

An order of Service for Worshipping at Home
St Hilda's Warley Woods



Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Love, and Peace, Chicago, USA¹

Easter 5

2nd May 2021

¹ <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56412>

Although there is a service in the church this morning some of us will not be able to attend. You are welcome to join on the live-stream <https://www.facebook.com/sthildaswarleywoods> and the service will be available in the same place afterwards to watch any time.

You may like to follow this instead. If are worshipping with others in your household you could lead and say the words in light type and join the words in bold together. If you are alone you might like to say the words in light type in your head and the bold aloud. With all of the options that are part of the service do what feels most natural and comfortable for you.

You might like to light a candle and have a holding cross or icon close.

Call to Worship²

We start by joining in the following responses;

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

**Many: but we see him in the lives
of those transformed by grace.**

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**Many: but we have seen him in the faces
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

One: We have not touched the wounds
from the cross,

**Many: but we have been called to bring healing
to the scarred of the world.**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

² written by Thom M. Shuman, and posted on the [Lectionary Liturgies](#) blog.

Hymn: Lord Your Church on Earth is Seeking

To listen to the hymn press the Ctrl key and click the link at the same time. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e77x9gVYW2A>

Lord, your church on earth is seeking
power and wisdom from above:
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accents of your love.
We will heed your great commission
sending us to every place-
'Go, baptize, fulfil my mission;
serve with love and share my grace!'

You release us from our bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin;
give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within.
Light for darkness, joy for sorrow,
love for hatred, peace for strife-
these and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.

In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely live,
we will show the saviour's pity
and his longing to forgive.
In all lands and with all races
we will serve, and seek to bring

all the world to render praises
Christ, to you, redeemer king.

Confession

One: In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.
Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

We spend some moments in quiet reflection.

One: Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

Many: Lord, have mercy.

One: Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

Many: Christ, have mercy.

One: Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

Many: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Be assured of God's forgiveness using these words;

One: May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.



Many: Amen

Gloria

Sing the gloria. If you'd like to listen to the gloria follow this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5a7OMI4bDQ>

One: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

Many: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

One: To God be glory forever.

Many: To God be glory forever.

One: Alleluia, amen.

Many: Alleluia, amen.

One: Alleluia amen,

Many: Alleluia, amen.

One: Alleluia ame—n.

Many: Alleluia ame—n.

One: Glory to God, glory to God, son of the Father.

Many: Glory to God, glory to God, son of the Father.

One: To God be glory forever.

Many: To God be glory forever.

One: Alleluia, amen.

Many: Alleluia, amen.

One: Alleluia amen,

Many: Alleluia, amen.
One: Alleluia ame—n.
Many: Alleluia ame—n.

One: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.
Many: **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**
One: To God be glory forever.
Many: **To God be glory forever.**
One: Alleluia, amen.
Many: **Alleluia, amen.**
One: Alleluia amen,
Many: **Alleluia, amen.**
One: Alleluia ame—n.
Many: **Alleluia ame—n.**

Collect

One: Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.
Many: **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 8:26-end

We listen to our first reading, read to us by Terry. To listen to the reading press the Ctrl link and click on the link at the same time.

<https://youtu.be/9KTNN5RYpPo>

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south^[g] to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹ He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?”^[h] ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went

down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

One: This is the word of the Lord

Many: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

To listen to Peter read the gospel click on the link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zv_6NGUu-8e7QbWh7KrojFJOOb9Y_jD1L/view?usp=sharing

One: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Many: Alleluia.

One: He has defeated the powers of death.

Many: Alleluia.

One: Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing.

Many: Alleluia.

One: He has the words of eternal life.

Many: Alleluia.

One: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Many: Glory to you O Lord

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch

that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

One: This is the gospel of The Lord

Many: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

This week's sermon is from Jenni. To watch a recording of the sermon press the Ctrl key and click on the link at the same time.

<https://youtu.be/IZzGgDJ7RWI>

I wonder what your week has looked like? Perhaps you might call to mind some or some good things that happened this week, the highlights, but I imagine also some things this week that have been more challenging or difficult. As a church community there have been some highs and lows this week that may have impacted us. There have been some announcements of appointments that have been good news for

us to celebrate with members of our community. But we have also learned some sad news of deaths; both of Sheila, and Robert Rodway. Death has left many of us in shock and experiencing deep grief. Life is a journey full of ups and downs and it is a journey that God is with us on through every high and every low. The readings we heard from the Acts of the Apostles, and the reading from the gospel of John capture moments of celebration and of sorrow.

