

Readings for this Sunday
6 September 2020
The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

Rom. 13. 8-end
Matt. 18. 15-20

Sunday Services at St Hildeburgh's

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 service is also available to view on our website. The Church Centre remains closed for the time being.

**Please note that face coverings must be worn
at all times in church.**

Parish Register

Funerals

9 September: Joan Stusinski
 Landican Crematorium at 12.30pm

11 September: Betty Creer
 Landican Crematorium at 11am

Baptism

13 September at 12 noon: Teddy Ron David Armitage

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 6 September 2020
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THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
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.

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Morning Prayer in Church

Each Tuesday and Thursday at 10am. Please bring your own bible.

The church remains open for private devotional prayer Monday to Thursday 9am to 12 noon.

Lifeboat Sunday

Sunday 13 September would have been Lifeboat Sunday in church. However, due to Covid19 restrictions, the service will now take place on line.

The service will be available to view on our website www.sthildeburgh.org on 13 September.

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:

Hoylelake 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 Hoylelake PCC"

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

The postal address is The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylelake, CH47 1HL if you are self isolating.

4. If you have any further queries please contact Lytton Goodwin on 632-6923

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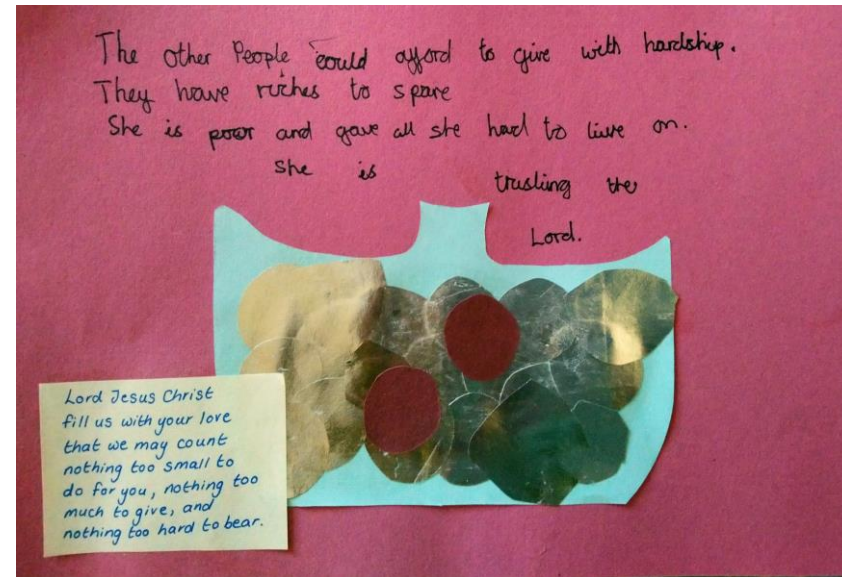
Voyagers At Home



This week in Voyagers Vanessa chose one of her favourite stories - the poor widow who put her pennies in the temple collecting box, giving all that she had to God. We remembered that what matters is not how big or small our gifts or efforts are, or what other people think of them, but that God welcomes all that is given wholeheartedly to him.

Love and prayers,

Christine.



Lord Jesus Christ
fill us with your love
that we may count nothing too small to do for you,
nothing too much to give,
and nothing too hard to bear.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: NASTURTIUM.

19th in a series.

Text by Peter Surridge.

NASTURTIUMS are among the best vigorous annuals of late summer, producing bright green foliage and fiery flowers to cover the scruffy, dying foliage of early summer flowers, conceal untidy corners and scramble among faded clematis and honeysuckle.

They do not require much water or feed though they do demand good light. Plant pot-grown seedlings under the leafy cover of south and west-facing plants, and their bright shoots will quickly break cover and head towards the sun.

The nasturtium originated in South America, though its botanical name, *tropaeolum*, was taken from the Greek and Latin battlefield words for trophy – a tree trunk festooned by the winners with the losers' bloodied helmets and shields. The familiar garden flower, *Tropaeolum majus*, used to be grown up poles hung with netting, showing off its shield-shaped leaves and scarlet flowers – hence the 'trophy' connection. 'Nasturtium' comes from Pliny's term for pungent plants – *nasus* for nose and *tortus* to twist – and is now officially applied to watercress. Nasturtiums provide similarly crisp, peppery leaves, which add a tang to salads. The seed pods can be pickled when young and taste like capers. The flowers and flower buds are also eaten.

Many varieties of nasturtium are hybrids of *Tropaeolum majus*. The flowers are scarlet, orange, bronze or yellow and many have spots, blotches, striped or marbled effects. Dwarf forms such as crimson Empress of India and multi-coloured Tom Thumb are good for edging; semi-trailing types like Glorious Gleam are suitable for hanging baskets, while the tall traditional kinds are ideal for a major cover-up. In containers, the plants flower more freely while in the ground foliage tends to dominate. The fine Alaska series such as Whisky and Ice has foliage dotted and marbled with creamy white. A 19th-century variety, Hermine Grashoff, has scarlet-orange double flowers.

Below: Summer jewels – a mixture of nasturtium varieties.



Seeds can be sown in pots with protection from March or directly into the ground from May. Self-sown seeds sometimes survive in the ground until spring and produce early flowers. In any situation, nasturtiums can be infested by blackfly which can be controlled by destroying affected leaves but suffer few other problems. Herbalists use nasturtiums in treatments for various infections, skin troubles and baldness and the plant is an ingredient of commercially-produced hair lotion.

THE LEGEND OF ST CHRISTOPHER

St Hildeburgh's windows: 22nd in a series.

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

CHRISTOPHER, widely recognised as the patron saint of travellers, is now thought more likely to have been mythical than actual. His date and place of birth are unknown, though he was believed to have been martyred by the Romans in the third century.

There are several legends about him. In one, he was crossing a river when a little boy asked to be carried across. Christopher was tall and strong but when he put the child on his shoulders he found him to be unbelievably heavy and was barely able to complete the crossing. The child said, "No wonder you are exhausted – I am Jesus Christ and I am carrying the weight of the world." The name Christopher means Christ-bearer. In medieval times, it was thought that anyone who saw an image of St Christopher would be protected for that day. As a result, large pictures of him were painted in churches. In our window, he is depicted carrying the Christ-child and attended by swallows – thought to indicate the fact that the window commemorates the life of an RAF officer. St Christopher's feast day, formerly July 25, is no longer celebrated. The window was installed in 1944-45 "in memory of Flying Officer Douglas Gordon Bennett, RAF, killed in combat 24.7.44, given by his wife."



***St Christopher carrying
the Christ-child.***

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