

ST HILDA'S ANGLICAN CHURCH – PARISH OF NORTH PERTH



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“We acknowledge the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.”

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF PERTH

St Hilda's Parish of North Perth is proud to be part of the Anglican Diocese of Perth, with Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy AO as our spiritual leader. We believe that at the heart of Anglicanism is the reality that God so loved all of creation as to give Christ Jesus for our salvation. By the grace of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are called to share in this love. The parish sits in the Marli Deanery and priests and chaplains in this deanery have the opportunity to meet regularly to offer spiritual and practical support to each other.

ABOUT NORTH PERTH & ST HILDA'S

North Perth is a suburb of Perth, Western Australia, located within the City of Vincent and three kilometres north of the Perth central business district. This inner-city suburb was established in the early 1900s. Over the past century it has grown and modernised to become a suburban environment sought after by a diverse range of families. The area displays solid brick homes, many renovated and modernised in line with the nationwide trend toward close-to-the-city living. The suburb offers a variety of small restaurants and cafes, a major supermarket retailer, allied medical services, the Rosemount Hotel and Beatty Park Leisure Centre which was built (as Beatty Park Aquatic Centre) in Vincent Street for the Perth Commonwealth Games in 1962.

North Perth is home to North Perth Primary School and Kyilla Primary School. North Perth Primary School was established in 1899 and by 1921 was the largest primary school in the state. It is a multicultural suburb with the Multicultural Services Centre located down the road from St Hilda's.

According to the 2021 ABS Census data, North Perth has a median age of 38 years, with 26% under the age of 25, 14.5% over the age of 65 and over 59% in between 25 and 65.

(<https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/503021040>)



North Perth Town Hall



A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST HILDA'S

Early Beginnings (1904): A weatherboard building, previously used at Canning Mills, was moved to North Perth to serve as a temporary church on the corner of Glebe and View Streets.

Foundation Stone (1915): A permanent church building was planned, and its foundation stone was laid in July 1915. Due to funding shortages, only the end section of the planned church was built.

Completion (1954): The church was finally completed with the addition of an entrance porch, chancel, sanctuary, and vestries.

Sale of Old Site (1974): The original weatherboard building site and associated land were sold to pay off the extensions to the permanent church.

Oldest Font in Australia: St Hilda's is home to a 9th or 10th-century Anglo-Saxon font, which was relocated from the demolished St John's Anglican Church in 1928.

Heritage Significance: The church is an example of the Interwar Romanesque style and is recognized for its long history in the North Perth community. It was placed on the Municipal Inventory in 1995.

The parish includes the beautiful church building, a modest rectory located within the church grounds which is available for use by any future incumbent, and a Hall which is situated behind the Church which is available for hire on a casual or permanent basis and is used for church events. The priest's office is situated within the hall building.



The baptismal font is reputed to be the oldest font in Australia





ST. HILDA

St. Hilda was the founding Abbess of the Monastery of Whitby. She was recognised for her wisdom and leadership by Kings and Bishops. She was a woman well ahead of her time. We at St Hilda's put into practice the words ascribed to the Saint:

"Trade with the gifts God has given you. Bend your minds to holy learning, that you may escape the fretting moth of littleness of mind that would wear out your souls."



MINISTRY AT ST HILDA'S

Worship Services

We offer two services on a Sunday morning at 8am and 9.45am. Both involve a eucharist and are family friendly, with space for small children to move around. The 8am service is more contemplative with no hymns whilst the 9.45 service includes hymns and communion in the round in the Sanctuary. Both services follow A Prayer Book for Australia (APBA).

Attendances for the 8am service average 25, and 18 at our 9.45am service. Our Christmas Good Friday and Easter service attendances attract large numbers of parishioners and members of the public.

Parishioners are rostered as Sanctuary Assistants, Readers, Intercessors and Welcomers. Some of the Lay Pastoral Ministers are authorised to preach.

During the period between services parishioners enjoy a breakfast of toast, preserves, tea or coffee in the Hall and there is morning coffee/tea with cakes and savouries after the 9.45am service.

As we begin each worship service, using the language of the Noongar people, we acknowledge them as the traditional owners of the land upon which we worship.

