St Hilda's
Warley Woods

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November 2026



A service for worshipping and remembering

Welcome to this service of worship. If you're able to, please join in with the words in **bold**. If you are here with children please don't worry if they make a little noise. We have a children's corner with toys and books they are welcome to use under parent supervision.

Today on Remembrance Sunday we come to worship God who is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble (Psalm 46:1). During this service we'll explore the theme of memory, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-gift, memory and forgetting[1]. We will keep a two minute silence at 11 O'clock.

[1] https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/times-and-seasons/all

Opening hymn: O God our help in ages past

Please stand as able at the entrance of the ministers as we sing number 537 in Common Praise.

We remain standing as able and join in these responses;

One: In the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

Many: **Amen**

One: The Lord be with you

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Welcome to St Hilda's to this service of worship.
We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

One: From the darkness of death

Many: **God calls us into glorious light**

One: From the tumult of war,

Many: **God calls us into the beauty of peace**

One: Children of light

Many: **We will remember them**

What are our fears?

We sit as we listen to a short talk.
We are then invited to write down any fears we have as we listen to 'The Lord's my Shepherd'. Then if anyone wants to share they can.

Reading: Isaiah 41:10

We remain seated as we listen to the reading.

Do not fear, for I am with you,
do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

One: This is the word of the Lord
Many: **Thanks be to God**

Hymn: Lo, I am with you

We remain seated as we sing

Cantor: Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.

Many: **Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.**
Lo, I am with you; Lo I am with you;
Lo, I am with you to the end of the world.

Lo, I am with you when you leave yourself behind.

Lo, I am with you, when you suffer for love.

Lo, I am with you in the changes of life.

Lo, I am with you in the darkness of death.

John L. Bell, 1988

Reading: Luke 8:22-25

22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side of the lake.’ So they put out, **23** and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. **24** They went to him and woke him up, shouting, ‘Master, Master, we are perishing!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. **25** He said to them, ‘Where is your faith?’ They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?’

One: This is the word of the Lord
Many: **Thanks be to God**

Reflection: What do we do when it feels like Jesus is asleep?

We remain seated and listen.

Litany and Lament/ Confession

We remain seated or kneel as we join in these words of confession: After each response you are invited to gently beat your chest 3 times as a sign of sorrow and repentance.

One: God of love
we come to you, troubled and confused,
in the face of so much conflict in the world.
We lament the presence of injustice and the horror of war.

Many: **We cry to you, O God**
(we beat our chest 3 times)

One: Our hearts are heavy for the suffering of so many innocent people
and we lament the loss of life.

Many: **We cry to you, O God**
(we beat our chest 3 times)

One: We are deeply saddened by scenes of devastation and violence
and we lament acts of hatred and inhumanity.

Many: **We cry to you, O God**
(we beat our chest 3 times)

One: We feel so helpless,
our prayers for peace seem so weak.
We lament our feeble faith in your promise of a new creation.

Many: **We cry to you, O God**
(we beat our chest 3 times)

One: God of compassion and mercy
we turn to you to save us
and ask for your forgiveness.

Many: **Holy God,**
look with mercy on your world;
forgive us;
for we have all fallen short of your glory.
Lord have mercy.
(we beat our chest 3 times)

The minister assures us of God's forgiveness with these words;

One: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Many: **Amen**

Hymn: Hope for the world's despair

We stand as able to sing. During the hymn wreaths will be laid on the steps leading up to the altar, we are then invited to lay our own poppies down, signs our trust in God.

Hope for the world's despair:
we feel the nations' pain;
can anything repair
this broken earth again?
For this we pray:
in every place
a spark of grace
to light the way.

Wisdom for all who bear
the future in their hand,
entrusted with the care
of this and every land.
When comes the hour,
O Lord, we pray,
inspire the way
we spend our power.

Honour for all who've paid
war's painful, bitter price,
when duty called they made
the greatest sacrifice.
Their memory
will never cease
to cry for peace
and harmony.

Ease for the troubled mind
in endless conflict caught,
each soul that cannot find
the peace beyond all thought.
May they be blessed
with healing balm
for inner calm
and perfect rest.

Love for the human heart:
when hate grows from our fears
and inwardly we start
to turn our ploughs to spears.
Help us to sow
love's precious seed
in word and deed,
that peace may grow.

Ally Barrett

They Shall Not Grow Old

Please stand as able.

An older person says:

‘They shall not grow old,
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.’

A younger person says:

‘At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.’

