¹

How long, O Lord, must we as your people
bear the shame of being defeated and marginalised?
How long, O Lord, must we face crisis upon crisis
when the many demand we answer the question, "Why?"
How long, O Lord, will you hide your face from us?
Call us again and call us afresh

¹ Graham Turner, *Alternative Collects: Prayers to a Disruptive & Compassionate God*, Sacristy Press, 2018, page 23

that we may have courage
while in a contrary and uncertain world.
Call us away from a life of blaming and finger-pointing
to become dispensers of your grace.
Call us once more to be your disciples.
Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ² He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' ⁸ Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him,

Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ¹² He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Gradual hymn: When we are living, we are in the Lord

When we are living, we are in the Lord.
and when we're dying, we are in the Lord;
for in our living and in our dying
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Each day allows us to decide for good,
loving and serving as we know we should;
in thankful giving, in hopeful living,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Sometimes we sorrow, other times, embrace,
sometimes we question everything we face;
yet in our yearning is deeper learning:
we belong to God, we belong to God.

'Til earth is over may we always know
love never fails us: God has made it so.
Hard times will prove us, never remove us;
we belong to God, we belong to God.

*v. 1 Mexican traditional vv. 2-4 Roberto Escamilla (b. 1931) English
version by John L. Bell (b. 1949) Translation: From One Is The Body (c)
2002, WGRG, Iona Community, Glasgow G2 3DH Scotland.*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever
welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever
welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a
prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person
in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of
the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I
tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Offertory Hymn: Take my life and let it be
Number 581 in Common Praise

Communion hymn: O Love Divine, what hast thou
done!
Number 117 in Common Praise

*Final hymn: O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Number 262 in Common Praise*

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 1 st July 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 5 th July 10:30am:	Holy Communion & Holy Baptism
Sunday 5 th July 6:30pm:	Taize Service
Wednesday 8 th July 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 12 th July 10:30am:	Family Service: Sea Sunday

CHAIRS NEXT WEEK

Please note that on Sunday 5th July the chairs will be in the round, as the service will include the baptism of Matias.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

This week's sanctuary flowers are the gift of Stella Ogilo.

JENNI ON LEAVE

Please note that our vicar Jenni Crewes is on leave on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th July and will not be responding to any calls or emails.

CHURCH CLEAN – SATURDAY 11TH JULY 10-1PM

All are welcome to come and help give the church a well needed clean. Cleaning products and refreshments will be provided. You don't have to stay the whole time, even an hour would be helpful. See Julie Batham for more information.

KNITTING NEEDLES AT THE READY!

Thank you to the generous support of those who thoughtfully knit for our seafarers, who continue to need our support more than ever on our seas, particularly those in the Strait of Hormuz.

The Mission to Seafarers have asked for hats again this year, which are particularly welcome.

We will be collecting knitting over the next few weeks to send off to our seafarers.

Thank you, The Gibbens Family

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

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 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.

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: 9th and 10th July.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

POST SERVICE REFRESHMENT SERVERS

Help is required to serve tea, coffee, squash and biscuits after the Sunday morning service. Volunteers are put on a rota and on duty no more than once a month. Full training will be given. As with all church roles Basic Awareness Safeguarding training will be needed to be completed before starting.

Please see Sue Eaton or ask the person serving you today to find out more.

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 needed 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.

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.

This week please pray for;

- Jenni, Liz and Diane as they take an assembly at Annie Lennard School.
- All who are unwell in body mind or spirit.
- Our financial deficit.
- All affected by the earthquake in Venezuela.



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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





THE HUT

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!

An open afternoon for the community to visit, share ideas, and explore how the former Scout Hut could be used to benefit the local community in the future.

**SATURDAY
11 JULY**

2PM-4PM

Refreshments provided.

www.sainthildawarleywoods.com



The Hut

The Scouts left last year and now we have a vacant building on our site. The hut has its own small kitchen and toilets, electricity supply as is separate from the hall and church. The PCC are inviting the congregation and community to think about what it could be used for.

List of non negotiables;

- It needs to be financially sustainable.
- It can't be aimed at folk who might be on child sex register (because of the amount of children's groups in the hall)
- Cause of conflict with parking (i.e. 6 cars during hall's busiest times)
- Minimal noise, with no activities after 10pm.
- No groups/activities that are not in line with church ethos and mission values.

The hut needs a lot of work! We are open to partnering with a charity, social enterprise or organisation and will seek funding for the work that needs to be done to make it fit for its next purpose.

Questions we'd love you to think and pray about, and answer on the board at the back of church (or email to the Church Wardens or Jenni)

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Where is the 'treasure' in our communities? What gifts, skills and assets do we have?

What are the needs of our communities?

What do you think God might be saying to us about how the hut could be used?

Useful Contacts

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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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