

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 9.am
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

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

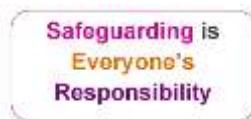
The church is a large, old building, not insulated (and not suitable for insulation) draughty, with a very high ceiling and a small congregation therefore little to no body heat. We simply cannot warm the church in the way a home is heated.

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