

St. Hilda's Church Warley Woods



**Sea Sunday 8th July 2018
The Mission to Seafarers**

Our Global Family



Welcome to our family Sea Sunday Service

(Please stand as we listen to Michael sing The Ocean Song.

The flags are presented.)

Call to Worship

Please remain standing as we join in our call to worship

You are the peace of all things calm

You are the place to hide from harm

You are the light that shines in the dark

You are the heart's eternal spark

You are the door that's open wide

You are the guest who waits inside

You are the stranger at the door

You are the calling of the poor

You are my love, keep me from ill

You are my Lord and with me still

You are the light, the truth, the way

You are my Saviour this very day

Hymn: I The Lord of Sea and Sky - CP470

Please sit

Saying Sorry

We come before God to say sorry and ask for his forgiveness. So we pray

Dear God,

We know that we have not been as good as we should be.

We have hurt each other.

We have been unkind.

We have been unfair.

We are very sorry, and will try not to do these things anymore.

Please forgive us,

Help us to be more thoughtful,

To be more loving,

To be like Jesus.

Amen

Words of forgiveness

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading - Luke 10:25-37

Just then a scholar of the Hebrew Scriptures tried to trap Jesus.

Teacher, what must I do to experience the eternal life?

What is written in the Hebrew Scriptures? How do you interpret their answer to your question?

You shall love—“love the Eternal One your God with everything you have: all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind” —and “love your neighbour as yourself.”

Perfect. Your answer is correct. Follow these commands and you will live.

The scholar was frustrated by this response because he was hoping to make himself appear smarter than Jesus.

Ah, but who is my neighbour?

This fellow was traveling down from Jerusalem to Jericho when some robbers mugged him. They took his clothes, beat him to a pulp, and left him naked and bleeding and in critical condition. By chance, a priest was going down that same road, and when he saw the wounded man, he crossed over to the other side and passed by. Then a Levite who was on his way to assist in the temple also came and saw the victim lying there, and he too kept his distance. Then a despised Samaritan journeyed by. When he saw the fellow, he felt compassion for him. The Samaritan went over to him, stopped the bleeding, applied some first aid, and put the poor fellow on his donkey. He brought the man to an inn and cared for him through the night.

The next day, the Samaritan took out some money—two days’ wages to be exact—and paid the innkeeper, saying, “Please take care of this fellow, and if this isn’t enough, I’ll repay you next time I pass through.”

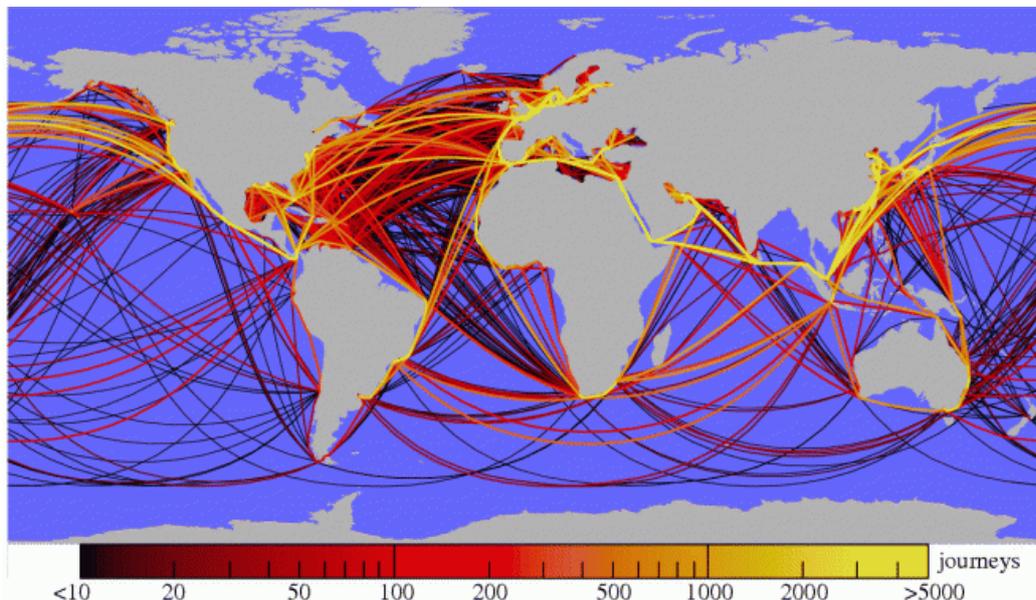
Which of these three proved himself a neighbour to the man who had been mugged by the robbers?
The one who showed mercy to him.
Well then, go and behave like that Samaritan.

Please stand if you are able

HYMN: Dear Lord and Father of Mankind – CP411

Please sit

Talk – How many miles did it take to get to church this morning?



Friends – Knit and Natter continues ...

