

# St Hilda's Parish Church Warley Woods



## Family Service

*The spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

*Genesis 1:2*

**Sea Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Celebrating the caring service of  
The Mission to Seafarers  
and Baptism of Sophie Louise ...

## **The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters**

Today in our service we will be celebrating and giving thanks for three things.

The day of Pentecost was the day when the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit, described as a rushing wind filling the room where the disciples were and with tongues of fire resting on them. Today we remember this gift and all it means to Christians.

We are also celebrating Sea Sunday, the day when we give thanks for the work of The Mission to Seafarers and all they do for the welfare of all seafarers and their families around the world. As in previous years many connected with St. Hilda's have been knitting hats, scarfs and gloves to send to the Mission to Seafarers. These are distributed to ports around the British Isles to give to seafarers when they dock. This year 154 hats, 9 balaclavas, 1 scarf and 3 pairs of gloves have been made and we are still receiving items and counting. These will be sent to head office in August. As always I am most grateful for the willing support and the hours generously given to knit the quantity I receive. We will take this opportunity to bless them this morning. Thank you! You are amazing.

Our third celebration is the baptism of Pauline and Leighton's baby daughter, Sophie as we take the opportunity to welcome her into our church family.

Thank you for joining us at this morning's service we pray that you will find joy and blessing as we worship together.

Judith Gibbens

## **Welcome to our family service**

Our purpose on earth is not to get lost in the dark in our journey through life, but to be a beacon of light so that others may find their way.

*Throughout the service please say together all words in the bold type.*

### **Introit**

You call me out upon the waters the great unknown where feet may fail

and there I find You in the mystery in oceans deep

My faith will stand

And I will call upon Your name

And keep my eyes above the waves

When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters Your sovereign hand will be my guide

Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me

You've never failed and You won't start now

So I will call upon Your name

And keep my eyes above the waves

When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace

For I am Yours and You are mine

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders

Let me walk upon the waters

Wherever You would call me

Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander

And my faith will be made stronger

In the presence of my Saviour

I will call upon Your name

Keep my eyes above the waves

My soul will rest in Your embrace

I am Yours and You are mine

## **Call to worship**

*We say ...*

### **Here we are Lord!**

We come into your house this morning  
praising your faithfulness,  
giving thanks for your mercy,  
seeking your joy.

Thank you for creating us  
and giving us life and breath today.

Thank you for your son Jesus Christ, our Saviour  
and for the Holy Spirit  
whose presence here  
unites us as your people.

**Fill us with your peace today. Amen.**

## **Hymn – I the Lord of sea and sky - CP 470**

### **Confession**

Let us come before God for a moment of silent reflection before we  
confess our sins and ask his forgiveness.

Lord of all creation, forgive us for the times we have ignored your  
teachings and wisdom. Help us to listen to your word and live by it  
each day.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord of all creation, forgive us for the times we have ignored those  
in need around us. Help us to become more aware of the needs of  
others.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord of all creation, forgive us for the times we have ignored your  
will for our lives. Help us to trust you and follow you more each  
day.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lord of all creation, forgive us for the times we have ignored the needs of seafarers and have taken them for granted. Help us to remember the vital work they do in ensuring that we have our daily needs.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.**

God our loving Father, forgive us our sins, keep your word alive in us and help us to know your peace and forgiveness in our lives each day. Help us to be people who trust and follow you wholeheartedly as we live for you each day.

**Amen**

### **Words 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.**

### **Reading: Acts 27: 27-43**

*Led by Ruth , together with the whole congregation in bold print.*

Paul, his friends, and lots of other people were in a boat, out at sea. There was a terrible storm. The wind blew, the waves rolled and crashed, the boat rocked and tossed.

**“We’ll all be drowned!”** shouted the people.

“No, we won’t” said Paul calmly, “God has told me we will all be safe.”

But the storm did not stop! No one could even see if it was day or night! Then **scrunch!** The boat was stuck on the seabed – but there was dry land nearby.

The man in charge of the boat told everyone what to do. “Jump into the water and swim to the land” he said. “If you can’t swim, hold onto a piece of wood and float to shore.”

And that’s what they did. The boat was wrecked but everyone was safe. God had looked after them. Just as Paul had said he would.

**Talk – Spirit lead me, where my trust is without borders ...**

*If anyone would like to come and collect a fishing rod to catch a boat, you are welcome.*

### **A special prayer for Pentecost**

God our Father,

you sent your Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples to give the power to tell the good news.

Help us to hear the voice of your Spirit within us and respond to your call to live as your sons and daughters.

Through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen**

### **Hymn: Wide, wide as the ocean**

*The congregation is invited to turn where they stand towards the font and gather for Sophie's baptism. As we do so, we sing through twice ...*

**Wide, wide as the ocean,  
high as the heaven above;  
Deep, deep as the deepest sea  
is my Saviour's love.  
I, though so unworthy,  
still am a child of His care;  
For His Word teaches me  
that His love reaches me  
everywhere.**

## **The Liturgy of Baptism**

*Sophie Louise is presented to the congregation.*

*Paul addresses the whole congregation.*

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number  
those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Sophie and uphold her in her new  
life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*Paul then says to the parents and godparents*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Sophie with joy.

Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.

Will you pray for her,

draw her by your example into the community of faith  
and walk with her in the way of Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Sophie begins her journey in faith.

Will you care for her,

and help her to take her place

within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**With the help of God, we will.**

## **The Decision**

*Paul addresses Sophie through her parents and godparents.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To  
follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

## **Signing with the Cross**

*Paul and then all her family and friends make the sign of the cross on Sophie's forehead, saying*

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

## **Prayer over the Water**

Praise God who made heaven and earth,  
**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father we give you thanks and praise  
for your gift of water in creation;  
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,  
bringing light and life;  
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
baptised in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation  
brought to birth by water and the Spirit  
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,  
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit  
move upon these waters.

Restore through the beauty of your creation,  
and bring those who are baptised  
to new birth in the family of your Church. **Amen**

## **Profession of Faith**

*We all join together in the bold type:*

Let us affirm, together with these who are baptised,  
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
Source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## **The Baptism**

*Paul pours water over her head saying*

Sophie Louise, I baptise you

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen**

*The parents are given a certificate for Sophie and the godparents receive cards to remind them of the promises they have made on behalf of Sophie.*

## **The Welcome and Peace**

*We now state this radical news of acceptance. No matter what, from now on Sophie will always be welcome throughout the world in all churches.*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

Sophie, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

*The congregation greet Sophie newly baptised with applause and joy!  
Paul introduces the Peace*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

## **Hymn – All Things Bright and Beautiful – CP25 I**

*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.*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*When we say:*

Spirit of the Living God.

*Please respond:*

**Fall afresh on us.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

And our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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

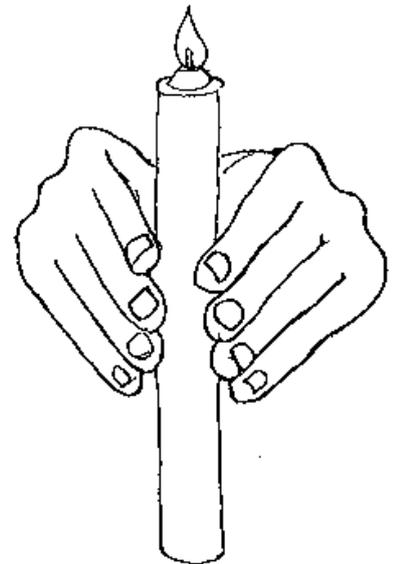
## **Notices and Banns of Marriage**

### **Giving of a Lighted Candle**

*A lit candle is another symbol of the Christian faith, signifying our welcome into a way of living that brings light to others.*

Faithful and loving God,  
bless those who care for Sophie  
and grant them your gifts of love, wisdom and faith.  
Pour upon them your healing and reconciling love,  
and protect their home from all evil.  
Fill them with the light of your presence  
and establish them in the joy of your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.  
You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.  
**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**



## **Final hymn – Christ be our Light**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.***

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts...***

**Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until are fed.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stones.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts...***

**Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your Kingdom come.  
*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts...***

## **Blessing**

*We remain standing:*

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 Lord bless you and keep you  
may the Holy Spirit breathe love into your heart  
and may Jesus himself show you the way.

**Amen**

## **NOTICES**

### **Key events this coming week:**

Monday	10.45am	Cameo
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion
Saturday	9.00am	Men's Breakfast (Vicarage)
	10.30am	Table Tennis Club (Church Hall)
Sunday	10.30am	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Shared Meal (Church Hall) & Celebration
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The June Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Food will be served at around 9am in the Vicarage. A cooked breakfast or cereal will be available as well as a time of sharing and fellowship. There are no charges but donations if you wish. It would be good to see you there. Richard, Nick and Paul

## **APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR**

The wardens and vicar are delighted to announce that Rob Richards has been appointed the new Parish Administrator. Rob was introduced to the congregation on May 26<sup>th</sup> & he began his new role on June 3<sup>rd</sup>! Please remember Rob in your prayers this coming month as he settles into what is a demanding and very fulfilling job. His hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am-2:30pm. We are also most grateful to Freddie Brogan for kindly supporting Rob through the transition as she hands over from her role at the end of June.

## **PRAYING TOGETHER**

The next meeting of 'praying together' will be on Tuesday evening 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 - 8.00 pm in the Church. You are very welcome to come and join us in praising and thanking God, praying for individual people, groups, communities and the wider world and also praying for our own Church during our interregnum. *Wendy Dyke, Carol Hadlington, Carole Southall, Fran Ellis, Anne Harris*

## **CAR WASH AND COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY JUNE 29<sup>th</sup>**

A date for your diaries! On Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m until 1p.m we will be holding a car wash and coffee morning to raise funds for Up and Downs, this year's church charity. A car wash will cost £5 and will include a hot drink and a cake to enjoy while your car is washed. Alternatively if you do not have a car join us for a cuppa, cakes and a chat. All monies raised will go to Up and Downs. Your support at this event will be much appreciated. The Gibbens Family

## **FOODBANK**

Many thanks to all who support the Smethwick Foodbank through your generous gifts of food, toiletries and money, which are very much appreciated. Donations from St Hilda's for the two weeks up to 4th June weighed 26 kilograms. At present, the following are particularly needed: boxes of cereal, tins of tomatoes, vegetables, meat, fish, custard, cartons of long life fruit juice, jars of pasta sauce, coffee, jam, packets of rice, tea bags, toilet rolls, shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste. The Foodbank currently has large stocks of baked beans, and no longer distributes sugar. Thank you.