The reading we heard from Acts is a beautiful story of a man who discovers God's love for him. It's a beautiful encounter of a life transformed by God's grace and as a result this probably transformed many others through it. The Ethiopian court official response to God's love by being baptized. We are told this man went on his way rejoicing, full of the knowledge of God's love, a love that transforms. It is such a beautiful thing when we know more of God's love through reading the scriptures and through someone's words. This encounter, I imagine was also of great encouragement to Philip. In the stories of the Acts of the Apostles we hear great stories of action, but what we don't hear about are the mundane times in between. We hear the stories of when ministry flourished or was put to the test, not those 'normal' weeks. The lectionary today offers an action pack story. Philip, we are told, is led by the spirit of God to meet this man searching the scriptures, who he leads to baptism, and then straight afterwards sends him off to preach the good news to many others. What an excitingly rich day of ministry! Philip was a man who had the gift of

evangelism and dedicated his life to it, and so I imagine that encounters like this one had a great impact in affirming and encouraging the gifts within him. It's encounters such as this one that are fruitful and where the gifts God's given are seen.

The reading we heard from the gospel according to Saint John feels slightly less joyful. There's a particular verse in this passage which is hard to hear or to read. In verse 6 we encounter these words; 'whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.' A troubled reader might despair that they are these branches that Jesus described, and thus will be cut off from God's love. It's one of those passages that I'm sure many of us cry out that we could have a man like Philip suddenly appear beside us to help us to understand and explain these perplexing words. In my own understanding of this passage I believe Jesus is talking firmly about the necessity of pruning in the lives of individuals and the culture of the church. This is essential maintenance to enable the gifts of the whole community to flourish and therefore enable fruitful ministry. The lectionary reading finishes by saying they will bear fruit by becoming disciples. If you open your own Bible to the gospel of John you will see Jesus continues by talking about God's love and he by saying; 'I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.' Jesus shares his desire for fruitful mission and ministry of the church, which when reading more widely in the scriptures, is about including all, forgiveness, and

renewal. So when Jesus talks about branches being cut off and destroyed my understanding is that it's not about whole people but about behaviors and part of people's lives that disable or limit fruitfulness. The challenge is for us as disciples of Jesus today is to look at our lives and the life of our community and to ask honestly what needs pruning, and perhaps what needs destroying.

If we are honest and look at our lives and the life of the church there is pruning to be done. Some of this is to do with our individual attitudes, and some of this is to do with the things we allow to prevail in church life. It is not my desire this morning to come up with a list of things that we need to sort out, because pruning is not a one stop shop that we do once and then continue without ever needing to come back . I've been to enough vineyards in my life-time to learn about growing grapes for good wine! Pruning is something that needs to happen every year in order for vines to produce good fruit to produce delicious wine to be enjoyed! There are plenty of seasons in our lives where we'll need to pay attention to pruning, and this morning I would just like us to consider a few things that I think require some attention.

We need to acknowledge and work tirelessly to rid the Church of inherent racism. I know many of you watched the Panorama a couple of weeks ago which asked the question 'Is the church racist?'. There were some shocking revelations in that half an hour documentary in which brave people shared their stories of

discrimination within the Church of England. For far too long the church has not taken this seriously, for far too long we have turned an embarrassed blind eye to this. We may say 'it's not us!', but I wonder if we examine ourselves and our lives deeply and honestly we may discover ourselves complicit. Pruning is active, we do not wait for the bad stuff to die out, we work hard to be rid of it. It is so important that as a church we work hard to rid any racism that exists within our culture both locally and more widely. We need to pay close attention to anything that encourages or legitimises racism within our community.

Likewise we need to prune all other forms of discrimination. These include, but are not limited to; sexism, homophobia, transphobia and ageism. All forms of discrimination dehumanise and damage both individuals and society. If we truly believe that each and every person is made in the image of God then when forms of discrimination of phobia exist we fail to see the other as God sees them. Sometimes these prejudices are obvious, when we hear words of hatred against someone because of who they are. Other times these forms of discrimination manifest themselves in seemingly innocent stereotypes, but these do not help to build up. When we say even something as lighthearted as 'women are better listeners' we are enabling sexist stereotypes to perpetuate. You may think these words nothing, but if we listen closely they can deny the gift of listening in all men and non binary people, and can enable any women who aren't good listeners to feel like lesser human beings. Again, in the spirit of pruning, I would like

to invite us all to look deep within ourselves at the biases that exist within our thinking and our speaking and to consider where God might be asking us to prune

The final thing this morning that I want to draw our attention to is the need to prune unforgiveness from our community. When we hold grudges, when we continue to allow the hurts and wrongs of the past to negatively impact our relationships, we damage the community. Remember I said earlier that after Jesus spoke about being the true Vine, he commands his disciples to love one another as he has loved them. The love of God reveals the most extravagant forgiveness. It is forgiveness that I don't believe I will ever fully be able to comprehend. God's desire is for us to be fruitful in our mission and ministry so that God is glorified and God's love enables lives to be transformed. Forgiveness is hard, and takes time, but we should always strive to forgive to set ourselves and our neighbor free from the damage that it causes.

