

Saint Hilda's Church
Parish Newsletter
25th January 2026
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mass 11.00am

Celebrant and Preacher

Father Simon

Followed by a PCC meeting in the Croft

Sides people: Marcelle & Vera
 Reader First Lesson: Helen
 Reader Second Lesson: Ken
 Intercessor: Sheila
 Organist: Geoff

Hymns

Introit: 55 Hail to the Lord's anointed
 Offertory: 353 Dear Lord & Father
 Communion: 305 Soul of my Saviour
 Angelus:
 Recessional: 413 Now thank we all our God

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 Derek Hughes 10am
 Friday: Funeral service in church at 1.15pm for the late Derek Hughes. Followed by committal at Agecroft
 Coffee will be available after the service for those who wish to stay at church.
 Sunday: Parish Mass 11am
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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

Blessed are those who believe without seeing!

Palm Crosses from 2025, please could you return your Palm Crosses, so they can be made ready for Ash Wednesday, thank you.

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



Janet Clempner, Henry Richards, 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

25th January
 Joan Atherton 2017
 26th January
 Margaret Kay 1970
 James Cullen 2021
 27th January
 Edward Warren 1968
 Veronica Shaw 2012
 28th January
 Doreen Mary Aspey 1965
 30th January
 John Geoffrey Hobson 1996
 Curtis Joseph Huston 2006
 31st January
 Douglas Moore 1964
 Thomas Tait 1963
 Amy Morton 1976

School News

We are excited to announce that on 29th January 2026, we will be starting Wiggle Worship for our Reception Class and Year One children. Wiggle Worship is a fun, interactive worship session designed especially for young children, using songs, actions, movement, and simple stories to help them explore faith in an engaging and age-appropriate way. We are looking forward to welcoming our Reception and Year 1 parents to worship with us.

Mrs Clemmett.

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

- 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
- 21st Children's party booking in the Croft
- 23rd School re-opens
- 28th Children's party booking in the Croft

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