

St Hilda's Warley Woods



'Samaritan Woman at the Well' – by Giacomo Fraceschini (1672-1745)

'Honesty & Living Water'

Holy Communion

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday 19th March 2017

SOME THOUGHTS OF PREPATION

Today our Gospel reading is a much-loved story from John's Gospel (see page 7). It is of the woman at the well who meets Jesus and is set free through honesty. She faces the truth about who she is. But much more than that: she faces the truth of who Jesus is – truth that sets her free. And one of the most wonderful things about the exchange between them – so full of humour and misunderstanding – is that she is not in any humiliated or shamed by Jesus, but upheld and encouraged. Jesus' honours her honesty.



He helps her to plumb depths as she sits beside the deep well where water is a long way down.

I spent time this week with a skilled practitioner in active listening and understanding. I learned what grace is needed to

get to the root of an issue that was preventing a particular person's flourishing. In an unhurried but very determined and intentional way, this professional helped an individual lower their metaphorical bucket into a deeper hidden place and draw out the living water of truth.

Here is a prayer you might like to pray as we wait to worship:

Call me deeper, God,

Draw me closer.

Refresh and restore my soul this week,

And may I in turn refresh others.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Paul Hinton

Introit

Please stand as the choir, Readers and clergy enter the church. The choir will then sing:

Give me a new heart *Christopher Walker*

Choir Give me a new heart, O God.
 Put your Spirit in me.
 Keep me with you, give me joy.
 Give me a new heart, O God.

**All Give me a new heart, O God.
 Put your Spirit in me.
 Keep me with you, give me joy.
 Give me a new heart, O God.**

Call to Worship

Led by a young person

Come all who are thirsty!
Come to the One who offers this gift:
Water, living water – which becomes in us a spring,
'gushing up to eternal life'.
Come all who are thirsty!
Amen.

Hymn: CP96 Jesus, lover of my soul

The fourth verse continues the theme of the grace and healing and liberty of Jesus who gives 'living water' to nourish our souls and give life to our bodies

Welcome

Barbara welcomes us all

The God of grace, healing, mercy
and restoration be always with you,
and also with you.

Prayer of Approach

As we come close to God we are drawn together by Fran with this honest prayer

Loving God, we bring to you:

Those things we are struggling with,
and those things which we find hard to face about ourselves,
and we bring our tiredness and our thirst.

O Lord, we long for your refreshing living water,
to go deeper into life with you,
to be bold enough to leave the shallows
and be uplifted by the depths of your love.

We give thanks because you are with us in all things,
the one who refreshes us. **Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Sit or kneel. There follows a period of silent reflection and self-examination.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Prayer of Forgiveness

Barbara prays the absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie (Lord, have mercy)

Lent is a penitential season – a time when we seek God’s mercy and long to be seasoned by God’s salt and challenge. So, we have a tradition of replacing the Gloria with the Kyrie at this point in our service. Please remain sitting or kneeling.

Kyrie *Words: Ray Simpson; tune: Caswell*

Choir Lord have mercy on us,
 cleanse us from our sins.
 Lord have mercy on us,
 turn our hearts again.

All **Lord have mercy on us,
 cleanse us from our sins.
 Lord have mercy on us,
 turn our hearts again.**

The Collect

A period of silence is introduced with the words ‘Let us pray’. The Collect is a special prayer for the day, which ‘collects up’ the thoughts and prayers of all the people.

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Please sit

First reading: Exodus 17.1-7 *Water from the rock*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

This is the word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

Hymn CP 435: Glorious things of thee are spoken

Please stand. We will omit verse 3.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John:
Glory to you, O Lord.

John 4.5-42

⁵ Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'



¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?'

¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.'

¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.'

¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!'

¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.'

²¹ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'

²⁵ The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.'

²⁶ Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?'

²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.



³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³² But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³ So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Please sit. Use this space to note down any thoughts or questions you have in response to the sermon.

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The Creed

Stand

Let us affirm our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Creator,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Redeemer,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with sacrificial love.**

**We believe in God the Sustainer,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Based upon Ephesians 3.14-17

Prayers of Intercession

Sit or kneel as we are all led in prayer by Paul

The response after each prayer is:
Lord, we look for you, we long for you,
Come fill us with your living water.

At the end of the prayers the final response is:

**Merciful Father
Accept our prayers,
for the sake of your Son
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Introduction to the Peace

Please stand. Barbara offers the greeting. Please greet people closest to you

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace

Romans 5.1-2

The peace of the triune God be always with you:
and also with you.

