

# **St Hilda's Church Warley Woods**



*The Parable of the Sower*

**A service of Holy Communion**

**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

**10.30am**

# **The Parable of the Sower, the Seeds and the Soils**

The word “parable” comes from the Greek word “parabole” which translates as “placing beside” meaning a comparison or illustration. The most common use in the New Testament is for illustrative stories that Jesus drew from human life and nature. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke present us with thirty parables.

So far in his Gospel, Matthew has told us about Jesus’ ministry of preaching and healing, and of his recruiting and training; now Matthew presents us with a block of Jesus’ most memorable parables that he used to tell regularly to “anyone with ears...” The first parable in this block is commonly known as the Parable of the Sower but when read, it is really about, not just the the Sower, but the Seeds and the Soils!

Why does Jesus use parables? And what is contained within the Parable of the Sower, the Seeds and the Soils that was so important for those first disciples in Galilee, and indeed for his disciples today in Warley, to hear.....

***Richard Haynes***

# The Gathering

*Please stand as the choir process with clergy and readers.*

*A young person will then lead us with this gathering prayer:*

You shall go out in joy,  
**and be led back in peace;**  
the mountains and the hills  
**shall burst into song,**  
and all the trees of the field  
**shall clap their hands.**  
Come, and worship.  
**Amen.**

## Hymn: CP398– Christ Triumphant

### The Greeting

*Barbara greets the people*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### The Confession

*Rose leads us by encouraging us to put our trust in God with these words:*

Do not be afraid.  
bring to God your fear and your doubt,  
your pain and your hurt,  
your sorrows and even your despair.  
Join with your brothers and sisters in confessing your sins.  
Do not be ashamed or afraid.  
Come now to confess,  
trusting in God's mercy and healing forgiveness.

*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 neighbours 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.**

### **Words of forgiveness**

*Barbara proclaims the liberty given us through Christ's forgiveness:*

May the God of love and power  
Forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## **The Gloria**

*Please stand.*

***Glory, glory, glory to God! (x2)***

**Glory to God in the heights of the heavens.  
Peace to God's people, all people on earth.  
*Glory, glory, glory to God! (x2)***

**Son of the Father, all glory and worship;  
praise and thanksgiving to you, Lamb of God.  
*Glory, glory, glory to God! (x2)***

**You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, receive our prayer.  
*Glory, glory, glory to God! (x2)***

**Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,  
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High.  
*Glory, glory, glory to God! (x2)***

**And with the Spirit of love everlasting,  
reigning in glory for ever, Amen.  
*Glory, glory, glory to God! (x2)***

## **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.*

Almighty God,  
Send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# The Liturgy of the Word

*Sit.*

## First Reading: Romans 8.1-11

*Life in the Spirit*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

## **Rejoice in the Lord always** *Philippians 4 v. 4-7; Henry Purcell*

*The choir will sing this anthem as we remain seated*

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men.

The Lord is at hand.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.

Be careful for nothing;

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God,

which passeth all understanding,

shall keep your hearts and minds

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.

*Please stand*

## **The Gospel Reading**

*When the Gospel is announced, the reader says:*

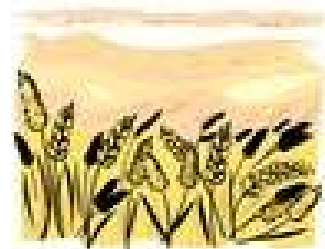
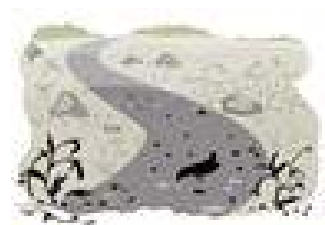
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Matthew 13.1-9 & 18-23**

*The Parable of the Sower and Jesus' explanation*

**13** That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun rose, they were



scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.<sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.<sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.<sup>9</sup> Let anyone with ears listen!