## **CELEBRATING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN READERS**

There will be a special service in Birmingham Cathedral on Sunday 21st July at 6pm to celebrate the 50th anniversary of women being admitted as Readers in the Church of England. St Hilda's has a long tradition of women Readers: Barbara Fletcher, Connie Jinks, Mary Lee, Rosemarie Dunk, Rose Akeroyd and myself. I would love to invite my friends at St Hilda's to come and share the celebration with me. All are welcome to turn up on the day for the service. Refreshments will be served from 5pm. The organisers would appreciate numbers for this in advance, so if you want to come for refreshments please sign up on the sheet in the porch, with any dietary requirements.

**Fran Ellis**

## **ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FROM THE CONGREGATION ABOUT THE INTERREGNUM**

At the recent away day, the Ministry team and PCC considered carefully the questions raised by the congregation concerning the interregnum. Here are the answers:

### **1. Who is actually in charge?**

*The Churchwardens with the Area Dean, Rev Deb Buckley, in consultation with the PCC and Ministry Team.*

### **2. Who will be responsible for paid employees of St. Hilda's?**

*The PCC. Support is available from the Area Dean and the Diocese.*

### **3. Who will be responsible for safeguarding?**

*The Area Dean in consultation with our safeguarding team, and with diocesan support*

### **4. Will we still have Communion services every week? Midweek?**

*Yes. On Sundays our aim is to continue to have Communion services every week. However, if on rare occasions, a priest is unavailable we may need to have a Service of the Word.*

*Yes. On Wednesdays our aim is to continue to have Communion services twice a month, as is our current pattern, depending on the availability of priests, with Morning Prayer on the other 2 Wednesdays.*

### **5. I love the variety of our worship within the Anglican framework. Will that be maintained?**

*Yes. We value the variety, diversity and encouragement given to different shapers and leaders of worship at St Hilda's. We value being able to be creative and responsive to the seasons and themes which flow from the Scriptures and the times of year within which we worship.*

### **6. Will we keep our traditions?**

*Yes. We will continue to celebrate the diverse richness from the breadth of the Christian tradition. In the last 10 years we have explored and encouraged music, prayer, teaching and liturgies from a wide range of traditions – so it is possible to say we have many traditions to keep to!*

### **7. I love the newness of each Sunday's pewsheet. Will we keep the weekly pewsheet?**

*Yes. We feel that each week provides an opportunity to share up to date information as well current responses to what is going on around us as well as what liturgically is shaping our worship.*

## **8. Can we cut down on waste?**

*In September our services and worship will, like last year, be based around Creationtide, out of which we hope to explore the possibility of working towards becoming an Eco Church. Our aim would be to qualify for a bronze level Eco Church Award by June 2020, as part of our 80th anniversary celebrations. This process will inevitably involve us looking at issues such as waste.*

## **PLANNING RESPONSIBLY: THE INTERREGNUM...**

I am confident that in the hands of the Wardens, Ministry Team and PCC, St Hilda's congregation and the wider parish can be confident that the interregnum will be a time of creativity and flourishing as well as careful management and loving service. We are blessed to have a very active dedicated group of people who are committed and pastoral at the heart of the leadership of our church. All of those who were able to, met with our Area Dean, the Revd Deb Buckley, on May 25<sup>th</sup> at a joint Ministry Team/PCC 'Away Day' at St Mark's. The atmosphere was hardworking, honest and practical. As you can see from the notice above, the seven main questions asked by the congregation have been addressed. It is also clear that what would be most helpful would be a 'job description' for the main roles that guide the leadership of the church and 'directory' of 'go-to' people for different jobs that are done around church. Work has begun on these two helpful documents and will be developed by the PCC on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. On the Sunday after Paul has left, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, our Area Dean will be presiding at the main morning service. This will be an opportunity for the congregation to hear from Deb and meet with her.

## **... AND RICHARD HAYNES – EXTRA DAY**

As of 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Richard Haynes, our Lay Pastoral Minister, will be working Monday to Thursday for St Hilda's in his paid role. This new arrangement has been supported by the PCC and will extend through to the end of the interregnum, when a new Vicar is appointed. **Paul Hinton.**

## **TRAI DCRAFT**

Traidcraft goods are available in the outer porch.

## **PANTOMIME FOR 2019**

Next year's pantomime is Snow White, please see sign-up sheet in the outer porch for details.

### **Useful contacts:**

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**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**