



St Hilda's

Warley Woods

Sunday 21st June 2026

Trinity 3



Icon of Hagar by Charlotte Gibson, printed with permission.

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.

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.

Today we celebrate with our curate Mother Diane who is presiding at the Eucharist for the first time. We also welcome Mother Charlotte as our guest preacher. Charlotte is the Anglo-Catholic Missioner for the diocese of Birmingham and an Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

Opening Hymn: Gather us in

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
we are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place, the new light is shining;
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Marty Haugen 1950

*Collect*¹

Lord, you have enticed us with your goodness
and drawn us with your love.

Even when we were struck down and covered in misery,
we turned to your for mercy.

Deep in our being we know

we have been baptized into Christ's death
and are now united with him in his resurrection.

Nothing is unknown to you:

the hairs on our head are counted,
each bird in the sky is recognized,
every grain of sand is numbered.

Lord, you have enticed us with your goodness;
never let us be seduced by lesser prizes.

Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 21:8-21

⁸The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' ¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. ¹³As

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

for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.’ ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, ‘Do not let me look on the death of the child.’ And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, ‘What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.’ ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Gradual hymn: Immortal invisible, God only wise
Number 474 in Common Praise

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Offertory Hymn: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
Number 455 in Common Praise

Communion hymn: Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Number 309 in Common Praise

Final hymn: Will you come and follow me?
Number 622 in Common Praise

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 24 th June 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th June 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Wednesday 1 st July 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 5 th July 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 5 th July 6:30pm:	Taize Service

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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

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
 - Or join us for litter picking on Tuesday 23 June, 11am-12pm. 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 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: 25th and 26th June, 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 need 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 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.

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;

- Diane, in her new vocation as a priest.
- The parish litter pick on Tuesday.
- Jenni and Diane as they offer chaplaincy at Cygnet hospital on Wednesday.
- The licensing of The Rev'd Ben Baker as priest in charge of St Matthew with St Chad Smethwick, and The Rev'd Pete Dalton as associate vicar of St Mary's Bearwood, and the revitalisation lead for St Matthew with St Chad on Thursday evening.
- The Three Shires Festival, that all who are part of it would be enriched by giving and receiving.



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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.

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