

St Hilda's Church Warley Woods



Living Well Together

**Family and Parade Service
SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2017**

Welcome!

Take a look at the picture.
What do you see?
What's going on?



Today we are thinking about some of Jesus' most practical teaching. It is about how we fall out and make up with grace.

Quite often, in our experience, we find it difficult to know how to be reconciled with someone when we have fallen out.

So, we might go to other people and talk about the problem behind the back of the one we have fallen out with.

We might tell so many other people that the last person to really know is the one who we are in disagreement about. They may not even know, when everyone else does!

Jesus' teaching today is as fresh as the day it was spoken.

It is realistic yet tough and very challenging.

It is very mature.

And at the end of it all, Jesus promises that He is with us whenever we meet in his name.

Let us learn together how to live well together.

Amen.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Teach us, O Lord, the ways of your laws.

Give us understanding that we may always follow you.

May your constant presence assure us of your steadfast love.

May we know that presence now. Amen.

Please stand if you are able as we sing and receive the procession of flags into church

Opening Hymn: Be thou my vision

Common Praise 386

Words of Preparation

We get ready to listen to God's Word as Paul leads us in saying:

May the Lord, whose face shines upon us, be with you always.

And also with you.

Praise you Lord, for good thoughts and insight

You Lord are the fount of wisdom and wise words.

Praise you Lord, for good actions and love poured out

You Lord are the life-giving spark.

Praise you Lord, that when two or three are gathered together in your name

You Lord are there with us.

Introduction to our worship:

Please sit. Paul will introduce Annie, Alice and Aaron as they lead us in the next part of our service. We will be exploring together how we interpret Jesus' strong words on how to confront disagreements between brothers and sisters who share Christian faith.

Worship Song: As we are gathered

As you remain seated, we sing this song twice

**As we are gathered Jesus is here;
One with each other, Jesus is here.
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
Part of the body, the church of God.
As we are gathered Jesus is here,
One with each other, Jesus is here.**

Bible Reading: Matthew 18.15-20

¹⁵ 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

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

Sketch 1

Aaron, Annie and Alice get us thinking with a short sketch on the theme of Jesus' teaching

Chat together

What do you think?

Sketch 2

Aaron, Annie and Alice get us thinking with a second sketch

Chat again

What did you learn?

Summing up

Our response: As we are gathered

As we sit, we sing again, just once through this time:

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One with each other, Jesus is here.
Joined by the Spirit, washed in the blood,
Part of the body, the church of God.
As we are gathered Jesus is here,
One with each other, Jesus is here.**

Confession

Led by Annie. After a pause for silence, we say together:

**Lord, we are sorry:
that we stick to our stubborn ways
and find it hard to forgive those that have wronged us,
that we fail to question and challenge others wisely
when they stray from you,
that we don't act as advocates for your word in our community,
that we aren't always Christlike and forget to uphold what is right,
Forgive us, and give us guidance, wisdom, strength and courage
to be faithful guardians of your way.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Prayer of 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.**

Song: Tzena

*Please stand as the children in the choir lead us in learning this joyful song.
It is very catchy and we will sing it several times after the children have introduced it.*

**Tzena, Tzena, Tzena, Tzena
can't you hear the music playing
in the village square?
Tzena, Tzena, join the celebration,
there'll be people there from ev'ry nation,
dawn will find us dancing in the sunlight,
dancing in the village square.**

Prayers of Intercessions

Please sit or kneel as Aaron, Annie and Alice lead our prayers

Where there is conflict,
bring reconciliation and peace.

Between nations and races, when there is
oppression and abuse of power:
bring reconciliation and peace.

In places of work, when conditions are governed by profit
and the humanity of employees is ignored:
bring reconciliation and peace.

In local communities, where neighbours cannot agree;
where rights are not respected:
bring reconciliation and peace.

Between people of different faiths,
different approaches to faith, different traditions:
bring reconciliation and peace.

Within our church, within our families, within our home:
bring reconciliation and peace.