<sup>18</sup> 'Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup> yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup> But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**





**Sermon:**

*Sit. There is peaceful reflection at the end. Please use this space to jot down thoughts that help you.*

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## **Profession of Faith**

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*After a short silence, Rose will lead the congregation in prayer*

*The response after each prayer is:*

God, in your loving mercy  
**Hear us and help us.**

*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.**

## **The Peace**

*Please stand. Barbara introduces the Peace*

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**



## **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of the Table**

**Taking of the Bread and Wine**

### **Offertory Hymn: CP253 – For the beauty of the earth**

*During the singing of our hymn, the bread and wine will be brought up from the congregation - they represent the body and blood of Jesus; but they also are a sign of who we are called to be and become together: the body of Christ. While we sing, the priest prepares the altar for our celebration of Holy Communion.*

*Everyone is invited to give towards the work of St Hilda's. Our church depends upon the sacrificial giving of time and money. Your gifts go towards our mission of serving the people of this parish. Thank you for all you do and give.*

*At the end of the hymn, everyone joins in saying the words of the offertory proclamation*

**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.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Remain standing as Barbara presides*

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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.  
Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.  
Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you, and singing:

**Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus dominus.**

**Deus Sabaoth, Deus Sabaoth.**

*(Translation: Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts.)*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
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**

*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 today 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**

*Barbara 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.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Agnus Dei<sup>1</sup>**

*We 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.**

## **Journeying to the Altar**

*If you are a communicant member of any Christian denomination, you are welcome to receive the sacrament. Should you require gluten-free wafers or non-alcoholic wine, please ask for this as you approach the priest or our communion servers and they will be happy to give these for you. If you are not confirmed, or do not wish to receive Communion, please come forward for a blessing. Wardens will guide you up at the appropriate time.*

## **A Prayer for Discernment**

*Saviour, help me to recognise you this week,  
to listen to you and to learn from you,  
to respond to your promptings in my own life,  
by the power of your Spirit. Amen.*

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<sup>1</sup> Agnus Dei means 'Lamb of God'

**Worship Song during Communion:**  
**Silent, surrendered** *Pamela Hayes and Margaret Rizza*

*Silent, surrendered, calm and still,  
open to the word of God.  
Heart humbled to his will,  
offered is the servant of God.*

*Come, Holy Spirit, bring us light,  
teach us, heal us, give us life.  
Come, Lord, O let our hearts  
flow with love and all that is true.*





## **Prayer after Communion**

*At the end of communion, when all have received bread and wine or a blessing, this special prayer is said by Rose. Please stand:*

Grant O Lord, we beseech you,  
that the course of this world  
may be so peaceably ordered by your governance  
that your Church may joyfully serve you  
in all godly quietness,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **Notices & Banns of Marriage**

## **Final Hymn: CP453: Great is thy faithfulness**

*Please stand*

### **The Dismissal**

*Barbara leads a prayer of commissioning and then blesses us all:*

Like seeds broadcast on the wind,  
send us out from this place  
to sow your seeds of love  
in every place we go.

**Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

***Please stay after the service has ended.  
Refreshments are served in the foyer at the back of church.***

***Traidcraft goods are available in the outer porch.***

## **NEWS AND NOTICES**

The Sanctuary flowers are the gift of The Family Eades and Hickman

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**COMING UP THIS WEEK**

Mon	10.45 am	CAMEO – Bingo
	7.00 pm	Praying Together (Church)
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting (Vicarage)
Wed	9.30 am	Mother & Toddler Group (Church Hall)
	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Thurs	2.00 pm	St Hilda's Baby Group (Church Hall)

### **Services for next Sunday: 23rd July**

10.30 am All Age Worship with Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Evening Prayer

### **THANKS FOR EVERYONE'S HARD WORK**

I would like to thank everyone from our congregation who worked so hard to make Sunday evening's celebration possible. Without the incredible commitment and loving generosity of time and food, the deanery confirmation service would not have happened with nearly as much joy. It is good to serve the different churches of our deanery. And it was a real demonstration, if ever we needed it, of the huge diversity of our individual church communities.

