

## **Readings for Easter Day - Sunday 20 April 2025**

10am Holy Communion      Acts 10. 34-43 John 20. 1-18  
Lectionary pp439-440

*No evening service*

## **Readings for Sunday 27 April 2025**

10am Family Praise      Acts 5. 27-32 John 20. 19-end  
Lectionary pp448-450

6pm BCP Communion      Acts 5. 27-32 John 20. 19-end

## **MID-WEEK SERVICES**

**Wednesdays 10am** - Holy Communion - Lady Chapel

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am** - Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel

**Tuesdays 6pm** - Prayer Vigil in church

## **Reflection Group**

The next Reflections Group is on  
Monday 28 April at 2pm in the Lady Chapel.

## **PARISH REGISTER**

### **Wedding**

10 May 2025 at 12 noon. Francis Lawlor and Sophie Swaine

## **FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar this week have been donated by Kathy Bowden in memory of her husband Alec.

# **Weekly Beacon**



## **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake 20 April 2025 - Easter Day**

## **THE COLLECT**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2025**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will take place in church on **Sunday 11 May 2025 at 11am** - after the 10am service.

There will be a meeting of the PCC immediately afterwards – this meeting will also be held in church.

## **REPORTS TO APCM FROM CHURCH GROUPS**

Please send reports for the APCM from church groups to the Church Office by 4 May.

Please email to: [Sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com](mailto:Sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com)

Thank you.

## **ST HILDEBURGH'S ELECTORAL ROLL**

Jane Langley has nearly completed the updated electoral roll. If anybody would like to add their name please speak with Jane as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **A BIG 'THANK YOU' FROM REV'D PAUL**

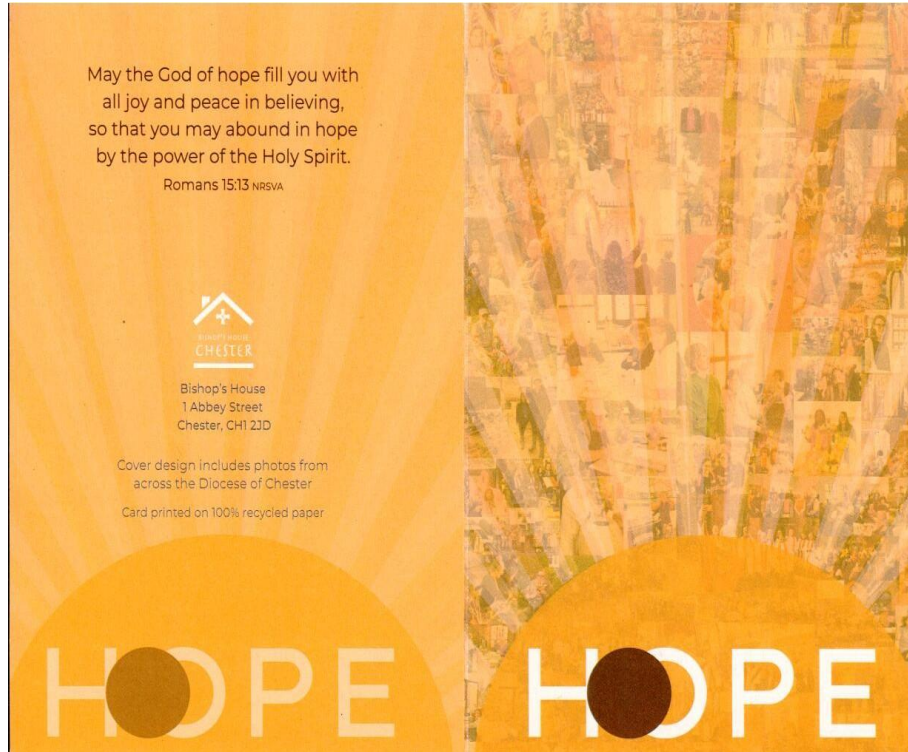
On his retirement at the end of January, St Hildeburgh's church family presented Revd Paul with a cheque which he said he would put towards a new greenhouse for his new garden.

The greenhouse has now been delivered and installed and is ready for spring planting and organising.