*The names of those who are on the hearts
of people who have come into church today will be read out
and commended into God's kind care.
And then we will join in together, saying:*

**Reconciling God, may we honour one another,
see your image in our neighbour,
and always work for justice, mercy and peace.
We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

In our own mother tongue, we join in saying the Christian family prayer:

**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.
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.**

News and Notices

Hymn: Go tell it on the mountain
Mission Praise 175

(During which the collection is taken and flags are returned.)

Words of Blessing

Go, wherever God may call you -
take courage and be strong.

**Be aware of the everlasting arms,
ready to support you, to catch you,
even to carry you when things get tough.**

And the blessing of our Living God
- earth-creator, pain-bearer and life-giver
be upon you now and ever more.

Amen.

Traidcraft goods are available in the outer porch.

NEWS AND NOTICES

The Sanctuary flowers are the gift of The Guides.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon	10.45 am	CAMEO - Radio Memories - John Smith
Wed	9.30 am	Mother & Toddler Group (Church Hall)
	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thurs	2.00 pm	St Hilda's Baby Group (Church Hall)
Sat	10.30 am	Table Tennis Club (Church Hall)

Services for next Sunday: 17th September

10.30 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School and Prayer Ministry
6.30 pm	Evening Prayer

SPONSORED RAMBLE 2017

Just to let you all know that this year's Sponsored Ramble will raise about £800 for the Sunflower Fund when the Gift Aid has been collected. Many thanks to all of you who responded to the call and sponsored the walkers! Derek Latham

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

I should like to thank all the people who have collected money in 'The Children's Society' boxes. The total amount raised this year (2017) is: **£808.37**. If anyone else would like a box to collect money in, please contact Dianne Eades. Thank you

PRAYING TOGETHER

The next meeting of Praying Together will be on Monday evening 18th September 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*

MISSION TO SEAFARERS - 100 MILE CYCLE

On Sunday 24th September 2017, 15,000 cyclists will set off from Birmingham City Centre to complete a 100-mile route through Worcestershire and Staffordshire. I will be one of these cyclists aiming to complete this challenge to raise awareness and support for Missions to Seafarers. As I am out training I give thanks for the beautiful countryside and wildlife, reflect on the week's events and the positive impact the Missions to Seafarers have on so many lives by sharing Gods love with all. Your prayers for this event and the work the Missions to Seafarers do would be greatly appreciated. If you would also like to sponsor this event then please see Judith Gibbens or donate via <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/m2s-lg-100miles> Lizzie Gibbens

VELO BIRMINGHAM CYCLE RIDE - ROAD CLOSURE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH

The A 456 Hagley Road will be closed from 5am-11am on the day. Those living south of the Hagley Road will need to find an alternative route if they are coming to the 10.30am service. A map showing the closures is on the notice board in the outer porch.

SOCIABLE SOCIAL EVENING

The next Sociable Social Evening will be on Thursday, 28th September at 7.00 p.m. The venue will be 'The Britannia' in Blackheath for our annual curry night [or the normal menu for those who are not curry-minded!]. If you would like to join us for the occasion, please put your name on the list which is on the notice board in the outer porch NO LATER than Sunday morning, 24th September. We look forward to seeing you there! Please note that there will not be a Sociable Social Evening in October, as its place is taken by the Harvest Supper. Julie, Rose and Derek.

HARVEST SUPPER AND SKITTLES 2017

This ever-popular event will take place on Saturday 7 October commencing at 7pm. Prices including food start from £6.00 upwards.

You can secure a place for this most enjoyable of evenings, by indicating what food is required and for how many people on the form in the Church porch, or contact **Jon Goodwin on 07989697262.**

If you wish to attend the event but do not wish to purchase food, tickets will be made available at £4.00 each. **However, please note that priority for the limited number of seats will go to those indicating that they require food.**

A WALK IN THE WOODS FOR SHAZZA

On Saturday 7th October 2017 I'll have been married to Sharon for 30 years. I consider this quite a landmark and want to mark the day in some way that would be appropriate.

