

St Hilda's Church Warley Woods



A Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration

**October 28th 2018
6.30pm**

Information for visitors

- * If you need any help or information, please ask the people on duty in the porch.
- * 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.

Welcome

We invite you, during the service, to **light a candle** in memory of a loved one and place it on a stand to demonstrate your faith that all who trust in the risen Christ are in God's safe keeping.

May the lighting of a candle be a sign of the light and love of God.

The **Book of Remembrance** is on display at the back of the Church. If you would like to see the name of your loved one, please ask one of the stewards to turn to the date. If you would like the name of your loved one included in the Book of Remembrance please complete a form, which can be found on the table in the porch.

Hymns are from the blue covered hymnbook **Common Praise (CP)**. Words in **bold type** and **italics** are for all to say or sing.

Please remain seated if you prefer to even if everyone else stands. And may you know God's deep peace tonight.

Do not hurry as you walk with grief

*Do not hurry as you walk with grief;
it does not help the journey.*

Walk slowly, pausing often:

do not hurry as you walk with grief.

Be not disturbed

by memories that come unbidden.

Swiftly forgive;

and let Christ speak

for you unspoken words.

Unfinished conversations

will be resolved in Him.

Be not disturbed.

Be gentle with the one who walks with grief.

If it is you, be gentle with yourself.

Swiftly forgive; walk slowly, pausing often.

Take time, be gentle as you walk with grief.



George McDonald

Stand as the Choir process in to church

Introit: Come be with me

Words by Keith Duke

*Come, be with me
all you who carry heavy burdens;
I will give you rest.*

THE WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Rev Paul Hinton introduces the service

We meet in the name of Christ,
who died and was raised by the glory of God.
Grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

And also with you

Licensed Reader Richard Haynes continues:

We look not to the things that are seen
but to the things that are unseen.
For the things that are seen are transient
but the things that are unseen are eternal.
Tonight we come together
to remember before God our loved ones,
to give thanks for their lives
and to comfort one another in our grief.

As a father is tender towards his children:
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.

For he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are like the grass:
we flourish like a flower of the field.

***When the wind goes over it, it is gone:
and its place will know it no more***

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures
for ever and ever toward those that fear him:

and his righteousness upon their children's children.

Hymn: Lord of all Hopefulness CP 507

PRAYER

Richard leads this special prayer

Father in heaven,
we thank you because you made us in your image
and gave us gifts in body, mind and spirit.

We thank you for our loved ones
and all that they meant to each one of us.

As we honour their memory, make us more aware that you are the one
from whom all good things come, including the gift of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Amen

Sit

READINGS OF COMFORT FROM THE BIBLE

First Reading: Romans 8.31-end

In our first reading, we are encouraged to understand that nothing can separate us from God's love

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd CP594

Stand

Second Reading: John 6:37-40 (New Revised Standard Version)

Please sit: In our second reading, Jesus assures his followers of the resurrection to eternal life for all who turn to Christ.

³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

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

The Address: Revd Paul Hinton

Stand

Hymn:

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.**

**I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;**

**'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.**

**He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.**

**When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.**

**We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ:
**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we receive
and this we believe.
Amen**

Sit or kneel

THE PRAYERS

Led by Rev Barbara Fletcher

The response to: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

AND LET OUR CRY COME UNTO YOU

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour Christ taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: We place into your hands O Lord
Stand

**We place into your hands, O Lord,
the souls of those we love:
we trust your promise is not vain
that all, through grace and faith, may gain
a place in heaven above,
a place in heaven above.**

**We place into your hands, O Lord,
this world and all its care,
the grief and hurt and pain we feel,
when desperation makes us kneel
in silent, wordless prayer,
in silent, wordless prayer.**

**We place into your hands, O Lord,
these burdens that we bear:
each sorrow and each past regret,
and ask that in our hearts you'll set
your peace beyond compare,
your peace beyond compare.**

**We place into your hands, O Lord,
our future and our past:
and as you bless us on our way,
and travel with us night and day,
your love will hold us fast,
your love will hold us fast.**

THE COMMEMORATION

You Christ are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

The eternal God is your dwelling place,
and underneath are the everlasting arms.

