St Hilda's Warley Woods

Sunday 1st November 2026

In here you'll find today's hymns and readings, and this week's notices to use alongside the Kingdomtide 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: For all the saints who from their labours rest (omitting verses 3 & 5)

Number 232 in Common Praise

Collect[1]

Lord of the teasing riddle,
whose questions undo our certainty
and set us on a different path:
give us a heart of passion,
a searching mind,
gentle strength of body
and unseen depths of soul,
that we might love you wholly and our nieghbour as ourself;
through Jesus Christ, the law of grace.
Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no
one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and
peoples and languages, standing before the throne and
before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their
hands. **10** They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!'
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the
elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their
faces before the throne and worshipped God, **12** singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are

[1] *Steven Shakespeare,* Prayers and Blessings for an Inclusive Church, Canterbury Press, page 37

these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' **14** I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Gradual Hymn: For all the saints who showed your love

For all the saints who showed your love
in how they lived and where they moved,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will
and saw your kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

John L. Bell (b 1949) & Graham Maule (b 1958)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and
after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** Then he began
to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

4 ‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 ‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 ‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

7 ‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called
children of God.

10 ‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’
sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 ‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for
in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were
before you.

Offertory Hymn: The love of God comes close

The love of God comes close
Where stands an open door
To let the stranger in
To mingle rich and poor
The love of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk His way

The peace of God comes close
To those caught in the storm
Forgoing lives of ease
To ease the lives forlorn
The peace of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk His way

The joy of God comes close
Where faith encounters fears
Where heights and depths of life
Are found through smiles and tears
The joy of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk His way

The grace of God comes close
To those whose grace is spent
When hearts are tired or sore
And hope is bruised or bent
The grace of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk His way

The Son of God comes close
Where people praise His name
Where bread and wine are blest
And shared as when He came
The Son of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk His way

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Communion hymn: Amazing Grace

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Final hymn: Great is thy faithfulness

Number 453 in Common Praise

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 1st November 6:30pm:	All Souls Service
Wednesday 4th November 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th November 10:30am:	Remembrance Sunday
Wednesday 11th November 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd November 10:30am:	Holy Communion

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

This week's flowers are the gift of Mrs E. Farrier and Mrs R. Clee.

SAFEGUARDING SURVEY

Bishop Michael is encouraging us all to take part in a survey to help the national church continue to make progress in Safeaguarding. You can complete it here;
https://www.cognitoforms.com/Cofebirmingham/ParishSafeguardingSurvey2026

CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS

Concerts given by Conservatoire students will resume at the end of September. The concerts last between 45 minutes and one hour. They take place twice a month, on the second Friday, starting at 13.00 and on the last Saturday, starting at 19.30. The next ones are:
Friday 13th November - French horn: Jennifer Robson and piano: Isaac Butler
Saturday 28th November - Harp ensemble: Veronika Lemishenko, Jiatong Chen, Molly Hartley
Friday 11th December - Piano: Galina Umanskaia
Entry is free, however, donations are welcome to help cover costs of heating, performers rights and performer expenses. There is the chance to talk to these very talented musicians over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits after their recitals, which you will not get in a concert hall! Please do your best to come and support these musicians. If you wish to be kept up to date about concerts, please contact sthildasconcerts@gmail.com and we will add you to our mailing list.

Greening your home this Autumn

Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing the draughts in your home. Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out (keyholes, letterboxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example). Do what you can to fix these gaps - there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online. It's

also a good time to prepare for winter by putting radiator reflector foil or baking foil behind the radiator. This will reflect heat back into your room.

November Eco Tips

As winter creeps in, homes are really important. God calls us to give nature a home, too. Does your garden have a bird feeder? Could your balcony or windowsill do with some plant life? If you don't own the house you could make a case to the homeowner for a bird box, hedgehog highway or whatever. (For a hedgehog highway do make sure the neighbours are OK with you making a small hole in a shared fence). Why not gather your family, housemates and friends to discuss how a new recycling, heating or transport arrangement might work for you all - you'll go further together!

The Great Cable Challenge

Please keep your unused cables coming! We've collected around 120 metres (nearly 400ft) of cables so far.
Electrical waste is the world's fastest-growing waste stream. UK households are holding onto or throwing away 627 million unused cables – enough to reach the moon and back! Recycling cables saves valuable copper and other materials, which can be reused in new products like phones, laptops and medical equipment. Please use the recycling box in the porch.

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 Evoke 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 its 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. Autumn dates –5th and 6th November, 19th and 20th November and 3rd and 4th December.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

Parish Safeguarding Officer:

Do you understand 'safeguarding' to mean 'safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults from harm and abuse by a person or persons who have positions of power over them'?

Do you see 'power' as coming from various sources, including people's roles, personalities, money, possessions, education, race, gender and many other factors?

Do you believe that perfect power rests with God and power can be used for the benefit of individuals and the common good but it can also be misused to exploit people?

How do you feel about inequalities, injustice and exclusion in the power and opportunities which people have in their lives?

Do you believe that God loves each person as a special, unique individual?

Do you believe that we should reflect this in the way we respect each person's individuality, dignity, integrity and their rights to be listened to, to make choices and decisions, to promote their best interests and wellbeing, to avoid harm and to be offered protection when it is needed?

Do you believe in the Christian values of hope, healing and wholeness?

Do you like to work in ways which further good teamwork and communication?

Do you feel able to volunteer a few hours of your time each month to work as a member of St Hilda's safeguarding team, helping to create and maintain a safe environment for everyone who is part of St Hilda's community and activities, being watchful, responding to any safeguarding concerns and ensuring the right action is taken?

Would you be happy to be supported by and accountable to the Incumbent, the PCC and the Birmingham Diocese safeguarding team?
Would you enjoy working with a user-friendly national Church of England parish safeguarding dashboard which is a data base to monitor and record safeguarding compliance, including progress with volunteers' role descriptions, safeguarding training and 'safer recruitment'?
Would you be willing to complete the (mostly online) safeguarding training required of a Parish Safeguarding Officer and apply for an enhanced DBS certificate for the children's and adults' workforces?
If you feel that your answers to these questions are 'yes' and you would like to learn more about the role of a Parish Safeguarding Officer at St Hilda's, please speak to Revd. Jenni Crewes, Vicar or Anne Harris, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator and we can help you to consider this further.

FLOWER ARRANGERS

Help is required to arrange our beautiful flowers in church, which usually takes place on a Friday or Saturday morning. A role description and full training will be given. As with all church roles Basic Awareness Safeguarding training will be need to be completed before starting. Please see Liz Farrier for more information.

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.

YOUTH GROUP HELPER

Our youth group for secondary aged young people meets on the second Sunday of the month from 5:30-7:30pm in the church hall. We are looking for someone to join the team. This role will require a

DBS check, basic and foundation levels of Safeguarding training, Raising awareness of domestic abuse training and two references. For more information and a full role description please see Jenni Crewes or Marian Hills.

MUSICIANS

Are you able to play a musical instrument? We rely on three excellent volunteers to play the piano and organ to accompany our singing at services. We really need some more people to help with accompanying. If you can play an instrument that can accompany singing (piano, guitar, organ etc) would you be willing to play occasionally on a Sunday morning? As with all church roles Basic Awareness Safeguarding training will need to be completed before starting. Please speak to Jenni if the answer is yes!

This week please pray for;

- Diane as she presides and preaches at St Gabriel's, Weoley Castle.
- All who grieve and will attend our All Souls Service.
- Richard Haynes as he is installed and licensed at vicar of Shirley Parish on Wednesday.

Useful Contacts

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Safeguarding information

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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