Our wedding day was a budget affair and didn't really honour my new wife the way she deserved, neither did it reflect the way I felt about her at the time and certainly the significance that our marriage became. It took place at Sandwell Registry Office (at the time a rickety portacabin), we had a cake and car donated from someone else's cancelled wedding and a honeymoon at my brother's house in Blackpool. All much appreciated at the time but Sharon did deserve and should have had more.

We regularly talked about having our marriage blessed at some significant time, maybe it would have been on our 30th? We decided not to bother on our 25th and one of the many things I have learnt from these last few years is not to put off things that you want to do, particularly the special things as there might not be chance in the future. We should not let this life pass us by; we should treasure it and ourselves.

I feel that our marriage evolved in a pretty rare way in how it touched so many lives, with the 20 plus years of fostering, the work that we both went on to do, particularly with Sharon's family placements social work. Primarily though, with our 4 boys of course, and Sharon would have so loved to be around to be part of our grandchildren's lives too, a love that would certainly have been reciprocal.

So, on the morning of our anniversary, at 10.30 I will be taking a walk around Warley woods. This place was loved by Sharon, especially during the autumn months. This is where we went immediately after we told of her diagnoses and prognosis, discussing how we would go about breaking the news to her parents and our boys. It is also the last place I was able to take her before she became housebound. We just had a drive around as she wasn't feeling too good. I had the wheelchair in the boot of the car, just in case. We intended to go back for a short walk. Again, something that we didn't get chance to do.

I am inviting anyone and everyone who had any connection with Sharon to join me on this short walk. I intend to make just one circuit of the park and I would love some company to talk about and remember my wife. Also - and here's the catch - it would be great to top-up the fundraising from my half-marathon so I will be collecting for Bowel Cancer UK on the morning. It's not about raising money though and there is no expectation to donate, especially as I seem to doing so well through the run anyway. More importantly, I want to spread the message that bowel cancer can hit people of all ages and that there are many symptoms to look out for – not just the one.

Predominantly, the walk is to remember everything about Sharon and keep her memory alive for us all, particularly her grandchildren, who she would have so loved and who never had the joy of sharing time with her.

Please join me, Starting at the Abbey Road entrance, at 10.30am on Saturday 7th October 2017. www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rupert-Hannibal

FOODBANK

Your generous support of the Foodbank is very much appreciated. In the three weeks of 08 - 29 August, food donated from St Hilda's totalled 46.66 kg. The Foodbank is currently short of **tins of soup, vegetables, fish, meat, packets of tea, pasta, small packets of rice, pasta sauce, long life fruit juice, shower gel, toilet rolls, toothbrushes and toothpaste.** Thank you for your help.

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.

The Commemoration Service this year will be on Sunday 29th October, if you would like the name of a loved one entered into the book, can I please have the blue form no later than Sunday 1st October, thank you. Freddie

GUYS AND DOLLS

Would you please be kind enough to include following in the Pew Sheet asap and until Sunday 12th November, 2017. The Arcadians are presenting GUYS and DOLLS at The Crescent Theatre from Tuesday 14th to Saturday 18th November 2017. Performances 7.30 pm each day with a Matinee at 2.30 pm on the Saturday. There are flyers in the porch at St Hilda's with prices of £15 and £16 direct from the Theatre. If you buy them direct from Peter Hale (chorister) they are a £1 cheaper. It promises to be an excellent show, rehearsals are well on the way.

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

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.

Next week's readings:

First Reading: Exodus 14.19-end

Crossing the Red Sea

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

The Pursuers Drowned

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Psalm 103.1-13

Thanksgiving for God's Goodness

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. ² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. ⁶ The LORD works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18.21.35

Forgiveness

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

St Hilda's Calendar for 2017

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
November	Sunday 5th Sunday 12 th Saturday 18th Sunday 19 th Saturday 25th	Messy Meet Up – 3.00 pm (Church Hall) Remembrance Service – 10.30am Model Railway Exhibition – 10.00am (Church Hall) Patronal Festival – 10.30am Parish Ramble - 12.30 pm - Wolverley

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