***Blessed is the Lord,
Our strength and our salvation.***

Sit

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love,
those who we have placed into your hands.

THE NAMES OF THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE BEING COMMEMORATED ARE READ OUT

*Please stand when the name of your loved one is read out
and sit after this prayer—*

Heavenly Father, into your hands
we give you back our loved ones.

Amen

After all the names have been read out the minister says -

Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life:

He who believes in me, even though he dies, yet shall he live.

And I will raise him up on the last day'.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

We invite you to light candles in memory of those on your hearts today.

The Stewards will advise when to go forward after the Choir who will sing this chant:

You are my resting place *Words from Psalm 3; music: Paul Wellicome*

You are my resting place,
you are my salvation, Lord.
Whether I'm awake, or whether I'm asleep
you are near to me, surrounding me with love:
you are my resting place.

I do not have to fear the problems that appear:
you are by my side.
The conflicts of my life
will never part me from your love:
you watch over me.

When I stretch out my hands:
you are there to help me stand:
to all my cries you caringly respond.
Your presence and your power
keep me safely every hour;
my Saviour and my God.

You are my resting place,
and my salvation, Lord.
Whether I'm awake, or whether I'm asleep,
you are there, always near to me,
surrounding me with love and tender care.
You are my resting place.

*When all candles are lit, the minister says:
The eternal God is your dwelling place
and underneath are the everlasting arms.*

*We all say: **Blessed is the Lord,
our strength and our salvation.***

The lights will be dimmed and in the quietness we sit and remember God's promise to hold our loved ones in the everlasting arms of love.

After some time of quiet, Alice will sing this touching and beautiful song:

I'll fly away Albert E. Brumley

*Some bright morning when this life is over
I'll fly away;
to that home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.*

*Chorus: I'll fly away, O Glory, I'll fly away in the morning,
when I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away.*

*When the shadows of this life have gone
I'll fly away.
Like a bird from these prison walls
I'll fly.*

*Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
to a land where joys will never end
I'll fly away.*

Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling CP516

Please stand

THE PEACE

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give to you.

Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you.

Now unto him who is able to keep us from falling,
and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory
with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour,
be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. **Amen**

THE BLESSING

God the Father,
bring us to the place,
which your Son has prepared
for all who love him. **Amen**

God the Son,
give us the will to live for you
each day of our lives. **Amen**

God the Holy Spirit,
give us the assurance
that our home is in heaven
with those whom we have loved
but see no longer. **Amen**

The blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you and those you have loved this night
and for ever more. **Amen**

SUNG BLESSING

The choir will process out singing:

God be with you till we meet again

Words: Jeremiah Rankin; music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
'neath his wings protecting hide you,
daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put his arm unfailing round you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

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THERE WILL BE A RETIRING COLLECTION

*If you wish to give money towards the work of St Hilda's
then please leave your contribution
on the plates by the door as you leave.*

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SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS AT ST HILDA'S CHURCH

SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 10.30am
*Remembrance Sunday Parade Service -
Marking 100th Anniversary of the Armistice*

SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER 10.30am
*Holy Communion service celebrating the life of St Hilda
Paula Gooder, inspirational bible teacher, will be preaching*

SUNDAY 2nd December 6.30pm
Advent Carol Service by candlelight

SUNDAY 9th DECEMBER 10.30am
Family & Parade Service – Exploring the Christmas Story

FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER 2.30pm & 7.30pm
*Springs Dance Company: 'Journey of the Magi'
The story of the Three Kings told in dance!*

CHRISTMAS EVE

Crib Service for all ages 3.00pm
Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight 6.30pm
(Be sure to come in good time to get a seat)
Quiet Holy Communion Service 8.15pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Communion 10.30am

SUNDAY SERVICES

You are welcome at any of our church services. We are a church community of ordinary people of all ages who suffer the same losses and share the same joys as all people. There are services every Sunday at 10.30am and 6.30pm. And the church is open for prayer and visitors on Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10am-4pm through the winter.

For more information, see our website at:

www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk