

Saint Hilda's Church
Parish Newsletter
18th January 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass 11.00am
 Celebrant and Preacher
 Father Simon

Sides people: Liz & Mason
 Reader First Lesson: Shirley
 Reader Second Lesson: Sheila
 Intercessor: Ken
 Organist: Geoff

Hymns
 Introit: 440 Praise to the Lord omit *
 Offertory: 334 All people that on earth do dwell
 Communion: 339 Be thou my vision
 Angelus:
 Recessional: 56 Songs of thankfulness & praise first three verses

Coffee will be served after Mass in the Croft

This week at St Hilda's

Tuesday: Coffee morning opens 9am
 Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Bishop John Gaisford 10am
 Sunday: Parish Mass 11am
 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Hilda's are always very grateful for all contributions to the life and work of our church, Thank you to those who have pledged money to purchase Epiphany gifts. These gifts will be blessed at Candlemas on 1st February.

Bank details are: St Hilda's Church
 Sort Code 01-07-20
 Account number: 06803806
 We are truly grateful for any donation no matter how small. Thank you

Thought for the week

Do what you can with whatever you have got, wherever you are!

Palm Crosses from 2025, please could you over the next four weeks return your Palm Crosses, so they can be made ready for Ash Wednesday.

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



Claire Franklin, 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,
 James Lucas, Francesca Boothman,
 Mavis & David Belton, Roy Walker,
 Hilary Graham, Kevin McGuire,
 Fr Croft, Jenny Mulholland, Maryrose & Walter,
 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.

RIP

Bishop John Gaisford 4/1/2026
Derek Hughes 23/12/2025
Allison Maglin 28/12/2025

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

18th January
 Caroline Fitton 1962
 Cyril Bradley 2002
 Kenneth Savage 2015
 Enid Rosser 2019
 19th January
 Thomas Morris 1961
 Edith Fittis 2004
 Gilbert Lefèvre 2004
 20th January
 Constance Murray 2001
 Harold Strickland 2024
 21st January
 Frank Fitton 1937
 22nd January
 Charles William Smith 2006
 Ethel Greenwood 2010
 Margaret Kelly 2016
 23rd January
 Tom Foster 1968
 24th January
 Kerr Lycett 1981
 Michael Midgley 2017

School News

Over the last 2 weeks, Year 4 have been having swimming lessons every afternoon at Castle Leisure Centre. They have learned all the different strokes and had lots of fun learning to dive. They had their final session on Friday and as a treat, they got to play with the floats. During the final week, the children completed their swimming badges and all the children received a skills award.

Mrs Clemmett.

Derek Hughes RIP

The funeral arrangements for Derek Hughes are as follows: There will be a funeral service held here at St Hilda's on Friday 30th January at 1.15pm, this will be then followed by the committal at Agecroft Crematorium.

We are very aware that church has not felt as warm of late, we do our very best to provide a comfortable environment for worship. The heating comes on at 6.30am on Sunday mornings and goes off at 12pm - 5 and a half hours of heating for a 1-hour service. It also comes on well in advance of the Tuesday low mass.

For the last 12 months our gas bill (which also includes the Croft) is £3600 with electricity being £1200. Along with the water bill, that is £100 per week just to turn on the lights, heating and have running water.

The church is a large, old building, not insulated (and not suitable for insulation) draughty, with a very high ceiling and a small congregation therefore little to no body heat. We simply cannot warm the church in the way a home is heated.

Therefore, particularly during the colder months, please dress appropriately - wear / bring an extra layer - perhaps consider bringing a filled hot water bottle. We cannot do more.

Thank you, Andrea (PCC treasurer) on behalf of the PCC.

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



Dates for your diary!

Please note every Tuesday there is a Mass in the Lady Chapel with Healing Ministries. On the same morning there is a weekly coffee morning held in the Croft from 9am. Join volunteers from our church and Julie (Social Prescriber) for a brew, brunch and a chat. There is also a craft table to learn and share your crafting skills. All Welcome.

January

- 25th Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 11am
PCC meeting after Mass
- 27th Coffee Morning 9am
Requiem Mass for Derek Hughes 10am.
Please note Healing Ministries will NOT take place on this day.
- 30th Funeral service for the Repose of the Soul of Derek Hughes 1.15pm in church followed by committal at Agecroft Crematorium.
- 31st Children's Party booking in the Croft.

February

- 1st Family Church 9.30am
Candlemas – with Blessings of the Epiphany gifts will be blessed on this day.
- 10th Heaton Park WI 7pm
- 13th School Closes for half term
St Hilda's Hoe Down with Bingo
- 14th Children's party booking in the Croft
- 18th Ash Wednesday Mass with Ashing 11am
- 19th Community Lunchtime Drop-In
- 23rd School re-opens

March

- 1st Family Church 9.30am
- 10th Heaton Park WI 7pm
- 19th Community Lunchtime Drop-In
- 27th Lent Supper
- 29th Palm Sunday
- 31st Chrism Mass (Manchester Cathedral)
TBC

April

- 2nd Maundy Thursday
Parish School Easter Service
Parish School closes for Easter
- 3rd Good Friday
- 4th Holy Saturday
- 5th Easter Sunday
- 14th Heaton Park WI 7pm
- 16th Community Lunchtime Drop In
- 20th Parish School re-opens