Many: **We will remember them.**

The last post is played, followed by two minutes of silence.
The silence is ended when Rouse is played.

Then we are led in this prayer:

One: Ever-living God,
today we remember those
whom you have gathered
from the noise and storm of war
into the peace of your presence.

May that same Spirit of peace
fall on us and all who we remember this day,
particularly those whose remembering
brings back memories
of personal loss and tragedy.

Grant us your peace,
bring justice to all peoples

and establish harmony
amongst all nations and races,
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

A story of hope

We sit to hear from Jenni about bicycles in Ukraine.

Candles as lights of hope

We are now invited to light a candle as a sign of not losing hope.
We return together to pray.

Prayers

We sit or kneel as we are led in prayer. At the end of each bidding we sing;

Many: ***Christ our peace***
you break down the walls that divide us
Christ our peace
Come make us one body with you.

One: As our Saviour taught us so we pray, in whatever form or language comes most naturally;

Our Father
in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today
our daily bread.

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.
For thine
is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

Notices

We remain seated as we listen to any family news and notices.

Final Hymn: I have a dream

We stand as able for our final hymn. During the hymn the flags are returned and the ministers and uniformed groups process towards the back of the church. We turn to face the door.

"I have a dream", a man once said,
"where all is perfect peace;
where men and women, black and white,
stand hand in hand, and all unite
in freedom and in love."

But in this world of bitter strife
the dream can often fade;
reality seems dark as night,
we catch but glimpses of the light
Christ sheds on humankind.

Fierce persecution, war, and hate
are raging everywhere;
God calls us now to pay the price
through struggles and through sacrifice
of standing for the right.

So dream the dreams and sing the songs,
but never be content:
for thoughts and words don't ease the pain:
unless there's action, all is vain;
faith proves itself in deeds.

Lord, give us vision, make us strong,
help us to do your will;
don't let us rest until we see
your love throughout humanity
uniting us in peace.

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We remain standing to say these words together facing the door as an act of commitment as we go into the week;

Many: **We will go**
with minds that never forget,
with hearts that grow in hope,
with lives that shine Christ's light.

We will go to serve,
to reconcile,
to bring peace

and to stand united
as children of the light.

We receive these final words of blessing (Diane)

One: And may the blessing of God, Life-giver, pain-bearer, peace-maker, go with you all this day and every day.

Many: **Amen**

One: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord (Elizabeth)

Many: **In the name of Christ, thanks be to God.**

Please stay for tea, coffee and biscuits, served in the porch area.

There will be a retiring collection for the mission and ministry of the church is taken. You can also give through the contactless card-reader in the porch. Thank you for your donations, they enable us to stay open..

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 11th November 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th November 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Wednesday 18th November 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd November 10:30am:	Holy Communion

Book Swap - after the service on 15 November

Please bring books in good condition and swap them for something new — for yourself or as a Christmas present for someone else! Elizabeth has also been putting together gift sets, which will be available in return for a donation for the church.

THE PRACTICE OF SILENT PRAYER

Silent prayer is one way we can practise prayer and being still in the presence of the God of love. If you are interested in trying it, along with others, then why not come to Breathing Space. We meet in the choir vestry, entering via the back door of the church. There is a short reading followed by 20mins silent prayer. The next dates are Friday 20th Nov & Friday 18th Dec 10am - 10.45am. All are welcome.

Tidying the garden at the front of the church

Thank you to everyone who has helped so willingly to tidy the garden at the front of the church on the first Saturdays of the months between April and October 2026. These sessions will cease during the winter months and weather permitting, will resume on Saturday 3rd April 2027 between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Further 2027 dates will be: 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July, 7th August, 4th September and 2nd October. If you are free for any of those dates, your help would be much appreciated at any time between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. Experienced and inexperienced gardeners are all welcome. If you have any queries, please speak to Rob Eaton or Anne Harris.

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.

FAIRTRADE ITEMS FOR SALE

You are all very welcome to pop in on a Fairtrade Open Day at 45 Milcote Road, Bearwood, B67 5BJ, on Saturday November 14th any time between 10am and 8pm. I will be selling Fairtrade crafts, gifts, foods and Christmas cards. Coffee and tea on the go all day!
Pam Thompson.
Pam's stall will also be available after the service on Sunday 6th December.

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 – 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;

- The family and friends of Karen Fisher as her funeral takes place on Monday.
- Our youth groups as it meets on Sunday evening.
- Our volunteer vacancies.
- Our church finances.

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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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