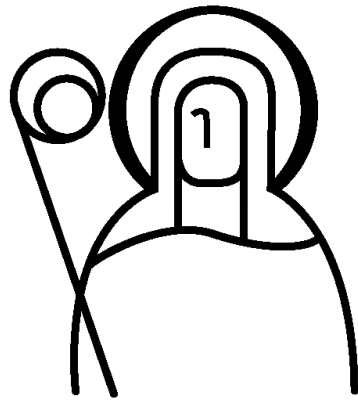




ST Hilda's
Warley Woods

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Trinity 9

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.

Opening Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord
Number 383 in Common Praise

Collect¹

We follow you, Lord, in anguish and in sorrow.
We are misunderstood, maltreated, and belittled
for our faith and trust in you.

¹ Graham Turner, *Alternative Collects: Prayers to a Disruptive & Compassionate God*, Sacristy Press, 2018, page 26

Sometimes we flirt with the notion
of putting all we have in you to one side.
So we need to hear the gospel again.
We need to hear you speak once more.
We need you to feed us with food eternal:
blessed, broken and given.
Then we will be filled, and relieved of our angst and our
sorrow. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Gradual hymn: Through all the changing scenes of life
Number 604 in Common Praise

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Offertory Hymn: Come, O thou traveller unknown
Number 407 in Common Praise

Communion hymn: Faithful One

Faithful One, so unchanging,
Ageless One, you're my rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on you,
I call out to you again and again,
I call out to you again and again.

*You are my rock in times of trouble,
you lift me up when I fall down.
All though the storm your love is the anchor,
my hope is in you alone.*

By Brian Doerkson

*Final hymn: All to Jesus I surrender
Number 25 in Mission Praise*

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 5th August 10am: Holy Communion
Sunday 9th August 10:30am: Family 'teaching' Holy Communion
Wednesday 12th August 10am: Holy Communion
Sunday 16th August 10:30am: Holy Communion

THANKS YOU FROM THE THREE SHIRES TEAM

Dear friends,

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Three Shires Festival this year. It was really lovely to see so many members of the congregation attending the concerts. We were also very grateful to those who helped with refreshments, rearranged furniture, and contributed to the photograph exhibition. We were indebted to James for capturing many of the concerts on camera.

Over the four weekends, we estimate that around 600 people visited the festival.

Please do let any of the team (Jon, Marian, Angela, or myself) know if you have any suggestions for future festivals.

John Barber 3shiresfestival@gmail.com

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

This week's sanctuary flowers are the gift of Pauline Hills.

THE STORY OF JACOB

Following on from today's sermon you may like to read the story of Jacob. You will find it in the first book of the Bible, Genesis 25v.19 - 50v.13. While you read it you may like to ask yourself: What does this story tell us about God? What does it tell us about human nature?

Fran

THE GIFT OF SILENT PRAYER

"Welcome to Breathing Space. This is a time to practise the ancient Christian tradition of contemplative silent prayer. It is an invitation to simply be present with God. To discover God's peace in a noisy world.

And when we are at peace we might create ripples of peace in the world around us”.

All are welcome to join others in the choir vestry (entry through the church's back door) on: 21st August, 18th September 10am - 10.45am. If you want to know more please speak to Fran.

PARISH LITTER PICK

Join us for litter picking on Thursday 6 August, 10am–11am. We have a limited number of litter pickers and high-vis vests available, so please bring your own if you have them. Please also bring gloves! We'll be meeting at the entrance to Warley Woods on Barclay Road, at the top of Upper St Mary's Road. Everyone is welcome!

PANTRY DONATIONS

Now that Smethwick Foodbank is closed non perishable food donations will be given to St Mary's Bearwood Pantry.

JENNI ON LEAVE

Please note our vicar Jenni will be on annual leave from 11am on Wednesday 5th August until Sunday 16th August and won't be responding to calls or emails during that time. Please see the Church Wardens for anything urgent. Thank you.

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.

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: 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;

- All who find the school holidays difficult.
- Our new prime minister and cabinet.
- All those in hospital, waiting for operations and treatment.

The Hut

The Scouts left last year and now we have a vacant building on our site. The hut has it's own small kitchen and toilets, electricity supply as is s 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.

- Cause of conflict with parking (i.e. 6 cars during hall and church's busiest times)
- Minimal noise, with no activities after 10pm.
- It can't be aimed at ex-offender groups with folk who might be on child sex register (because of the regularity of children's groups in the hall)
- 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 it's 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);

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?

People's Emergency Briefing

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On the climate and nature crisis

**St Hilda's Church
Warley Woods, Smethwick**

Film screening and discussion

St Hilda's Church, Abbey Road, B67 5NQ
11 September 2026, 6:45pm - 8:45pm

Refreshments provided.
Suitable for 16+, with under 18s accompanied by an adult.



Book your free tickets:
<https://bit.ly/peb-st-hildas>



St Marys Pantry Donation List

We cant thank you enough for your generosity -
your donations have a huge impact for so many.

THANK YOU!

- Sunflower or Vegetabe Oil
- Long life whole or semi skimmed milk
- Sugar
- Coffee & Tea
- Cereal
- Toiletries

eg shampoo / conditioner / sanitary items / toilet roll

- Household items

eg laundry detergent/ cleaning products

- Tinned meat eg corned beef/ spam
- Tinned fish
- Tinned pulses and beans



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