

.St Hilda's Church

Warley Woods

Sunday 23 April 2017

SUNDAY

WELCOME TO ST HILDA'S CHURCH, WARLEY WOODS.

Information for visitors

- * If you need any help or information, please ask the people on duty in the porch.
- * We have a Sunday School which starts in church at 10.30 am during term time and involves some special time to engage, involve and nurture young Christians in daily and spiritual growth. All ages are welcome.
- * Children are a valued part of life at St. Hilda's and there is a children's corner at the back of the church. Please enjoy this safe space and ensure children have a carer/adult with them at all times.
- * At communion services all communicants of other denominations are welcome to receive communion. Everyone is invited to come to the altar to receive a blessing. Please kneel and bow your head to indicate this.
- * Tea, coffee and squash are served at the end of the service please feel free to join us.
- * Complimentary copies of the Parish Magazine are available in the porch.
- * Please note that fire exits are at the entrance of the church where you came in and also down the stairs to the right of the altar.

We hope you enjoy the service today.

Today's Services

10.30 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon	10.45 am	Cameo - Own Games
Wed	9.30 am	Mother & Toddler Group (Church Hall)
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thur	2.00 pm	St Hilda's Baby Group (Church Hall)
Sat	10.30 am	Table Tennis Club (Church Hall)

Services for next Sunday: 30th April

10.30 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School and Prayer Ministry
12.00 pm	APCM (Church)
6.30 pm	Evening Prayer

APCM 2017

A reminder that this year's APCM will take place straight after the morning service on Sunday, 30th April. The Minutes of last year's meeting, together with the Agenda for this year's meeting, are available for you to print from the church website. The Annual Report and the Annual Accounts for 2016 will also be available AFTER they have been ratified by the PCC on 9th April. If you intend to come to the APCM, it would be very helpful [if you have access to a computer] to print these items and bring them with you to the meeting. If you would like to join the Deanery Synod or the PCC, please sign your name on the form which is on the notice board next to the serving hatch in the inner porch. Remember that you must be on the Electoral Roll to take advantage of such a position and the people who propose and second you must also be on the Roll. If you are not on the Roll, then please see Wendy Dyke who has the necessary form for you to complete. For further information, please speak to the Vicar, Mark Hopkins, myself or any other current PCC member. Derek Latham. PCC Secretary.

ACTIVE KIDS 2017

The Guides are collecting these Sainsbury's vouchers to help kids lead healthier lives. If you would like to donate your vouchers, there is a box in the porch in church to put them in. Thank you.

FOODBANK

Your generous support of the Foodbank continues to be much appreciated. In the week of 28 March - 04 April, food donated from St Hilda's totalled 9.58 kg. Currently, the Foodbank is particularly **short of tins of soup, vegetables, meat pies, fruit, custard and rice, small jars of coffee, packets of rice, long life cartons of fruit juice, toilet rolls, shower gel and shampoo.** Thank you.

PUB LUNCH RAMBLE

There will be no Sociable Social Evening in May as its place is taken by the pub lunch ramble – to which EVERYONE is welcome for lunch! You do not need to walk afterwards! Perhaps a visit to nearby Webb's Garden Centre or into Droitwich for a browse?? The venue is 'The Nightingale', which is about two miles off the M5 from Junction 6 [Worcester North]; full directions to the pub can be found in May's magazine. The meal will take place on Saturday, 6th May at 12 noon and will go ahead regardless of the weather. If you would like to join us for the occasion, please sign your name on the list on the notice board in the outer porch and also PLEASE SEE DEREK as you are required to choose your food before we go and he has the menu!! The Sociable Social Evenings will resume in June.

THE ARCADIANs

The Arcadians are presenting Disco Inferno at the Crescent Theatre, Birmingham from Tuesday 2nd May until Saturday 6th May 2017. Evening performances start at 7.30pm and Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. There are flyers in the porch. Tickets are available either from Peter Hale (Chorister) or direct from the theatre. There is a saving of £1 per ticket is bought from Peter. Disco Inferno is 70's and 80's music.

LADIE'S CURRY NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 7.30 PM

You are invited to join us at Spice Fusion, Long Lane, Blackheath (At Shell Corner). Please sign up on the list in the porch by the end of morning service on 6 May. We hope that lots of you will come. please see Sue Round or Gill Swift if you would like more information. See you there! Rose Akeroyd (07896 306010, akeroydrj@hotmail.com)

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.

PARISH PRAYER WALK

This month we will be holding the 3rd of our bi-monthly prayer walks of the parish when we will pray as we walk along the streets of the south part of the parish. We will listen to what God is saying to us, look for what he is showing us, and pray for his blessing on the homes, businesses, schools and green spaces, following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We never know what God will surprise us with.

The walk takes place, whatever the weather, on Saturday 13th May, meeting at church at 10am, and will last about one hour, returning to church at the end.

If you've never been on a prayer walk before please join us. We often walk and pray in silence, sometimes praying a written prayer out loud together, and half way round, and at the end, we share our thoughts and what we've prayed and heard from God. All are welcome. Fran Ellis

QUINBORNE CHORAL SOCIETY

The Choir's Spring Concert will take place on Saturday, 20th May at 7.30 p.m. in St. Peter's church, Harborne. This is the choir's "classical" concert and it will be performing works by Haydn [principally "The Nelson Mass"], Tchaikovsky ["Hymn to the Trinity"], Pergolesi ["Magnificat] and Stanford's Magnificat and Nunc Dimmittis. The soloists will also be performing a work by Charles Wood and there will also be a short organ solo. It is also the last concert for our conductor Ellis Shortt, who is retiring afterwards. Tickets for this event cost £10 and include a full buffet with wine at the end of the concert. If you would like to come and hear the choir sing, please see Lynda/Peter Webb or Delia/Derek Latham for tickets.