We strive to respect and gain an appreciation of the cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, especially the Noongar people, and have held study groups into the Uluru Statement and constitutional recognition of First Nations Peoples. As a mark of respect, we fly the Aboriginal flag during NAIDOC and Reconciliation weeks. We have also installed a plaque at the Church entrance acknowledging the Noongar People as traditional owners. This was a big event to which members of the community were invited.

We are also an inclusive parish and open to the participation and leadership by people of any race, sexual or gender identity. During Pridefest we fly the Pride Progress flag and we have had pamphlets about the parish at the Pride Fair.



Pastoral Care

St Hilda's offers an extensive outreach ministry in pastoral care within the local and surrounding communities, providing Morning Prayer, Reserved Sacrament, Eucharist Services, and care to those living in Aged Care Centres. The Lay Pastoral Ministers share the load with the priest.

The parish priest and a team of Lay Pastoral Ministers provide visits and communion services to local aged care facilities, including Acacia Gardens Menora, Brightwater Village Inglewood, Brightwater Central, St Michael's North Perth and St Rita's North Perth.

We also offer home communion for those people who are unable to attend church on Sunday. We regularly visit the elderly of our parish to help keep them in touch with the church and the local community. A total of 766 acts of communion covering all centres were received over this past year with many more in attendance.

Casson House is a local hostel for people with mental health issues. We have supported and welcomed their community in our church for more than eighty years.

Within our parish community the love of Christ continues to be shown in action by way of caring for one another in various ways – prayer, listening, and visiting, to name a few.

Weddings, Funeral, Baptisms

Over this past year at St Hilda's, we have welcomed four young children to baptism, have conducted two weddings and six funeral services.



MISSION AT ST HILDA'S

Mission at St Hilda's – should you chose to accept it.

Lenten Studies, and Monday Book Club

This year our Monday Book Club members undertook the HOPE25 Lenten Studies over several weeks, which was well received. Our study content has been varied this year making it an interesting mix. The Monday Book Club meets every Monday throughout the year, to share in the learning, questioning, discussing, and ponderings.

HOPE25 Project

In May 2025 Bishop Kate blessed St Hilda's new Family and Domestic Violence (FDV) Purple Bench with the Mayor of the City of Vincent in attendance, together with the Diocese of Perth FDV Committee members Fr. Matthew Smedley and The Reverend Gemma Baseley. Following, an Anglicare FDV Workshop was offered in the parish hall for both parishioners and those within the local community and beyond.



'Chat on the Veranda'

Our gatherings for the 'Chat on the Veranda' continue bi-monthly after the 9.45am service with many interesting topics, including curly questions to encourage respectful discussion. These have included topics like "What do you believe about the Afterlife", "How do you read the Bible?", "Predestination and Free will?", "The Problem of Evil", "What gives you Hope?" and "Discerning the fruits of the spirit in us and each other".

We also held a very enjoyable Muslim-Christian dialogue with a large group of Muslim visitors who came to St Hilda's and they have invited us to join them for further discussions.

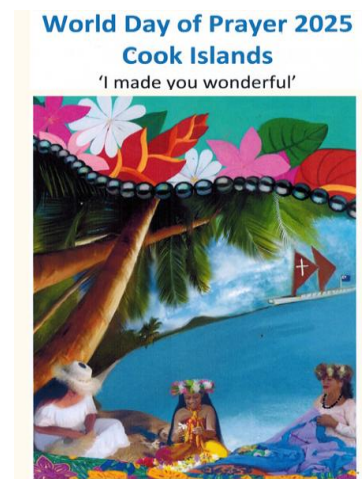


World Day of Prayer

This ecumenical service is held around the world on the first Friday in March.

“World Day of Prayer is about learning and sharing something of another country with those in our own communities whilst joining in a worldwide day of prayer, praise and worship.”

This year St Hilda’s hosted the service for our local parishes – The Cook Islands was the country featured. Several denominations take part with convenors in the parishes that are willing to take part. They arrange services at their churches on a rotating basis.



Australian Church Women

Australian Church Women is a small ecumenical group which provides opportunities to support and interact with Christian women from other local, national and international fellowships through guest speakers, Special Days, the Winifred Kiek Memorial Scholarship, the Fellowship of the Least Coin, the Asian Church Women’s Conference, and various projects.

