



# ST Hilda's

## Warley Woods



## Family Service

# Remembering our Baptisms

*11<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

Welcome to this service. Please join in with the words in **bold** that we are invited to say together.

If you have children with you and they get restless during the service please don't worry, we won't. We do have a children's corner you are welcome to use if you'd find that helpful.

## *Call to Worship*

*We begin our service by standing and joining in these responses:*

One: Welcome in the name of Christ.  
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.

**Many: and also with you.**

One: God is love, and those who live in love, live in God:

**Many: and God lives in them.**

## *Welcome*

*We sit as the service leader offers words of introduction and welcome.*

## *Hymn: Love divine CP 516*

*We stand as able to join in our first hymn.*

## *Confession*

*We sit or kneel to pray*

One: God, you are pure unbounded love,  
you are all compassion,  
we confess our lack of love for you and for one  
another.

*We keep a short time of quiet to remember our sins and failings.*

**Many: Dear God,  
we know that we have not been as good as we  
should be.**

**We have hurt each other and the earth.**

**We have been unkind. We have been unfair.**

**We are very sorry.**

**Please forgive us.**

**Help us to more thoughtful, to be more loving,  
to be like Jesus. Amen.**

## *Absolution*

*We are assured of God's forgiveness;*

One:        May the God of love  
              bring *us* back to himself,  
              forgive *us our* sins,  
              and assure *us* of God's eternal love  
              in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## *Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21*

*We sit to listen to the reading.*

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. 16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, 17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. 18 I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

One:        This is the word of the Lord

**Many:    Thanks be to God.**

*Reflection: God's all encompassing love*

## *Song: God's love is so wide*

*We stand as able to sing. Please join in the actions if you would like to.*

God's love is so wide, wide, wide,  
God's love is so high, high, high,  
God's love is deep, deep, deep,  
as the deepest sea rolling over me. (twice)

## *Reflection: Jelly Babies*

### *Invitation to come to the font*

One:       Come into the embrace of God.  
              Come as you are.  
              Come because God loves you.  
              Come as God's family united in Christ.

*We are all invited, as able, to gather around the font as one family. Please bring your service sheet with you. The water has already been blessed by Rev Jenni.*

## *Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows*

*We remain standing as able to re-affirm our baptismal promises and to commit to helping each other grow in faith:*

One:       Dear friends, we are children of the same Heavenly Father. We all bear the mark of God's love.  
              Will you continue to support those baptized in their journey of faith?

**Many:     With the help of God, we will.**

One:       Will you help each other to live and grow within God's family?

**Many:     With the help of God, we will.**

One: Will you pray for each other and help each other to follow Christ?

**Many: With the help of God, we will.**

One: Will you continue to open yourselves to God's gift of love, so that it grows, deepens and blossoms between you?

**Many: With the help of God, we will.**

*As we return to our seats we are all invited to sprinkle water from the font on ourselves or each other, or to use the water to make the sign of the cross.*

*HYMN - O the deep deep love of Jesus!*

*We remain standing as able to sing.*

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fulness over me:  
underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of his love,  
leading onward, leading homeward,  
to my glorious rest above.

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Spread his love from shore to shore:  
how he loves us, ever loves us,  
changes never, nevermore,  
watches over all his loved ones,  
whom he died to call his own,  
ever for them interceding  
at his heavenly Father's throne.

Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Love of every love the best:  
vast the ocean of his blessing,  
sweet the haven of his rest!  
Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus,  
very heaven of heavens to me,  
and it lifts me up to glory,  
evermore his face to see.

*Jubilate Hymns version of Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus Samuel T Francis (1834 - 1925) © Jubilate Hymns Ltd*

### *Intercessions*

*We sit or kneel to pray.*

*We join all our prayers together in saying The Lord's Prayer, 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.  
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**

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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 trespasses  
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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**

## *Relighting of baptism candles*

*You are invited to light your baptism candle or another candle and say these words as we respond to God's gift of love.*

One: Come let us know

**Many: we are strengthened through the power of the Spirit.**

One: Come let us know

**Many: we are rooted and grounded in love.**

One: Come let us know

**Many: the breadth and length and height and depth of God's love.**

One: Come let us know

**Many: we are filled with all the fullness of God.**

One: Come let us receive the light of Christ

**Many: and walk in this light all the days of our life.**

## *Notices*

*We listen to any family news and notices.*

## *Final Hymn: We are one in the Spirit*

*We stand as able to join in our final song during which a collection for the mission and ministry of the church is taken. You can also give through the contactless card-reader on exit if you would like to.*

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit

We are one in the Lord

And we pray that all unity

May one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, By our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, By our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity  
And save each one's pride

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, By our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only son



And all praise to the Spirit  
Who makes us one

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, By our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

### *Blessing and dismissal*

*We remain standing as able to pray for God's blessing*

**One:** May God give us grace,  
to become the people God has called us to be,  
that we may shine as lights in the world  
to God's praise and glory;  
and may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit, be with each of us now and forever.

**Many: Amen**

**One:** We go, with God's blessing.

**Many: We go, filled with God's love! Amen.**

*Feel free to blow out your candles after the final music*

*Please take this service sheet home with you and recycle it when finished  
with it.*

*Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served at the back of church after the  
service. Do stay if you can.*

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

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### UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 10am:	Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes
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Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 10:30am:	Holy Communion and bring and share lunch
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 10:30am:	Holy Communion

### HOME COMMUNION

If you would like to receive communion at home, or know anyone who would like to, please contact Jenni Crewes.