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

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.

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 2.14a, 22-32

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

²² “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-end

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

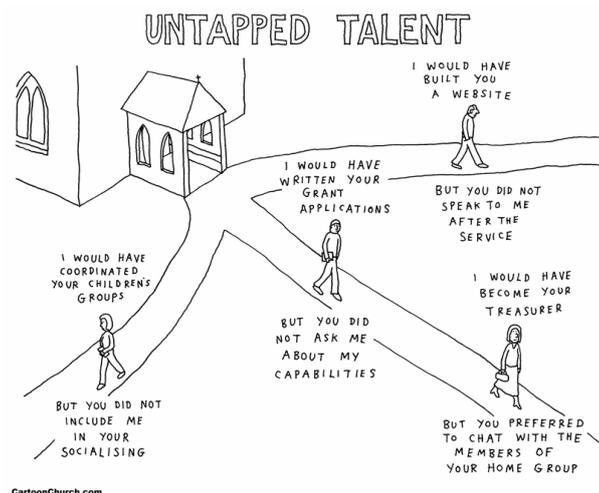
²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

A MANIFESTO FOR THE PCC 2017-2018

The Parochial Church Council of St Hilda's is the engine room of our church. It has vital role to play in partnership with the Vicar, the Church Wardens and other key lay leaders. The PCC is the place where decisions are made which shape the life of the church. It is really important that the PCC reflects all the faithful people of our church. To qualify you need to be over the age of 16 and on the electoral roll of the church. There is much untapped talent in our congregation. We need your help! For instance:



- You might be just the person to help us update our website and can give excellent advice and insight – how terrible it would be if you didn't feel able to contribute.
- You might have capabilities to apply for funding to support the work with children and families in our parish – how terrible it would be if we did not know your abilities.
- You might have a sense of calling to make our church safe and welcoming or develop our worship – but thought your voice did not count. How wrong it would be to prevent your participation.
- It might be that you were put off because you don't understand everything about how a PCC works – or think it sounds too serious! How wrong it would be if we did not reassure you! We are always learning! And there is much laughter too!

HOW DO WE WORK?

1. We meet about eight times a year (taking a break in the summer) on weekday evenings, but we might experiment with a couple of Saturday mornings. Meetings are timed to last two hours (something we are getting better at keeping to).
2. A lot of our work happens in smaller groups of four or five people. Each group has a particular task or focus and only get together when there is something important to decide or explore in more depth. The groups for the coming year will be:
 - a) Children and Families – enthusing and encouraging outreach into the community.
 - b) Action for Justice – considering how we can take action against unjust structures.
 - c) Inclusion and Safeguarding – making our church safe and welcoming for everyone.
 - d) Strategy and Finance – encouraging a generous response to God's goodness to us.
3. We have identified that our main purposes for the coming year are:
 - i) **WORSHIP:** continue to explore and develop worship and prayer which reflect the diversity of the congregation and parish, encouraging young and old to participate fully, while keeping rooted in our tradition.
 - ii) **OUTREACH:** build up the confidence of all the congregation in sharing faith and in prayer so we live confident, faithful and generous lives for others.
 - iii) **INCLUSION:** create more opportunities to build community by sharing food together and break down prejudices and barriers.

MONDAY MEALS FOR PILGRIMS

From Monday May 8th, a series of 75-minute sessions over a simple evening meal will be running at the Vicarage for those who would like to deepen their faith and take a step of having their faith confirmed. We will be using the Pilgrim Course, which the Church of England has developed, to help people of all ages explore their faith. **Each session will begin at 6pm and include a meal and conversation.** Here is an outline of the first six sessions:

Mon May 8th - Session 1: Do you turn to Christ?

Explores the attraction of Jesus Christ. What happened when people met him? What would happen if you did?

Mon May 15th - Session 2: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

What do Christians believe about God? This session uses the Old Testament to look at how God is like a Father.

Mon May 22nd - Session 3: Do you believe in his Son Jesus Christ?

Looking in more detail at who Christians believe Jesus is, this session looks at what Jesus' baptism reveals about his identity.

Tues May 30th - Session 4: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Uses the story of Pentecost to show how Christians believe the Holy Spirit makes Jesus present today. We will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday on June 4th!

Mon June 5th - Session 5: Do you repent of your sins?

Looks at what Christians call sin: that inbuilt tendency to get things wrong and God's great desire to put things right.

Mon June 12th - Session 6: Do you renounce evil?

Explores the reality of evil, and how the Christian faith invites us to set the moral compass of our lives.

After that, the sessions on **June 19th, 26th and July 3** will be directed more specifically towards preparation for confirmation. We are really blessed this year, because St Hilda's will be hosting the annual Warley Deanery Confirmation Service at 6.30pm on Sunday July 9th. Bishop Anne of Aston will be taking that service and confirming candidates from all the churches of the deanery.

Please talk to Paul or Mark if you are interested in joining our Pilgrim Group. This is open to all, even those who have been confirmed but want to renew their faith.

St Hilda's Calendar for 2017

April	Sunday 30th	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) Quiz 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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