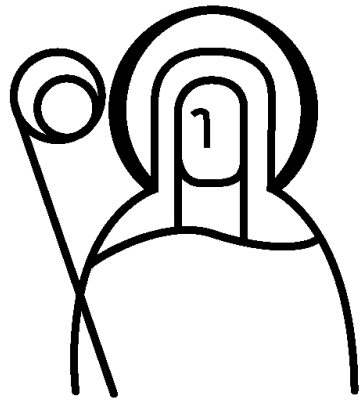




ST Hilda's

Warley Woods

Sunday 19th July 2026

Trinity 7

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: O God our help in ages past
Number 537 in Common Praise

Collect¹

We have issues with how you deal with us, Lord.
We stick with you through thick and thin
and still you do not bless us.

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

But we are not going to loosen our grip
or let our hold on you slip from us,
for you know us thoroughly and intimately.
We cannot escape you, and we will not let you escape us.
If you need to uproot and discomfort us
then let it be so.
If you need to expose our waywardness and hypocrisy
then let it be so.
Only bless us, and bless us richly.
Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely

the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!’ ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Gradual hymn: O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Number 536 in Common Praise

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” ²⁸ He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” ²⁹ But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Offertory Hymn: O God of boundless hope

O God of boundless hope,
we need your Spirit's power;
creation's crisis deepens with
each passing hour.
So make us strong
to speak your word,
and make it heard,
and right what's wrong.

Too many suffer now
from fire and wind and rain,
as livelihoods and homes are lost
and hope seems vain.
Will we ignore
all those who strive
just to survive,
and close our door?

The world is changing fast
and warming year by year;
a tipping point is close,
the time to act is here.
We'll work and pray;
as nature bleeds
we'll sow the seeds
of hope today.

Together we will walk
the new way you reveal;
our planet cries from wounds
that love alone can heal.
Inspire us, Lord,
to give and care,
that all may share
your earth restored.

Author: Brian Davis
Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

Communion hymn: Just as we are

Just as we are, your servants here,
Sure of your loving presence near,
Offering all our hearts hold dear,
Accepting Lord, we come.

Just as we are, with all our pain,
Deeply-felt wrongs which long remain,
Chances we know won't come again,
Forgiving Lord, we come.

Just as we are, you made us so,
Plain earthen pots no beauty show,
Yet deep within your treasures glow,
Affirming Lord, we come.

Just as we are, we come to you,
Trusting your promise ever true,
"See, I am making all things new!"
Renewing Lord, we come.

Words: © Gillian Collins

Final hymn: We will walk with God

We will walk with God, my brothers, we will walk with God,
We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God.
We will go re-joicing till the kingdom has come.
We will go re-joicing till the kingdom has come.

(Repeat twice)

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 26 th July 10:30am:	Holy Communion, outdoor service
Wednesday 29 th July 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 nd August 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Wednesday 5 th July 10am:	Holy Communion

OUTDOOR SERVICE – SUNDAY 26TH JULY

On Sunday 26th July our service will be outdoors, as we pray for Jess as she renews her baptism promises for herself with a full immersion. Help is needed in set-up and set-down – please speak to Jenni if you can help.

In the event of extreme heat or rain we will meet inside, however the full immersion will take place outside.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

This week's sanctuary flowers are the gift of the Eades family.

Thank you for knitting!

Together with the St Hilda's Church family, our friends from Warley Baptist Church, and community volunteers, we collected an amazing 85 beautiful knitted items! Each one that was carefully created will now be passed onto seafarers to not only be kept warm, but to remind them of our gratitude and care for them. Thank you so much for all your time and kindness. The Gibbens family.

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.

SCRIPTURAL REASONING – JULY 19TH 6-8PM, IN THE HALL

All welcome! We usually share some snacks and look at scriptures from the Hebrew Bible, New Testament and Qur'an, sharing thoughts, questions and ideas. The group is open to anyone – you don't need to be an expert or scholar! For more information please ask Jenni.

Join us for the Big Butterfly Count - Sunday 19th July

The Big Butterfly Count is a nationwide citizen science survey designed to help assess the health of our environment. After the service on 19 July, all are warmly invited to spend 15 minutes helping to count butterflies in the church gardens. Alternatively, you're very welcome to take part at home at your convenience and log your results on the Big Butterfly website or app - do also let the Eco Group know what you spotted! The event runs from 17 July to 9 August.

JULY ECO TIPS

It's **Plastic Free July**, and this year we're thinking about laundry – one of the largest sources of microplastic pollution.

Clothing made from synthetic fibres such as polyester, nylon and acrylic sheds millions of tiny plastic fibres during washing and drying. Many of these microfibres enter the sewage system, where they are difficult to filter out completely before reaching rivers and the sea. You can help reduce this pollution by using a microfibre-catching laundry bag or washing machine filter, washing clothes less often and at lower temperatures (which also makes the clothes last longer), and choosing natural fibre clothing where possible.

Learn more about reducing plastic pollution from laundry at: plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry

Do let the Eco Group know if you make any other plastic swaps this month!

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:

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.

PANTRY DONATIONS

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

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.

READING AND LEADING INTERCESSIONS

We are currently putting together the rota for Creationtide, Kingdomtide, Advent and Christmas (September through to early January). If you would be interested in being on the reading rota or leading prayers on Sunday mornings please speak to our vicar Jenni. Please note that as will all volunteer roles completing of Basic Awareness Safeguarding training will need to be completing prior to starting this role.

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: 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;

- The inclusive Church AGM on Monday evening.
- The family and friends of Shirley O'Driscoll as her funeral takes place on Tuesday.
- Jenni and Diane and they offers chaplaincy at Cygnet hospital Oldbury.
- Stevie and Johnathan as they marry on Saturday.

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.
- 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 amount 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 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);

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?

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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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