A big 'thank you' to everyone!



## **AN EASTER CARD FROM OUR BISHOPS TO ST HILDEBURGH'S AT THIS TIME OF VACANCY**



Imagine sitting in an upper room with a group of newish Christians thinking about the time Jesus washed feet just before he died, and about to have your mind blown.

I guess that this thought could go in two ways right now:

- It could be a historical reimagining of the day of Pentecost, which we will celebrate in seven weeks' time. The disciples were all there with little idea that the Holy Spirit was about to flood their lives and change the course of history. They didn't deserve it, expect it, or understand it. but God had bigger and better plans and the rules were about to be rewritten.

- Actually, though, I am talking about something that took place a few weeks back, when a comment from a teenager opened my eyes to a whole new way of reading John's Gospel in the Bible.

As my new friend asked the simplest of questions and then decided the question might be stupid (it wasn't), I was rooted to my seat. That question helped us spot yet another way that Jesus meets people at their point of deepest needs and breaks all reasonable expectations in extending grace and kindness.

God does this! And Easter is the greatest example: the rules around death itself are rewritten, and hope is birthed in a newly emptied tomb.

Oddly, though, hope doesn't always feel like hope when it breaks into normality. The angels told the women outside Jesus' tomb, "he is not here, he is risen..." Fine! Except, what on earth does that mean? It will take months, even years, for them to understand what has taken place.

My new friend thought their question was stupid even though it was deeply profound. Hope breaks in and grace breaks out when we meet Jesus. How much we need this hope in our world today.

Christ is risen; hope is born; may you meet with him afresh this Easter!

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 NRSVA

***May you have a joyful, holy, and hope-filled Easter***

+ Sam  
+ Mark  
+ Julie

## BACON BUTTIES

Jane Langley is asking for volunteers to undertake a very short online food hygiene course with a view to helping with cooking occasionally at Bacon Butties on Tuesday mornings. This is to help cover holidays or sickness.

If you can help please speak with Jane, either in person or via telephone 07743090210.

Thanking you in advance.

## SOCIAL SUPERMARKET

Thank you to everyone that has donated to our Social Supermarket.

To make it easier for those that wish to donate here is a list of things most needed:

- Tinned meat, fish and meals (eg, mince, curry, hot dogs).
- Tinned beans, spaghetti, vegetables (eg potatoes, carrots, peas)
- Tinned soup, cuppa soup,
- Tinned fruit. Custard, jelly
- Breakfast cereals, porridge.
- Tea bags, coffee, sugar.

Anything is much appreciated. Thank you.

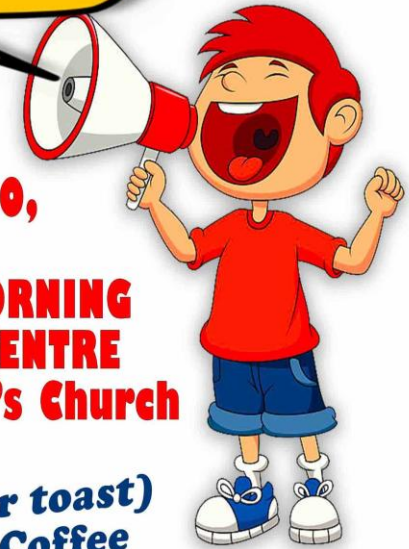
**Don't Forget  
the Bacon!!**

**Every TUESDAY  
from  
10.30am to 12.00,  
we have our  
BACON BUTTY MORNING  
in our CHURCH CENTRE  
at St Hildeburgh's Church  
in HoyLake**

**Bacon Butties (or toast)  
a cup of Tea or Coffee  
& a great chance to chat**

**TO HELP COVER OUR COSTS THERE IS A  
CHARGE OF £1 FOR EACH BACON BUTTY**

**... see you on Tuesday?**



## VACANCY UPDATE



### ***Churchwardens James Bennett and Sylvia Lewis write:***

With the retirement of Rev. Paul, the church is now in vacancy and we begin the search for a new vicar for the parish. This may take some time and we will keep you updated as progress continues. Services remain the same with Holy Communion at 10am on Sundays and Wednesdays (Family service last Sunday of the Month). There is NO 8am Service.

