

Readings for this Sunday
12 July 2020 – The Fifth Sunday After Trinity

Romans 8. 1-11
Matthew 13. 1-9. 18-23



Parish Register

There are no entries in the Parish Register this week.

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 12 July 2020
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THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A Note from Rev'd Paul

As we reopen the church according to Church of England instructions, it is very important to abide by the regulations for social distancing that have been marked out in church. Please DO NOT sit on the chairs marked with an 'X' – the other chairs have been socially distanced in accordance with instructions. This is for everyone's safety in the current pandemic.

Each Sunday at 10am, Rev'd Paul will conduct a said service of Holy Communion in church. This will be conducted in line with Church of England guidance and may change as things develop. The Church Centre remains closed for the time being.

St Hildeburgh's Church **Open for Individual Private Prayer**

In line with government advice, St Hildeburgh's church is now open for individual Private Prayer. The days and times of opening are as follows:

Mondays	9am to 12noon
Tuesdays	9am to 12 noon
Wednesdays	9am to 12 noon
Thursdays	9am to 12 noon
Fridays	9am to 12 noon
NOT OPEN ON SATURDAYS	
Sundays	9am to 12 noon

Introducing Our New Curate – Richard Skinner



I was born in St. Catherine's Hospital Tranmere or 'The Workhouse' as was called then. At that time my Dad was working at the old Hoylake Post Office near the roundabout. We lived in Wallasey at the time and although the family were Anglican I went to the Methodist Sunday School on Oxtan Road because I didn't have to cross any roads to get there. We moved to Neston when I was ten and I have lived there ever since. During my teenage years, searching for a spiritual home, I attended most of the various churches within the village finally settling on the Parish church of St. Mary and St. Helen, where I initially joined the choir. My place in the choir stalls was behind a certain Gillian. Being a teacher by profession I was soon roped in to train the Servers and became in time Head Server. Some fourteen years ago I began training as a Reader. For the last two years my wife Frances (also a Reader) and I have been driving down to Birmingham each week to train at The Queen's Foundation, an ecumenical theological college. Fran and I have been married fourteen years this year and both Gillian and Paul (along with our then vicar) officiated at our wedding. We have a narrowboat, 'Oraccabessa' moored at Audlem on the Shropshire Union Canal and are involved as Waterways Chaplains. We also have a motor home to take us where the canals can't and we are members of the local branch of the Richard III Society centred on Nantwich.

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<https://www.sthildeburgh.net/news.html>

Wirral Foodbank

Demand for support from the Wirral Foodbank has increased substantially and your donations are needed more than ever.

You can donate non-perishable foodstuffs by leaving them in the porch at:

The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake, Wirral CH47 1HL.

Gift Aid

Are you a taxpayer? Did you know that we can claim an additional 20% of your donation back from the Inland Revenue under the Gift Aid Scheme? If you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please **include your name and address** in any correspondence. Alternatively, if you are making a direct payment to our bank account please send your name and address to the Church Office for the attention of the Treasurer.

www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com.

A Notice About Giving From The Treasurer

A big thank you to all of you who have helped to support church funds at a time when there have been no collections at church services. Your contributions help us to maintain our support for the local community. Please use any of these methods of payment:

- 1. Direct Payment to our Bank**
This is the easiest method for everybody if you have computer access or are able to travel to your branch.
Our Account Name :
Hoylake Parochial Church Council
Sort Code : **40-25-08**
Account Number : **20445800**
- 2. If you would like to set up a new gift aided donation contact George Dafnis on 632-5927.** He will supply the necessary form and information.
- 3.** If you do not have computer access please enclose your donation in an envelope and post it through the vicarage front door.

"Cheques should be made payable to Hoylake PCC"

If you already subscribe to the envelope system, please use your normal weekly envelope.

The postal address is The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake, CH47 1HL if you are self isolating
- 4. If you have any further queries please contact Lytton Goodwin on 632-6923**

Voyagers at Home

In Voyagers this week, we thought about how tiring it is to have to carry heavy things around with us all day - and sometimes those heavy things are our fears, worries, feeling guilty or not good enough.



The good news is that Jesus wants us to leave all of these heavy burdens with him and promises us peace and rest!

We shared this prayer from Frank Topping:

"Lord, teach me how to still my racing thoughts.
Help me to come to you
Arguing nothing,
Pleading nothing,
Asking nothing,
Except to be still in your presence.
Give me the faith that will enable me
To lay my burdens at your feet,
And to leave them there
In exchange for the peace which passes all understanding. "



Love and prayers,
Christine

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: ANTIRRHINUM **ELEVENTH IN A SERIES**

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

A mixed display of Tequila Sunrise a modern trumpet-shaped variety.

The antirrhinum or snapdragon has a 'mouth' that opens when you squeeze the sides and a slightly chocolate smell – two reasons why young children are fascinated by them. For adults, they are among the most reliable summer bedding flowers, blooming over a long period and tolerating indifferent weather.



The English nickname of snapdragon is far more appealing than the plant's botanical name – antirrhinum translates from the Greek *anti* and *rhis* – like a nose. The species from which modern garden varieties has been bred is *Antirrhinum majus*, originating from the Mediterranean area. By the early 17th century, this species had been wholeheartedly adopted in Britain. They have starred in bedding displays for hundreds of years, often in single colours and, in more recent times, in mixtures and bicolours, mostly in shades of red, pink, orange and yellow. The 90cm (3ft) kinds are often favoured as cut flowers. The flowers come in many shades of red, pink, purple, yellow, bronze and white.



***Old-fashioned
dragon-head
yellow
antirrhinums.***

Many selections have been bred, varying from the Rocket Series, 1.2m (4ft) tall, to Floral Showers, only 10cm (8in) tall and early-flowering. Other dwarf series include Bells and the tiny – 15cm (6in) – Chimes. Good, medium-height bedding types include the Coronette series at 65cm (26in).

These *Antirrhinum majus* varieties are normally grown in Britain as half-hardy annuals, sown early with heat, spaced out in trays, gradually hardened off and planted outdoors in May. In fact they are half-hardy perennials suitable for overwintering in pots in a cool greenhouse or conservatory and for taking indoors as spring-flowering house plants. Outdoors, they like a sunny position in well-drained soil. Dead-heading prolongs flowering.

'THE BARKER TRAGEDIES' **St Hildeburgh's windows: Fourteenth in a series**

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

Anyone entering St Hildeburgh's Lady chapel could be forgiven for failing to notice the beautiful, delicately painted window of *Caritas* because, as they say in pantomimes, "It's behind you!" Those who turn round on reaching the Communion rail and look up will be rewarded with the best view

This small but exquisite window, high in the rear wall of the chapel, was given in memory of Miss Edith Frances Barker, a nurse who died on active service in World War I, killed in a hospital at Omer, France, on April 5, 1918. "Given by her brother George Guyse Barker and fellow nurses," it appears to depict the descent of a dove at the baptism of Jesus, though there is no apparent reason for the bird to be coloured wine-red rather than the usual white. The caption, *Caritas*, is Latin for 'Charity.' The image appears foreshortened because of the angle at which the photograph had to be taken.

The name Barker occurs in connection with three other Lady chapel windows – those framing the altar (see numbers 1, 2 and 6 in this series). These were given, following another apparently tragic death, "by S. Barker in memory of Samuel Harris Barker," who died in 1915, aged 12. A faculty permitting their installation was given on April 3, 1919. It is not known whether Edith and Samuel were related.



*The exquisite Caritas window
in our Lady chapel.*

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