Friends there is always pruning to be done, some of that will feel painful, and it is hard work. The good news is that we do it together. And the way we do it is by rooting ourselves in Jesus the true Vine. By continuing to look to God to learn how to live our lives reflecting God's goodness and God's love. It's about coming before God openly and honestly acknowledging that we are broken people but we make mistakes and we don't always get it right. It's by asking God's love to transform us, to hold us,

to enable us to look deeply at our lives, to be honest about our bias, and to ask God's help for us to forgive. God wants us to be fruitful and flourish in our gifts, but we do this only by pruning .

At the end of zoom coffee time last week Peter reminded me of hymn that I very often chose in my former parish and I've chosen as our closing song today. The words of it are beautiful and remind us of our collective work to bear fruit as the people of God. It is a song of liberty, rejoicing in the love of God, but about being open and honest about the things that need to change and so I'm going to finish today with the words of verse Two, I may this be our prayer today;

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted
We'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

Amen.

Affirming our Faith

We affirm our faith by saying together, whether at home or in church;

**Many: Though he was divine,
 he did not cling to equality with God,
 but made himself nothing.
 Taking the form of a slave,**

**he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayers

We are led in prayer by Suzy.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uW6egcWfK3AJoQboMAZA41bPxqNmnwpb/view?usp=sharing>

Risen Christ, as we continue in this Easter season, we celebrate your life alive within us today, making us carriers of the Good News. Give us the courage of Philip, who shared his faith with a curious stranger. Renew our strength to be your disciples, and remind us that we are an Easter people - living in the light of the resurrection, enlivened by joy and empowered by love.

One: Lord, in your mercy.

Many: Hear our prayer

Risen Christ, amidst the world's sorrow and suffering, come like spring to bring hope to the desperate. We especially pray for India as they navigate the second wave of the Coronavirus pandemic. Give them wisdom and courage, and inspire leaders around the world to give what resources they can to support

the situation in India. We pray for communities across the world whose livelihoods have been destroyed by injustice and conflict. We ask that swords would be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning-hooks. Teach the leaders of these divided communities how to share their resources to work together to care for your creation and each other.

One: Lord, in your mercy.

Many: Hear our prayer

Risen Christ, we thank you that we are beginning to see change and new life in our communities as local services and businesses re-open. Help us all to be kind in how we interact with others: those we live and work with, those we meet in shops and supermarkets or who bring our shopping to us; those with whom we share our roads; and those who serve us in cafes and restaurants. We pray for those who have struggled during the pandemic and are feeling hopeless. We pray that you would plant Easter in their hearts.

One: Lord, in your mercy.

Many: Hear our prayer

Risen Christ, we bring to you those we hold dear who are suffering at this time: those who are facing difficult situations and those who are suffering from ill physical health or mental health. In the silence now we name those people before you. May they know your presence, filling them with new life, love and peace.

One: Lord, in your mercy.

Many: Hear our prayer

Risen Christ, you have shown that there is hope beyond the grave – death is not the end of the story. We remember before you those who have died and pray for all those who are going through the darkness of loss and bereavement following the death of David Kelly, Sheila Cox, Kathleen Astbury and Richard McCrum. Risen Christ, the light of the world - a light which no darkness can quench - we thank you for the promise of eternal life and we commend these into your everlasting love and care.

One: Lord, in your mercy.

Many: Hear our prayer

Risen Christ, as we prepare for the week ahead, help us to follow your example and be attentive to your voice leading us onwards.

One: Merciful Father

**Many: Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

One: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'.

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

Many: And also with you.

You may want to call to mind familiar faces and pray a prayer of God's peace on them and on our whole church family.

Hymn: Abide with me

To listen to the hymn press the Ctrl key and click the link at the same time https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmjucZSH_aY

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see -
you never change, O Lord, abide with me.

I need your presence every passing hour;
what but your grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like yourself, my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I have no fear, with you at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, your victory?
I triumph still, if you abide with me.

Hold now your cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving.

This is a prayer you may wish to say, closely based on what will be said at church. If for any reason you feel this will be difficult for you skip ahead to The Lord's Prayer.