### OPEN CHURCH: TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

Church will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesday between 9:30 and 5pm.

### Electoral Roll and APCM

Our electoral roll is due to be renewed this year which means we start it from scratch. If you would like to join it for the first time, or remain on it, you must fill in a form. Paper copies will be available in the porch. Please give completed forms to Liz Farrier, or in the box in the porch by Easter Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. You need to be on the electoral roll to vote on church matters. Our APCM will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 12pm.

### CELEBRATING REV'D DR JOHN WILKINSON'S MINISTRY: BRING AND SHARE LUNCH 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Rev'd Dr John Wilkinson is stepping down from public ministry among us. During our service on 18<sup>th</sup> he'll share a little about his ministry, and then we are all invited to a bring and share lunch after the service. Please note

we'll be in church, not the hall, so no microwave or fridge will be available.

### **PONDERING TOGETHER**

An opportunity to learn together what it means to follow Jesus, pondering together the big questions. Anyone who wants to deepen their faith is welcome; all of us with our hopes, questions and doubts. Those preparing for baptism or confirmation are encouraged to come. We'll watch a short video together, read a passage or two from the scripture and have conversations. Tea, coffee and pastries will be provided and we'll meet in the choir vestry (the downstairs chapel – the back door will be open). We'll meet on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup>, June and 20<sup>th</sup> July from 10:30am-12pm. Come to one, a few, or all of them.

### **PANCAKE PARTY**

Come and celebrate Pancake Day with us in Church from 5 til 7 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Food and entertainment will be provided. Attendance is free but there will be a retiring collection to help with costs. See you there! More information from Pat, Jane or Ian.

### **LENT**

Lent begins on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. In order to prepare for our Ash Wednesday services please bring your Palm crosses from last year to church by Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February in time to make the ash for the following day.

*Lent prayer meetings, Mondays in Lent, 7:30-8:30pm, at St Hilda's*

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>. Gathering for extemporary prayer for the church, the world and ourselves.

*LENT COURSES, HOSTED BY OUR FRIENDS AT OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES;*

THE DIFFERENCE COURSE, HOSTED BY SMETHWICK OLD CHURCH

The Difference Course encourages Christians to think about how we cross divides, navigate disagreement and pursue a world that is just and flourishing. Through the three Holy Habits of being curious, being present, and

re-imagining, we are invited to transform our daily relationships. Each session includes a short film clip, Bible study, conversation and interaction and prayer – as always, we are invited to share as much or as little as we wish.

The sessions will run at the Old Church Vicarage, from 7pm – 8.30pm on the following dates: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

#### ACT ON POVERTY, HOSTED BY BEARWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

You are invited to join us for ours, which will be on Wednesday evenings 7:30-9pm at Bearwood Baptist church, for 6 sessions beginning 14 February. We are following the Christian Aid course 'Act on Poverty' (<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/act-on-poverty>). You are very welcome.

#### LENT COURSE, HOSTED BY WARLEY WOODS METHODIST CHURCH

The course at Warley Woods Methodist Church begins on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February @ 10.30am. Coffee will be served from 10am. It is open to anyone who is interested. It would be lovely to see other members from different congregations attend.

#### MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT, HOSTED BY ST MATTHEW WITH ST CHAD, WINDMILL LANE SMETHWICK

Thursday at 10:45 for about an hour on; 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 29<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> March.

#### **MUDDY CHURCH RETURNS – 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRIARY 3PM, WARLEY WOODS**

In partnership with other local churches an all age gathering to wander as we wonder. Crafts, prayers and fun. Meet by the big rocks in Warley Woods. All welcome, please dress for the weather, whatever it will be! More info from Jenni.

## **CONTINUING OUR INCLUSIVE CHURCH EXPLORATION**

The themes of the **upcoming** services will be;

18<sup>th</sup> February – Rev'd Dr Carlton Turner, lecturer in Contextual Theology and Mission Studies at The Queen's Ecumenical Foundation. Rev'd Dr Turner will be speaking about Ethnicity.

25<sup>th</sup> February – Rev'd Dr Sharon Jones, Anglican Chaplain at Birmingham University. Rev'd Dr Jones will be speaking to us about disability.

3<sup>rd</sup> March – Rev'd Dr Al Barrett, Vicar of Hodge Hill Church and Oversight Minister in the Coleshill-Polesworth deanery. Al will be speaking to us about poverty.

10<sup>th</sup> March – Our mothering Sunday family service led by Jenni and Fran will focus on gender.

17<sup>th</sup> March – Rev'd Ruth Harley, Curate in Oxford Diocese. Ruth will be speaking to us about sexuality.

We are hoping to record and/or have the transcripts of the sermons available. We have also invested in some resource books which will be available to borrow during this season; these will be left in church. The hope is to pass the resolution to become part of the network after the PCC meeting straight after the ACPM on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 12.

Celebrate  
Pancake Day  
With us!



Tues 13th Feb  
From 5–7pm  
in Church

More info?  
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Entrance free, there  
will be a retiring  
collection to contribute







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  2. Assure the person that what they say will be taken seriously.
  3. If you think this may be a Safeguarding matter, you might say  
"I will have to talk to someone who specialises in this, but with as much confidentiality as is possible".
- <http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html>

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