Please direct any questions to the Church Office on 0151 632 5339.

Please continue to support the church and come along with the family. Thank You

Wirral Chamber Concert Series  
97th Season 2024-25



## The Hague String Trio

Schubert: String Trio in B flat major, D581

Mieczysław Weinberg: String Trio in A minor, Op 48

Beethoven: String Trio in E flat major, Op 3



**Monday 28 April 2025 at 7.30pm**  
**at St Hildeburgh's Church, Hoylake CH47 1HL**  
(corner of Stanley Road and King's Gap)

Tickets - £18; Students - £5; 15 years and younger - Free  
Available at the door on the evening of the concert and in  
advance online via [ticketebo.co.uk](https://www.ticketebo.co.uk)

[www.chamberconcert.co.uk](https://www.chamberconcert.co.uk)  
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# PLANNED GIVING



Planned giving is the major source of contribution we receive towards the up keep and running of our beautiful church. The most cost effective and easiest way of arranging regular planned giving, is to set up a standing order via your bank account.

To those of you who are regular contributors, we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU. Every penny contributed makes a big difference!

For those who are UK tax payers, we can also claim an additional 25p for every pound you give, so please don't forget to provide your address at the parish office and I will enter in the Planned Giving register.

If you would like to set up or amend a regular contribution please see the easy steps below:

## Easy to follow tips for setting up a standing order:

- Access your bank account via online banking, phone, or in-branch.
- Find your bank's standing order form (online or hard copy).
- Provide details such as the recipient's name, sort code, and account number.
- The details for setting up a regular payment for StHildeburgh's are as follows:

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recipient's name:** Hoylake Parochial Church Council

**Sort Code:** 40 25 08

**Account number:** 20445800

## Easy to follow tips for setting up a standing order

- Specify the amount and frequency of the regular payment you wish to make.
- Confirm the standing order.

It is really that easy! Thank you.

Best regards,

Robin Hastie (Planned Giving Officer)

## **PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER (PSO) PETER HAM**

### ***Peter Ham writes:***

In the event of a safeguarding concern, you can contact him by phone: 07444884879 or by email: [hildeburghsafeguarding@outlook.com](mailto:hildeburghsafeguarding@outlook.com)

If you hold a Safeguarding information card or leaflet, please alter the phone number of the PSO accordingly. Other contact phone numbers including those of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and the Local Authority Safeguarding numbers for children and adults, remain the same.

As well as Peter Ham (PSO) and the Vicar, the Safeguarding Team now includes Dr Sue Wells (07742996985) and Christine Walker (07545760260). They can also be contacted over safeguarding matters and as with all reports of safeguarding concerns and allegations, will deal with them on a strictly "Need to Know" basis.

Please remember that safeguarding requires all of us to be vigilant.

### **SAFEGUARDING - A POCKET GUIDE**

Please find at the back of Church, fresh copies of the Church of England's leaflet, "Safeguarding - a pocket guide." They give a brief but very helpful guide to help if you have any safeguarding concerns as well as dos and don'ts.

On the back of the leaflets are the revised safeguarding contact numbers within the church, the Diocese and the Council. Please limit yourself to one leaflet per household and keep it somewhere prominent.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Peter Ham (Parish Safeguarding Officer).

## **Contact St Hildeburgh's**

### **Church office**

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### **Weekly Beacon**

A condensed printed edition of the Weekly Beacon is available at the back of church. If you receive the Weekly Beacon by email, please leave the printed copies for those who do not have internet access.

If you wish to contribute an article or place a notice in the Weekly Beacon please e-mail [sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com](mailto:sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com) before 12noon on the Wednesday before publication. All advertising and notices are accepted at the discretion of the Editor.

### **Photograph policy.**

We frequently take photographs at St Hildeburgh's for publicity purposes – such as printing in this "Weekly Beacon". If for any reason you would prefer us not to use photographs of any children who may accompany you to church, please mention this to our Churchwardens.