It was a memorable and historic day for us all, thanks also to Bishop Anne. So thank you to all of you who sang, played the organ, warmly welcomed and carefully stewarded the congregation. Thank you for all of you who managed the car park, brought and served the food, carried chairs, laid tables, swept and vacuumed, carried and fetched.

Thank you for those who encouraged and prayed, supported and sponsored candidates, and helped encourage and draw into our fellowship new Christians. As vicar of St Hilda's, it demonstrated to me the incredibly important truth that we are all one body. And we depend so much upon each other.

I would like to end by paying a very personal thanks to Sue Round and Gez Poole who carried a huge sense of responsibility and put in a huge amount of work behind the scenes. With all my thanks, Paul.

## **PRAYING TOGETHER**

The next meeting of Praying Together will be on Monday evening 17th July at 7.00 - 8.00 pm in the Church. You are very welcome to come and join us in praising God and praying for people, communities and nations of the world. *Wendy Dyke, Carol Hadlington, Carole Southall, Fran Ellis, Anne Harris*

## **SMETHWICK CAN THANK YOU**

Thank you all very much for your kind donations of tools, pots and seeds. They will be most useful to them. For those on Facebook you can follow their growing updates on the Smethwick CAN page. Thank you Anne

## **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

Will you please let me have your collecting boxes for The Children's Society, as soon as possible. Please hand them to David Hickman or myself. Many thanks, Dianne Eades

## **FOODBANK**

Your generous support of the Foodbank is very much appreciated. In the 4 weeks of 13 June - 11 July, food donated from St Hilda's totalled 77.20 kg. At the moment, the Foodbank is particularly short **of tins of soup, tomatoes, vegetables, fish, fruit, pasta, small and 1kg packets of rice, toilet rolls, toothpaste, toothbrushes, handwash, shampoo.** Thank you.

## **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.

## **PARISH PRAYER WALK**

This month we will be holding the 4th of our bi-monthly prayer walks of the parish when we will pray as we walk along the streets of the east side 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 and businesses, following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The walk is also a good opportunity for us to get to know the location of the roads which we pray for daily in our prayer calendar.

The walk takes place on Wednesday 19th July, meeting at church at 7pm, and will last between 45mins - 1 hour, returning to church at the end.

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

## **SOCIABLE SOCIAL EVENING**

The next Sociable Social Evening will be on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00 p.m. We are going to try another new venue which has been recommended, namely 'The Stag and Three Horseshoes' on the Hagley Road by the junction with Long Lane and Kent Road near the top of Mucklow Hill. If you would like to join us for the evening and give this a once-over, then please sign the list on the notice board in the outer porch NO LATER than the morning of Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July. Please note that the Sociable Social Evening will be taking a summer break during August and will resume again in September, so watch the magazine and Pew Sheet for details. Julie, Rose and Derek.

## **TEA, CAKES AND A CHAT**

A bit later than previous years but I'm now able to invite people to come along to 231, Abbey Road for a cup of tea/coffee, cakes and a chat. If you have been before and enjoyed it, do come again; if you haven't, then do try and come this time. My sitting room can comfortably accommodate five visitors so do, please, sign the list in the porch so we don't end up sitting on one another's knees. The dates are: Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Barbara.

## **CAR BOOT SALE**

There will be a car boot sale at St Hilda's Church on Saturday 22nd July from 10.00 am to 2.00pm. Book a space for £10.00 (*if you require a table this will be an additional £5.00*) or come along to pick up a bargain! There will be refreshments and a play area for children. All proceeds will go to the Sunflower Fund.

To book a space please contact Freddie on 07582 957364 or email [administrator@sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk](mailto:administrator@sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk)

## **STORY TELLING – FREE TRAINING BY THE DIOCESE**

Stories are the best way of putting ideas into the world today and every Christian has a unique, meaningful story to tell about God's transformative love in their lives. The Communications Team would love to be able to support lay and ordained people across the diocese in telling their story - or the story of their church or a particular group.