Please stand if you are able

Song: Friends

During this song everyone is invited to give towards the work of St. Hilda's and The Mission to Seafarers. The giving of time and money enables us to serve one another. Thank you for all you do and give.

Friends are like flowers we pick them to brighten our life
They come in all ages in every colour and size.

If I'm a friend to you
And you're a friend to me
What a beautiful world this could be
What a beautiful world this could be.

Friends are like sunshine they shine on us when life is cold
Sharing and caring, loving and laughing as we grow old.

If I'm a friend to you
And you're a friend to me
What a beautiful world this could be
What a beautiful world this could be.

Friends are like angels they loan us their wings when we can't
fly
Friends are like tissues they soak up our sadnesses when we
cry.

If I'm a friend to you
And you're a friend to me
What a beautiful world this could be
What a beautiful world this could be.

Friends can sit quietly, not have to speak, when there's
nothing to say
Friends can pop in for just one cup of tea and then talk all
day.

If I'm a friend to you
And you're a friend to me
What a beautiful world this could be
What a beautiful world this could be.

Friends know our faults but they still love us for who we are
When they're away they still feel near, however far.

If I'm a friend to you
And you're a friend to me
What a beautiful world this could be
What a beautiful world this could be.

Please sit

Intercession Prayers

Judith will lead the congregation in prayer.

The response after each prayer is:

God of love

Show us the way.

A Special prayer for all seafarers

We pray together ...

**Lord God, we depend on you for life itself. We
depend on seafarers for many of our daily needs.
Watch over them, keep them from danger, befriend
them in loneliness and bring them safely home to
those they love. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

And as our Saviour taught us, so we pray in our own mother tongue ...

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 from evil. For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Notices & Banns of Marriage

Please stand if you are able

HYMN: The Song of Kingdom Come

The flags will be returned during the singing of this hymn

I have a voice

You have a voice

We have a voice and when we sing together

A line is drawn; and hope reborn

This is the song, the song of Kingdom Come.

We heard the cries of distant neighbours

The dispossessed the refugee

And God's command to feed the hungry

And set them free, and set them free

We heard the Word the New Commandment

And we reclaimed the prophet's call

To love the world without condition

God's love for all, God's love for all

**I have a voice
You have a voice
We have a voice and when we sing together
A line is drawn; and hope reborn
This is the song, the song of Kingdom Come.**

A reckless love that knows no borders
That speaks the truth to those in power
That shines a light on cruel indifference
This is God's hour, this is God's hour
When we will stand against injustice
With all who live against the grain
Until their poverty is over
And love shall reign, and love shall reign.

**I have a voice
You have a voice
We have a voice and when we sing together
A line is drawn; and hope reborn
This is the song, the song of Kingdom Come.**

We won't stand by while others suffer
Or turn blind eyes to ruthless wrong
Our psalm of praise will be compassion
This Kingdom Song, this Kingdom Song
A song of love and liberation
Of healing hope and lasting peace
A taste of life in all its fullness
God's masterpiece, God's masterpiece.

**I have a voice
You have a voice
We have a voice and when we sing together
A line is drawn; and hope reborn
This is the song, the song of Kingdom Come.**
(Last chorus x 2 – repeat the last line)

Blessing –

May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.
May the blessing of God the Father be with you and those
you love this day and forever more. **Amen**

***Please stay awhile for a cup of tea or coffee and
perhaps support The Mission to Seafarers by
buying a piece of cake to go with your drink.***

Traidcraft goods are available in the outer porch.

NEWS AND NOTICES

The Sanctuary flowers are the gift from Mrs Carol Hadlington.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon	10.45 am	CAMEO - Where there's a will there's a way - Anne Clark
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)

Services for next Sunday on 15th July

10.30 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School and Prayer Ministry
3.30 pm	Tea and Sing (Church)
6.30 pm	<i>No evening service</i>

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

What is the Good News you would like to share with the people of this parish? What is it you long others to know about God and what it means to you to be a follower of Jesus? Can you write this in just one sentence? There is a board at the back of church for you to add your Good News. And let's pray that all who come into church over summer for The Three Shires Festival, weddings, Open Church or any other occasion will read them and want to know more about Jesus. Fran Ellis

POTTERY ROAD POST OFFICE - PETITION

The post road post office may be closed soon, so there is a petition in the porch for you to sign if you would like the post office to stay local. Thank you for your support.



TEA AND SING EVENT ON SUNDAY 15TH JULY

This event is open to everyone. In order to raise our profile as a developing Dementia Friendly Church, St Hilda's, Warley Woods will be holding a Songs of Praise afternoon where you can come along, have tea and cakes and reminisce over your favourite hymns.

Tea and cakes will be served from 3.30pm followed by a selection of your favourite hymns from about 4.15 pm. All donations from this event will be given to BUDS, our chosen charity for this year. BUDS works with people living with dementia in the Sandwell area.

