

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



**All Souls Service of  
Commemoration for the Departed**

**All Hallows Eve**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**6.30pm**

# Information for visitors

- \* We encourage you to wear a mask as much as you can throughout the service but in particular when moving around and lighting candles.
- \* If you need any help or information, please ask the people on duty in the porch.
- \* Please ensure all mobile phones are turned onto silent or switched off
- \* 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.
- \* 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
- \* Please remain seated if you prefer, even if everyone else stands.
- \* And may you know God's deep peace *tonight*.

# 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.*

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

*Please stand as the Ministers process in to church*

## **The welcome and introduction**

*Revd Jenni Crewes, Vicar of St Hilda's greets us:*

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**

*Reader and Pastoral Minister Richard Haynes introduces the service:*

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 the loving Creator of all living creatures:  
so is God tender to those created in God's image.  
**For God 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: Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise CP 474**

*Please stand as you are able for the hymn*

### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Please sit for the prayers*

When someone we love dies, there may be moments when we look back and wish we had said or done more, or maybe not said or done something. We cannot put that right face to face now but we can always come before God and ask forgiveness

**Merciful God,  
If only we had taken more time,  
If only we had said more,  
Or said less.  
We confess to you our regrets,  
we acknowledge what is past.  
In this moment give us grace  
to receive and offer forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **Absolution**

May almighty God have mercy upon us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

## **The Collect**

Everlasting God our maker and redeemer,  
grant us, with all the faithful departed  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion  
and glorious resurrection,  
that, in the last day,  
when you gather up all things in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd CP594**

### **Reading from the Bible: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18**

*read by funeral verger Liz Farrier*

*Please sit for the reading*

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**The Address:**

*by Richard*

**Affirmation of faith**

*Please stand*

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**

## **The Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer**

*Led by Church Warden and Pastoral Minister Sue Round*

*Please kneel or sit*

The sung response to: *Lord, In your mercy is:*

**Lord hear my prayer**

**Lord hear my prayer**

**When I call answer me**

**(Come and listen to me – after the last prayer)**

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: O Love that wilt not let me go CP542**

*We stand for the hymn*

## **The Commemoration**

All our laughter, all our sadness:

**Safe now in God's hands.**

All our anger, all our gladness:

**Safe now in God's hands.**

All our stories, all our memories:

**Safe now in God's hands.**

Those we remember, those we love:

**Safe now in God's hands.<sup>1</sup>**

*Please 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:-*

Loving God, 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'.

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<sup>1</sup> All Around Hallowe'en, Ruth Burgess

## **The lighting of candles**

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

*The Stewards will advise when to go forward:*

*The lights will be dimmed, a singing bowl will sound introducing a period of quietness as we sit and remember God's promise to hold our loved ones in the everlasting arms of love. The singing bowl will then sound and the lights will come back on.*

## **Hymn: Lord of All Hopefulness CP 507**

*Please stand for the hymn*

### **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.**

God, Source of all love,

from whom every soul has come and to whom every soul will return,

come to us this night,

as you did when morning woke us.

For you alone know our fears and hopes,

so make your love known to us and all this night.

Give us faith until we see you face to face and only love remains.<sup>2</sup>

**Amen**

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<sup>2</sup> Adapted from The Celtic Wheel of the Year- Tess Ward

## The Blessing

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight,  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones,  
rest your weary ones,  
bless your dying ones,  
soothe your suffering ones,  
pity your afflicted ones,  
shield your joyous ones.

Bless them for your love's sake, this night and always. **Amen**<sup>3</sup>

The blessing of God almighty,  
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer  
be with you and those you have loved,  
this night and for ever more. **Amen**

## 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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<sup>3</sup> Blessing of St Augustine. Alternative Pastoral Prayers – Tess Ward

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## 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 the church is open for prayer and visitors on Wednesdays, 2pm-3pm through.

For more information, see our website at: [www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk](http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk) or ask to be included on the email list – just email [church@sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk](mailto:church@sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk)

## CAMEO - Over 65, and need of company on a Monday morning?

CAMEO, (Come And Meet Each Other) is St Hilda's older persons group. We meet between 10.30 and 12.30 for a drink, lots of chat & laughter, entertainment (often a quiz) and a light lunch (soup and a roll in the winter). Or if preferred, we are starting a drop in for a chat / drink in the small hall. Running 10.30 to 11.50.

Interested, email [cameo.warley@outlook.com](mailto:cameo.warley@outlook.com)

We look forward to meeting you, Ann and the rest of the CAMEO team .

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