One: The Lord is here

Many: God's spirit is with us

One: Lift up your hearts

Many: We lift them to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

Many: It is right to give thanks and praise.

One: Almighty God, good Father to us all,
Your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join them in heaven's song:

**Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
He touched untouchables with love and washed the
guilty clean.

This is His story:

**Many: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: The crowds came to out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friend
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is His story:

**Many: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Therefore, Father,
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story:

**Many: This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Send you Spirit on us now
that we may offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Many: Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

We continue with The Lord's Prayer.

One: As our Saviour taught us so we pray, 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.**

**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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation.
But deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory
are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

**For thine
is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen**

Hymn: I will sing the wondrous story

To listen to the hymn press the Ctrl key and click the link at the same time <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QZo56woLsA>

I will sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me;
How He left the realms of glory
For the cross of Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

I was lost, but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray,
Raised me up and gently led me
Back into the narrow way.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;

Then at last He'll bring me over
Saved by grace and mystery
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

Prayer

One: God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten
Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his
risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

Many: Amen.

Final Hymn: We Shall Go Out With Hope of Resurrection

To listen to the hymn press the Ctrl key and click the link at the same
time <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akKnSw1ssYk>

We shall go out with hope of resurrection,
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on,
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
Tales of a love that will not let us go.

We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted,
We'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed,
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken,
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed,
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.

We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,
Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
Including all within the circles of our love.

Blessing and dismissal

We join in these closing Responses³

One: The Cross

Many: We shall take it

One: The bread

Many: We shall break it

³ from Iona Abbey Worship Book

One: The pain

Many: We shall bear it

One: The joy

Many: We shall share it

One: The gospel

Many: We shall live it

One: The love

Many: We shall give it

One: The light

Many: We shall cherish it

One: The darkness

Many: God shall perish it

*Blessing*⁴

To watch a recording of Jenni giving the blessing press the Ctrl key and click the link at the same time. <https://youtu.be/AW1xr6qagSc>

One: May God whom Jesus called Abba embrace you
in love for ever;
may God the Servant bear your burdens with you;
may God the Paraclete grant you life in one another:
so may the blessing of God,
Abba, Servant, Paraclete,
be with you always.

Many: Amen.

⁴ From The Church of New Zealand Prayer Book

One: Let us conclude in the peace of Christ. Alleluia,
alleluia

Many: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

NEWS AND NOTICES

LINK FOR ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

To chat with others after the service please do so on zoom from 12pm;
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85236120219?pwd=K0ZnSWFscXQ5Y1dYRUdCTERXQkd1dz09>

Meeting ID: 852 3612 0219 Passcode: HILDA

Or call 0203 481 5237 (charged at toll rate)

Meeting ID: 852 3612 0219 Passcode: 076793

Please note this will be the same link for the whole of May.

OPEN CHURCH

The church remains open for private prayer on Wednesdays from 2-3.

UPCOMING SERVICES (all will include a home version)

Sunday 9 th May, 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Thursday 13 th May, 07:30pm:	Ascension Day said Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th May 10:30am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd May 10:30am:	Outdoor Holy Communion Pentecost
Sunday 30 th May 10:30am:	Holy Communion, Suzy's last Sunday.

SHEILA COX

We are saddened to announce to death of Sheila Cox, a committed member of St Hilda's for many years. Sheila died on Sunday 25th April in the evening.

Details of her funeral will be announced when known. Please keep her family in your prayers.

ROBERT RODWAY

We are saddened to announce the death of Robert Rodway who many from church and community knew.

APPOINTMENT OF DEANERY SUPPORT WORKER

We are delighted to announce that Ruth Haynes has been appointed as the Support Officer for Warley and Edgbaston. We pray for Ruth as she prepares to leave her current job and begin this new chapter.

GIVING TO ST HILDA'S

Our church continues to run at a significant monthly deficit. If you would like to give to the mission and ministry of St Hilda's the easiest way is by BACS. Our details are; Bank of Scotland, St Hilda's PCC, Sort Code 12-05-65, Account number 00677688. If you are able to gift-aid any donations please ask Terry

(treasurer@sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk) a declaration form.

FOODBANK

Foodbank continues to need donations of non-perishable food and toiletries. If you are not sure where to take donations at present Global Foods on Abbey Road is one of the local drop off points.

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you have a person or situation which you would like the Prayer Ministry Team to bring before God in prayer, then do please forward the request to Anne Harris or Richard Haynes on 07972 530 161 or richard.lpm@outlook.com. All names and situations will be treated in

confidence between the eight members of the prayer ministry team and you can share as much or as little information as you wish.

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