Please write down your favourite hymn and try to tell us in a few words why you have chosen it. Then hand this to Sue Round, Gez Poole or Rose Akeroyd. You can email your choice to Rose if you prefer, on akeroydrj@hotmail.com. You will need to do this by 3 July 2018 please. We hope you will be as excited by this idea as we are!

PRAYING TOGETHER

We will be 'praying together' on Monday evening 16th July at 7.00 - 8.00 pm in the Church. Our prayers will include praising and thanking God and praying for individual people, groups, communities and the wider world. You are very welcome to come and join us. *Wendy Dyke, Carol Hadlington, Carole Southall, Fran Ellis, Anne Harris*

SOCIABLE SOCIAL EVENING

The final Sociable Social Evening before its Summer break will be held on Wednesday, 18th July at 7.00 p.m. We will be making our Summer visit to 'The Fairfield' where we have enjoyed an excellent Christmas meal for the last two years. If you would like to come to the event, please sign your name on the list on the notice board in the outer porch NO LATER than Sunday morning, 15th July. We look forward to seeing you there! Please note that the next Sociable Social Evening will be in September and details of this will appear in the Pew Sheet and magazine in due course. Julie, Rose and Derek.

SPONSORED RAMBLE 2018

This year's Sponsored Ramble will take place on Saturday, 21st July and we will be walking around Bewdley as we did last year. Full details will be in the July magazine, but if you would like to take part in the event, please see Derek who will give you a sponsor form. We will again be raising money for the Sunflower Fund and it will be possible for you to either walk all day or half a day [morning or afternoon, whichever is convenient]. If you are not able to join us, then please be generous with your sponsorship if one of the walkers approaches you over the next few weeks. Many thanks! Derek Latham.

ToCH meeting Saturday 28th July

There will be a ToCH meeting on Saturday 28th July in the vicarage. The meeting will start with a hot potato lunch at 1pm and will be followed by activities relating to the work of Restore. If you are interested please let me know so that I know how many people to cater for. Pamela Whyman 07947022284

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Will you please let me have your collecting boxes for The Children's Society, as soon as possible. Please hand them to David Hickman or myself. Many thanks. Dianne Eades

FOODBANK

Many thanks to everyone who supports the Smethwick Foodbank through your generous gifts of food and toiletries which are much needed and appreciated. The total weight of donations from St Hilda's for the 4 weeks of 22 May - 19 June was 61.5 kg. Currently, the following items are particularly needed: **tins of soup, vegetables, fish, fruit, packets of smash, 500 gram packets of rice, tooth brushes, shower gel, small chocolate bars and packets of crisps.** Please be aware that the Foodbank no longer distributes sugar. Thank you for your help.

SUMMER CAMP LEADERS

Please pray for all those who will be leading summer camps in this country and abroad, sometimes where it is difficult/ dangerous to share the Christian faith, that they will be able to draw close to God and listen to His prompting. Pray for safety for both travel and activities. Please also pray for those who will hear the gospel possibly for the first time. If you are aware of particular individuals could you let Freddie know, thanks Ann Millross.

TEA, CAKES AND A CHAT

I will be holding my annual get-togethers again this year and would like to invite anyone who would like to do so to come along to 231, Abbey Road for a cup of tea/coffee, cakes and a chat. If you have been before and enjoyed it, do come again; if you haven't, then do try and come this time. My sitting room can comfortably accommodate five visitors so do, please, sign the list in the porch so we don't end up sitting on one another's knees. The next date is: Thursday, 16th August, Barbara Fletcher.

PEW SHEET NOTICES AND POSTERS

This is just a reminder that the cut off for pew sheet notices is by close of play on a Wednesday each week, notices received on Thursday morning will not be processed. If you are sending posters, please ensure these have been saved in 'pdf' as I cannot always open the documents or there is movement in the format. You can always leave me a hard copy, just in case. If I cannot open the document or the formatting is not right, then it will be returned to you and advertising will be delayed. This has been causing me significant delays in getting the order of service printed and other important work done, that can only be processed when I am in the office. Thank you for co-operation, Freddie.

TRAIIDCRAFT

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

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

You may be aware that on May 25th 2018 the Law relating to data protection will be changed from the current Data Protection Act 1989. This means that everyone will have the right to say whether their personal details may be distributed to a.n. Other or not. To this end, all persons whose details are kept on file in whatever format e.g. email, telephone number, or address, for purposes relating to St. Hilda's church, will be given the opportunity to complete a form indicating their wish. This will be known as explicit consent, equally if you choose not to consent, and that is perfectly acceptable, no further contact by any of the above ways will be made.

Any data that is kept on the updated file will be used for specific purposes only; e.g. contact details for those people involved in services, names recorded on the Electoral Roll etc., and kept in a locked safe place, with no general access.