The Perth group holds two services each year and St Hilda’s has hosted these – the first is Fellowship Day with a collection that supports the Winifred Kiek Scholarship, this funds women in Asia, Pacific Islands and Australia for theological studies. The second service is World Community Day and this Service funds The Fellowship of the Least Coin (a prayer group around the world that also funds scholarships for women in theological studies) and Asian Church Women’s Conference – bringing women from about 16 Asian countries, including Australia, together for prayer and fellowship.

Emergency Food Relief

We collect non-perishables for our Emergency Food Relief for people who come knocking on our door or drop in on Sunday’s asking for help. The surplus is packed up and delivered to Grandcarers W.A, an organisation that supports grandparents who have sole responsibility for their grandchildren. As such, our monthly donation of food is gratefully appreciated.



Annual Spring Fair



St Hilda's Annual Spring Fair helps towards financing the parish. Each year a Fair committee, parishioners and non-parishioners contribute in planning, setting up and running the event, including donating items to sell, hosting stalls, making and baking produce.

MarketPlace

St Hilda's also raises funds from our nine monthly MarketPlace mornings. In addition to assisting with the parish finances MarketPlace forms part of our outreach to the local community, offering a safe place, bringing people together where pastoral care is offered if the need arises. It enables community building and support.

We give a percentage of our MarketPlace takings to financially support Oxford Leederville, a branch of Anglicare, who help young people in need of education, employment and a place to call home. We contribute towards young people's lives being changed for the good.

Our annual Spring Fair and monthly MarketPlace are also a way to show you that we are a welcoming and fun church family. At these events, we offer a wide range of goods and fun, including home-made jams, pickles and sauces, cakes and slices, craft, hot food, bric-a-brac, clothing, jewelry, plants, books and a side show alley.

Boardgames and Crafts Sessions

These sessions run twice a month in the church hall during school terms for fun and fellowship. People can bring their own crafts or play board games or jigsaws, knitting instruction is provided, or folks can simply turn up for a chat. These sessions provide valuable social interaction and companionship for attendees.

Anglican Board of Missions

The parish supports ABM with projects chosen each year from contributions in the offering plate or by a retiring offering for particular projects.

Social justice and the Environment

From time to time the parish has taken up social justice projects like support for refugees. We have held a Fare Go evening with people from the neighbourhood coming to support the CARAD food truck. We have also collected signatures for a letter to our local member in support of refugees and detainees and encouraged attendance at Palm Sunday and other marches. Our support for First Nations and LGBTQI+ people and people who have suffered family violence have been mentioned above. We have solar panels on our hall, and we also mark the Season of Creation in September-October with an environmental focus. This culminates in a Blessing of the Pets for St Francis Day.

THE ST HILDA'S MINISTRY TEAM

Rector:

Lay Pastoral Ministers: St Hilda's has 6 LPMs

Wardens: There are 3 Wardens at St Hilda's. The wardens meet monthly with the rector to discuss relevant pastoral and executive business.

Parish Council: Council consists of eight members including the Priest, the Wardens the Treasurer and ordinary members. Council meetings are held monthly.

The parish is blessed with a congregation willing to step up to volunteer and assist in many aspects of St Hilda's life, including ministry, pastoral care and mission activities, and in mundane but necessary tasks such as painting, gardening, maintenance and in the annual Busy Bee event.

OUR NEXT RECTOR

We seek a priest who is comfortable with both traditional and contemporary Anglican worship and who:

- is able to demonstrate a belief and adherence to daily prayer, who loves God and His Son, Jesus Christ, and who seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit in leadership of the Parish.
- is experienced, enthusiastic, and capable in developing and leading Church growth programmes that will harness the current rise in youth interest in Christ as Saviour.
- is capable to lead and manage pastoral care programmes that extend the love, care, and acceptance of the Church community to both parishioners, and potential parishioners.
- is able to encourage lively, enriching worship, through teaching, preaching and music that encourages families and young people into a faith in Jesus Christ.
- is a leader able to collaborate with the congregation to use the natural and spiritual gifts God has given them, to work and engage cross-culturally with a wide range of ethnic backgrounds.
- can engage in ecumenical and wider community activities and build positive networks across the wider community to promote the Mission of the Parish.
- has an open and inclusive theology and a concern for social justice.
- Brings a modern and engaging approach to ministry which can build youth and young family attendances and reinvigorate church membership.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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