Offertory Hymn:
CP 455 Guide me O thou great redeemer

Offertory prayer:
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty.
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

Prayer of Preparation

God of our journey, as we walk with you on the
path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead
us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Prayer of Consecration

Remain standing

The Lord is here: **His Spirit is with us.**
Lift up your hearts: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks,
because each year you give us this joyful season
when we prepare to celebrate the Easter mystery
with mind and heart renewed.
You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you
and of willing service to our neighbour:
as we recall the saving acts that give new life in Christ,
you bring the image of your Son to perfection within our hearts.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of heaven and earth adored.
God for ever, ceasing never,
Holy, holy Lord. (x2)**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Bring us at the last with Hilda and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray in our own mother tongue:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as 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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in the one bread.**

All join in singing

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

At St Hilda's, we welcome all to come up to the Altar. Here you may hold out your hands to receive bread and wine if you are a follower of Jesus Christ and are committed to his way of life. It may be that you are not yet baptized or confirmed – which are the outward signs of a serious profession of faith. In which case please just keep your hands by your sides and receive a blessing from the Priest. If you want to find out more about taking steps to follow Jesus, be baptized or have confirmed the faith that is in you; then speak to the Vicar or Curate after the service. During Holy Communion there is also an opportunity to receive prayer from our authorised prayer ministry team. They will wait for you in the St Katherine's Chapel, to the left hand side. They will stand with you and pray gently for your need or the need of someone else on your heart.

Song during Communion: MP 723

We come as guests invited

The choir lead us and we are invited to join in!

Prayer after Communion

Please stand

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand
the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

News, notices & banns of marriage

Hymn: CP589 The King of love my shepherd is

The Dismissal

Barbara says these words of blessing.

Go out into the world that awaits you.
Find times to be still and reflective.
Find ways to be helpful and encouraging.
Receive the courage to be challenging and truthful.
Receive the grace to persevere and to shine as lights.
Be willing to be changed and be eager to serve,
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Fran says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please stay after the service has ended.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon	10.45 am	Cameo - Bingo
Wed	9.30 am	Mother & Toddler Group (Church Hall)
	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Thur	2.00 pm	St Hilda's Baby Group (Church Hall)
	7.00 pm	Lent Course - Session 3 (Church)
Fri	9.00 pm	Service of Compline (Church)
Sat	12.30 am	Parish Ramble

Services for next Sunday: 26th March

10.30 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School and Prayer Ministry
12.15 pm	Holy Baptism
6.30 pm	Evening Prayer

EASTER LILLIES

There is a box on the Font for your contributions to the Easter lilies. Thank you for your support. Flower Ladies.

EASTER EGGS

If you would like me to order Traidcraft Easter eggs, please advise me as soon as possible. The current catalogue is on top of the Tradecraft cupboard in the outer porch. Thank you, Wendy.

LAST OPPORTUNITY

If anyone wishes to pay the reduced Annual Subscription for the CHURCH MAGAZINE could they please make their payment on or before the 31st MARCH 2017.

The Magazine is priced at 50p per copy or £5.50 for the year if paid on or before the 31st March. Many thanks, Alan Gibbens.

DEMENTIA UK TIME FOR A CUPPA

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Afternoon Tea Party we held on 4 March, and to those who contributed with donations or cakes. The total raised so far stands at £420 and there are some more donations promised. We are thrilled at that tremendous amount! For those of you who missed the results of the name the gnome competition, his name was Gerry and he was won by Julie Nixon! Once again, thank you so much for your generosity if you helped us in any way. Rose and Rob Akeroyd and Gill Swift

THE SERVICE OF COMPLINE

The choir will be singing Compline (Night Prayer) during Lent. This will take place in the choir vestry at 9pm on Friday evenings: **3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st March and 7th April**. This is a short service, usually lasting for about 15 minutes, and is a time for peace, prayer and reflection. If you haven't been before and you're not sure what to expect, it is sung in plain chant and has a monastic feel to it. I feel that it is a fitting way to end what is usually a busy week. Please come along and join us for worship. All are welcome. David Ellis

FOODBANK

Your generous support of the Foodbank continues to be much appreciated. In the 3 weeks of 07 - 28 February, food donated from St Hilda's totalled 33.6 kg. Currently, the Foodbank is particularly **short of tins of soup, fruit, rice pudding, custard, packets of smash, biscuits, small chocolate bars, toilet rolls, shower gel, shampoo, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes.** Thank you.

LENT LENDING LIBRARY

Once again this Lent, I would like to set up a table of books for people to borrow and read during Lent. If you have any Lent books from the past, then please consider lending them out. They don't have to necessarily be on a Lent theme, they could be just books that have inspired your faith journey. Thank you!!! Paul

VICAR'S LENT BLOG

If you would like to follow Paul's blog it is at tilltravellingdaysaredone.blogspot.com.