We ask for your patient co-operation whilst our current data is replaced with the new lists, and apologise for any concerns this may bring. Forms have been emailed out and also paper copies will be available in the porch. One of us will be happy to allay any fears you may have. *Paul Hinton, Freddie Brogan, Sue Round, Wendy Dyke. T. Daniels (GDPR reviewing group).*

Useful contacts:

Rev. Paul Hinton	Vicar	0121 429 1384
Mrs Sue Round	Churchwarden	0121 572 9752
Mr Gerald Poole	Churchwarden	0121 429 9225
Mrs Mandy Saunders	Children and Families Missioner for St Hilda's (Tues/Wed/Thur 9am - 5pm)	07519 163974 mrej81@tiscali.co.uk
Mrs Fran Ellis	Reader	0121 429 6267
Mrs Rose Akeroyd	Reader	0121 422 2786
Mr Richard Haynes	Reader	07972 530161
Mrs Freddie Brogan	Parish Administrator (Mon & Thur 9am - 1pm)	07582 957364 administrator@sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk

Next week's readings:

First Reading: Ephesians 1.3-14

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6.14-29

The Death of John the Baptist

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Help!

St Hilda's Baby Group has been running for many years and provides a wonderful opportunity for Church to engage with the local community. Currently, Baby Group happens because of a small team of volunteers from St Hilda's plus the additional support of a local Mum.

Our team has become very depleted lately for various reasons and we desperately need more help if Baby Group is going to be able to continue in September.

Could you help on Thursday afternoons (school term time only) between 1pm and 4pm?

- Could you set out carpets, toys, baby care and play equipment?
- Could you prepare and serve light refreshments from the kitchen?
- Could you be a greeter and manage the welcome desk, helping new folk register and explain what facilities group provides?
- Could you keep the financial records for the group up to date?
- Could you keep the Baby Group Facebook page up to date and maintain its online profile?
- Could you plan and arrange an activity schedule for the group on a termly basis? (Past details are available)
- Could you produce a monthly newsletter to keep folk informed of what is happening in group?
- Could you purchase refreshments and sundries enabling Baby Group to run smoothly? (Using Baby Group funds)
- Could you clear, tidy and pack everything away at the end of the session?
- Could you get alongside the mums, dads, nans, grandads and other carers who come along with their little ones and chat with them?

Jesus got alongside people. As Christians, we are called to get alongside the people God puts us beside. We really want to see the Baby Group work continue but we can't do that without more help.

If you see yourself in any of the roles outlined, (you don't have to do everything!) please speak to Paul. If you would like to come along to group and see it in action you would be warmly welcomed.

Please pray that Baby Group receives the support and help it needs to continue.

"Use me Lord, to make a difference in the lives of one child, one parent, one family."

VACANCY

Cleaner

We have an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and professional cleaner to clean all aspects of the church hall. The successful applicant will be responsible for a variety of duties ensuring that the church hall is cleaned and maintained to very high standards and in compliance with health and safety regulations.

The wage for this position will be £8.75 per hour. This is a permanent position effective from September 2018, working 6 hours per week (days/hours to be agreed) and the successful applicant should demonstrate the ability to be flexible.

If this role interests you a job description can be obtained from the website: www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk or please request one via The Parish Administrator, St Hilda's Parish Church, Abbey Road, Smethwick, B67 5NE or contact via mobile on 07582 957364 / email: administrator@sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk

CV's and written applications are welcomed.

Closing date: **20th July 2018**

Interviews to be held: **Week commencing 6th August 2018**

St Hilda's Calendar for 2018

July	Sunday 8th Sunday 15th Saturday 21st Sunday 22nd Monday 23rd Monday 30th	3 Shires Choral Evensong - Worship through Performing Arts 6.30 pm (Church) Tea and Sing Event - 3.30 pm (Church) Parish Ramble - 10.00 am - Sponsored Ramble Baptism/Confirmations - 6.30 pm - at Holy Trinity Church, Smethwick Messy Meet Up - 10.00 am (Church Hall) Messy Meet Up - 10.00 am (Church Hall)
August	Monday 6th Saturday 11th Monday 13th Monday 20th Monday 27th	Messy Meet Up - 10.00 am (Church Hall) Parish Ramble - 12.30 pm Messy Meet Up - 10.00 am (Church Hall) Messy Meet Up - 10.00 am (Church Hall) Messy Meet Up - 10.00 am (Church Hall)

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QUIET TIME BEFORE THE SERVICE

Please respect people that want or are having quiet time before the service as you do not know what their week has been like.

Please do not ask people questions about work for the church before the service as this is their time not yours.

Please do not put people off from coming to church on Sunday if they are not allowed any time to pray, reflect or have peace.

There is always time over a coffee at the end!

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.

PLEASE TAKE BOOKLET AWAY WITH YOU