

Saint Hilda's Church

Parish Newsletter

7th December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Family Church 9.30am

Parish Mass 11.00am

PCC meeting 12.15pm in church

Archdeacon Rachel Mann in attendance

Celebrant and Preacher

Father Simon

Sides people: Rachel & Melanie
Reader First Lesson: Rachel
Reader Second Lesson: Liz
Intercessor: Sheila

Hymns

Introit: 5 Hark a herald voice is calling

Asperges

Offertory: 495 God is working his purpose out

Communion: 305 Soul of my Saviour

Angelus:

Recessional: 12 On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry

Asperges

During Advent, the usual Penitential Rite (Confession and Lord, have mercy) are replaced by the Blessing and Sprinkling of Water (the Asperges).

After the introduction to the celebration, the Priest will say a prayer of blessing over the water, and then will sprinkle himself, the clergy, choir and people with the blessed water.

During this, we sing:

Sprinkle me with hyssop O Lord, and I shall be cleansed;

wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

When he returns, the Priest says:

May almighty God cleanse us of our sins, and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to share at the table of his Kingdom.

Amen.

The Mass continues with the Collect for the Day.

*Coffee will be served after Mass in the Croft
If you are new to St Hilda's or just visiting,
please feel free to join us.*

This week at St Hilda's

Tuesday: Coffee Morning 9am
Low Mass with Laying on of hands
Heaton Park WI 7pm
Thursday: KS1 Nativities
Saturday: Breakfast with Father Christmas
Sunday: Next Sunday is the
Third Sunday of Advent
Parish Mass 11am
Sides people: Andrea & Christiana
First Lesson: Nigel
Second Lesson: Geoff
Intercessor: Carole
Followed by the Parish Christmas meal – Woodthorpe Hotel.
N.B. Coffee will not be served on this day.

Future dates for your diary

December

15th Nine Lessons and Carols 7pm
16th Coffee Morning 9am
Low mass with Laying on of hands 10am
18th Parish School Carol Service
19th Parish School closes for Christmas
23rd Low Mass & Coffee Morning cancelled
24th First Mass of Christmas 6pm
25th Christmas Day Mass 10am
28th Feast of the Holy Family 11am
30th Low Mass & Coffee Morning cancelled

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January

4th Feast of the Epiphany 11am
5th Parish School re-opens
6th Coffee Morning re-opens 9am
Low mass with Laying on of hands 10am
11th Baptism of the Lord 11am
13th Coffee Morning 9am
Low mass with Laying on of hands 10am
Heaton Park WI 7pm
15th Community Lunchtime Drop-In 11am
18th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 11am
20th Coffee Morning 9am
Low mass with Laying on of hands 10am
25th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 11am
27th Coffee Morning 9am
Low mass with Laying on of hands 10am

SCHOOL NEWS

On Monday, we held a special Advent worship based on the Christian Value of Hope. We talked about how Hope is something that gives light when it feels dark. The children talked about the things they are hoping for and then they listened to the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth. We finished by reflecting on the questions: How can hope help us when things feel difficult or scary? and What is one way we can share hope with someone else this week?

Please remember with love and prayers all on our prayer list here at St Hilda's



Catherine & Derek Swindells, Andrew Davidson,
John Pymm, Lynda, Susan Hughes,
Mary Bardsley, Keith Bentley,
Robert Williams, Jane, Beryl & Peter Holland,
Helen, Linda Clarke, Susan Lees, Sian Fletcher,
Renée Lukes, Derek Hughes, James Lucas
Francesca Boothman,
Mavis & David Belton, Roy Walker,
Hilary Graham, Kevin McGuire,
Fr Croft, Jenny Mulholland,
Maryrose & Walter Thompson,
Paul & Michael & Av Jones.

We remember before God all those who have died specially those who have passed in the night with no-one to comfort them.

We remember also with love and prayers those whose "minds" fall during this week

6 th December	
Carol Hellings	2015
7 th December	
Annie Foster	1972
10 th December	
Roy Clempner	2004
13 th December	
Hilda Briggs	1963
Margaret Murray	2006
Violet Wilkes	2013

If you wish to contribute by standing order instead of the envelope scheme.

The bank details are as follows:

St Hildas PCC Sort code: 01-07-20
Account number: 06803806

"If you use the weekly envelopes for your donation, please note they will look a little different this year. This is because we have created our own in order to cut costs.

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Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish Christmas fair yesterday. It was so busy. We all had a wonderful but tiring time and

raised £874 for church funds.

Donations towards the cost of Christmas Flowers would be much appreciated.

Nine Lessons and Carols, donations towards refreshments of Mince Pies and Orange Juice would be greatly appreciated.

Thought for the week

If you want light to come into your life, you need to stand where it is shining.

Please note that Coffee Morning will be closed for the Christmas and New Year period on the following dates 23rd and 30th December. We will re-open on 6th January 2026.

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously here at St Hilda's. Therefore, if you have any concerns please speak to the Parish Safeguarding Officer:

Mrs Shirley Diver: 07922 330069
Or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor
Abbey Clephane-Wilson: 0161 828 1465

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**