The blog is a daily reflection on issues of the day with some reflection on the bible. Anyone can view it and add their comments! Please join in with your thoughts. I would just like to encourage you to have a go. We learn from one another together.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS!

Following the wonderful support we received knitting for the Mission to Seafarers last year we are inviting anyone who would like to knit again to pick up their needles once more. One or two people I know have continued to knit for us which is great. As before, I have needles and wool, you can use your own patterns for hats, balaclavas, scarfs or fingerless mittens or I can provide you with the Missions to Seafarers patterns. It would be helpful to know who would like to knit so please speak to one of us in church. Judith and family

HEAD SHAVING

Hello everyone! As you may have already heard, I've decided to shave all my hair off in about three months. In that time I want to raise some money for Teenage Cancer Trust so I've made a JustGiving page and it would be great if you all would donate and give support! Just go to the JustGiving website and type 'Aaron Garcia' and my page will come up. You can also donate in person and I'll add it to the total. The page will be open for three months so there's plenty of time! Many thanks to all! Aaron

SOCIABLE SOCIAL EVENING

The next Sociable Social Evening will be on Monday, 20th March at 7.0 p.m. We shall be visiting the Brewer's Fayre 'Lakeside' restaurant on the Wolverhampton Road, Oldbury, where we have been several times before and always had a good meal. If you would like to join us for the occasion, please sign the list on the notice board in the outer porch NO LATER than Sunday morning, 19th March. We look forward to seeing you there! Julie, Rose & Derek.

EARTH HOUR

On 25th March it is Earth Hour. Earth Hour is a global movement that calls for greater action against climate change. Last year 178 countries took part. The idea is to turn your lights off between 8.30pm and 9.30pm and use candles instead as a show of support for action on climate change. I want to encourage you all to join me, and millions across the globe, in this movement. It happens to coincide with my birthday so I'll be celebrating with my friends by candlelight. I'm also going to have a pub-style quiz to test my friends' knowledge on animals and planet earth during this time. What might you consider doing? You can find more information on the WWF website at www.wwf.org.uk/earthhour. There are some helpful individual resources packs on how to get involved in the event beyond switching your lights off for an hour, such as using the hour for quiet reflection on creation. Let's all join this movement and encourage each other to think more about how we can support action against climate change, which threatens not only ourselves, but the rest of creation also! Emily Ellis

APCM 2017 – ADVANCE NOTICE

The 2017 Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place immediately after the morning service on Sunday, 30th April. Please put this date in your diary or on your calendar. It is at this meeting that we elect our representatives to the Parochial Church Council and also, this year, to the Deanery Synod. The latter meets three times per year and being a representative from our parish keeps you [and us] in touch with what's going on in the Deanery as a whole; it is a position that lasts for three years and means automatic membership of the PCC for that period. If you think you might be willing to offer your services to either the Deanery Synod or the PCC and would like to know more about what's involved, then now is the time to see either Paul, Mark, myself or any other member of the current PCC. Don't leave it to the last minute! Derek Latham, PCC Secretary.

TRAI DCRAFT

Traidcraft goods have been moved to the outer porch, to reduce the congestion in the inner porch where coffee is served following the morning service. Renata, Anne or me will be available each week to serve you. Wendy

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR ON A WEDNESDAY?

As you will know, our church is now open on Wednesdays from 11am - 5pm. We need people to be in church to welcome visitors, so if you are able to help, please add your name to the rota in the outer porch.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to have the name(s) of any relatives added to the book, please request a form from those on duty in church on Sundays or Wednesday s. If you would like to look in the Book of Remembrance, please ask the Church Wardens so that the book is handled appropriately.

A NEW CHARITY FOR THIS YEAR

One of the very happy discoveries for me about St Hilda's has been the way it reaches out to the wider community, both through raising funds for charities and through all the things that happen in the church hall. The PCC have decided that this year we will try to raise money to support Mandy in her work as Children and Families Missioner (CFM). We have some funding for the work from the diocese, but if it is to continue we have to raise some funds ourselves.

I am sure many of us will know how difficult it is to be a parent and also how important it is for all of us to care for the children who live in our community. In a society where many children never go inside a church Mandy has already made contact with all our local schools and made it possible for them to come and visit us and with your help made the visits friendly and interesting enough that the children would like to return. This has been a good chance to encourage children to ask difficult questions and think about things in a different way. Through the 'Messy Meet ups' in the church hall and work with the toddler group and baby group Mandy is creating opportunities for outreach to many local families.