To this end, we will be hosting a number of storytelling skills sessions at 1 Colmore Row on Wednesdays (7.30-9.30pm) over the summer that will introduce people to the many ways we can shape and share our stories, which we'd like to invite you to:

26 July - **Making Films on a Budget**

2 August - *Writing and Blogging*

9 August - **How to Take Great Photos (on your smartphone or DSLR)**

16 August - **Design: Making Things Look Awesome**

23 August - **How to Share Your Story: Press and Social Media**

You can attend any number of the sessions. To book a place, please visit [www.cofe.io/summer](http://www.cofe.io/summer) where there is a booking form. Thank you! *The Communications Team*

## **THE SUNFLOWER FUND**

Fund Raising Lunch The Sunflower Fund is to support Mandy's work with children and families in the parish. On Sunday July 23rd it is Pamela Whyman's birthday and she would like to celebrate it with a fund raising lunch in the church after the morning service, everyone welcome. No cards or presents, just a donation to the Sunflower Fund. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet if you are able to come.

## **MESSY MEET UP / POP UP AND PLAY**

During the school holidays (from July 31st to August 28th) St Hilda's are running events on a Monday and Friday for under 11s and their families. The sessions will run from 10am to midday, in the church hall on Mondays and at Warley Woods on Fridays. If you are able to offer any help it will be very welcome and there are some sign-up sheets in the foyer. Help to put up gazebos and transfer resources are especially needed on Fridays at the woods. Please support our work with families.  
Mandy

## **MARK'S LICENSING SERVICE**

Please put this date in your diaries!

Mark will be licensed as Rector of Castle Bromwich on Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm. At this stage it is not clear how many tickets there will be, as the church seats just 160. But we will hopefully be organising a bus to take as many as is possible to the service. Watch this space!

## **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.

## **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.

**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:

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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



## Next week's readings:

### First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.14-17

<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

### Psalm 42

#### Longing for God and His Help in Distress

<sup>1</sup> As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" <sup>4</sup> These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. <sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help <sup>6</sup> and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. <sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. <sup>8</sup> By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. <sup>9</sup> I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?" <sup>10</sup> As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

## **Gospel Reading: John 20.1-2, 11-13**

### The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.<sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

### Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

# St Hilda's Calendar for 2017

July	Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd Monday 31st	Car Boot Sale - 10.00 am - St Hilda's Church Fundraising Lunch 12.00 pm - Church Messy Meet Up - 10.00 am (Church Hall)
August	Monday 7th Saturday 12th Monday 14th Monday 21st Monday 28th	Messy Meet Up - 10.00 am (Church Hall) Parish Ramble - 12.30 pm - Rosliston National Forest Centre Messy Meet Up - 10.00 am (Church Hall) Messy Meet Up - 10.00 am (Church Hall) Messy Meet Up - 10.00 am (Church Hall)
September	Saturday 2nd Sunday 3rd	Parish Ramble - 12.30 pm - Wilmcote/Mary Arden's House Messy Meet Up – 3.00 pm(Church Hall)
October	Sunday 1st Saturday 7th Sunday 8th Saturday 21st Sunday 29th	Messy Meet Up – 3.00 pm(Church Hall) Harvest Supper – 7.00 pm (Church Hall) Harvest Festival – 10.30am (Church) Parish Ramble - 12.30 pm - Hadzor Commemoration Service – 6.30pm

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## **QUIET TIME BEFORE THE SERVICE**

Please respect people that want or are having quiet time before the service as you do not know what their week has been like.

Please do not ask people questions about work for the church before the service as this is their time not yours.

Please do not put people off from coming to church on Sunday if they are not allowed any time to pray, reflect or have peace.

*There is always time over a coffee at the end!*

## **PLEASE TAKE BOOKLET AWAY WITH YOU**