I have been asked to coordinate fundraising this year, so I am asking everyone please to think about ideas for events and any other ways to raise funds. Marian Hills

Please leave a space next to the porch entrance free at all times for those who have mobility challenges. In addition, a space is now available to the side of the Vicarage garage so as to prevent older members having to walk up from the car park. By request of the PCC.

Useful contacts:

Rev. Paul Hinton	Vicar	0121 429 1384
Rev. Mark Hopkins	Assistant Curate	0121 420 3185
Mrs Sue Round	Churchwarden	0121 572 9752
Mr Gerald Poole	Churchwarden	0121 429 9225
Mrs Mandy Saunders	Children and Families Missioner for St Hilda's (Tues/Wed/Thur 9am - 5pm)	07519 163974 mrej81@tiscali.co.uk
Mrs Fran Ellis	Reader	0121 429 6267
Mrs Rose Akeroyd	Reader	0121 422 2786
Mr Richard Haynes	Reader	07972 530161
Mrs Freddie Brogan	Parish Administrator (Mon & Thur 9am - 1pm)	07582 957364 administrator@sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk

HOT POTATO SUPPERS

On January 4th, we began new cycle of conversational opportunities over food at the Vicarage. Fourteen folk turned up for a hot potato and vegetarian hot pot. Food was served from 6.30pm onwards and at 7.30pm we began our conversation, which was about issue of Fair Pay. We finished at 9pm with a short Night Prayer.

The plan is that a similar pattern will continue on the FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAYS of each month there will be a simple supper laid on from 6.30pm-7.15pm. Come when you come in that time slot and you will be fed! And as we gather over food we will begin to tackle a topic or issue of our time. We will use our Experience, Scripture, Tradition and Theological Ideas to season our conversation with wisdom.

On January 18th we will begin exploring the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book *Dethroning Mammon – making money serve grace*. We will probably use this as the basis of the meals all the way up to Easter. If you would like to order a copy for yourself please go to the ASLAN website on the internet, and support a Christian bookseller.

PROPOSED DATES FOR UPCOMING HOT POTATO SESSIONS:

April 5th & April 19th

St Hilda's Calendar for 2017

March	Thursday 23rd Friday 24th Saturday 25th Sunday 26 th Thursday 30th Friday 31st	Lent Course - 7.00 pm (Church) Service of Compline - 9.00 pm (Church) Parish Ramble - 12.30 pm-Furnace End & Over Whitacre Mothering Sunday (service in the round) 10.30 am Lent Course - 7.00 pm (Church) Service of Compline - 9.00 pm (Church)
April	Sunday 2nd Wednesday 5th Thursday 6th Friday 7th Saturday 8th Sunday 9th Monday 10th Tuesday 11th Wednesday 12th Thursday 13th Thursday 13th Friday 14th Friday 14th Saturday 15th Sunday 16th Sunday 16th Wednesday 19th Sunday 30th	Messy Meet Up – 3.00 pm(Church Hall) Hot Potato Suppers - 6.30 pm (Vicarage) Lent Course - 7.00 pm (Church) Service of Compline - 9.00 pm (Church) Parish Ramble - 12.30pm - Eymore Wood & Upper Arley Palm Sunday - 10.30 am Holy Communion - 7.30 pm Holy Communion - 7.30 pm Holy Communion - 7.30 pm Messy Meet Up - 10.00 am (Church Hall) Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm (Stripping of the altar) Good Friday Meditation - 11.00 am Walk of Witness to St Mary's Church - 12.30pm Vigil - Church open for prayer and silence–2 – 4.30 pm Easter Sunday Service - 10.30 am Easter Liturgy - 6.30 pm Hot Potato Suppers - 6.30 pm (Vicarage) APCM – 12 noon (Church)
May	Thursday 4th Saturday 6th Sunday 7th Friday 19th	Local Elections in Church Hall – 7.00 am - all day Parish Ramble - 12.00 pm - Pub Lunch Ramble Messy Meet Up – 3.00 pm(Church Hall) Quiztian Aid Quiz (Church Hall) – 7.00 pm
June	Sunday 4th Sunday 10th	Messy Meet Up – 3.00 pm(Church Hall) Parish Ramble-11.00 am- East Bredon Hill (all day walk)
July	Saturday 1st Sunday 2nd Sunday 9th Saturday 15th	Summer Fayre – 2.00 pm Messy Meet Up – 3.00 pm(Church Hall) Baptism/Confirmations - 6.30 pm - St Hilda's Church Parish Ramble - 10.00 am - Sponsored Ramble

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