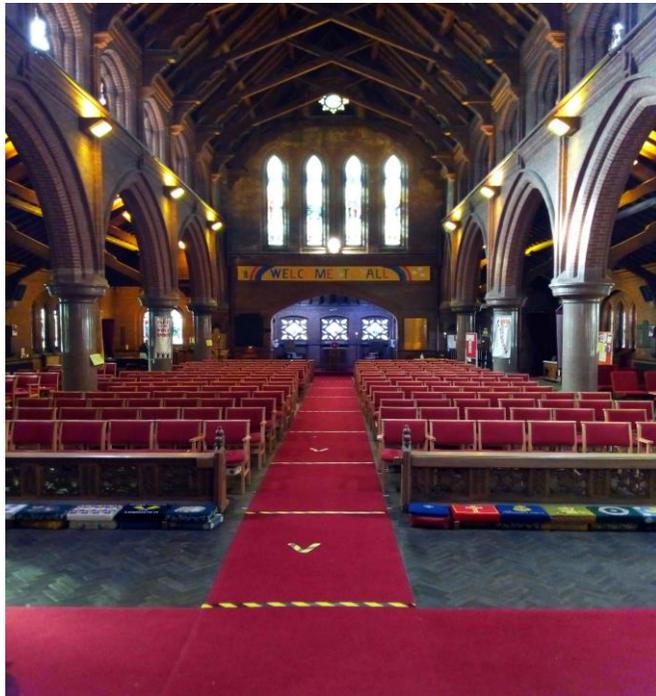


Readings for this Sunday

15 November 2020 - Second Sunday before Advent

1 Thess. 5. 1-11

Matt. 25. 14-30



Parish Register

Funerals

- 17 November – Thomas Herbert Lowndes. Landican Crematorium at 3.30pm
18 November – Frank Howard. Landican Crematorium at 10am
27 November – James McVey. Landican Crematorium at 3.30pm
30 November – Isabel Burke. St Hildeburgh's at 1pm. Landican Crematorium at 2pm

Weekly Beacon



**News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 15 November 2020
The Second Sunday before Advent**

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Church Services

During the current lockdown for the next four weeks, services in church have been suspended. But they are still available to view on line on our website www.sthildeburgh.net

The church will be open for individual private prayer only Monday to Friday and Sundays from 9am to 12 noon. It is very important to abide by the rules for social distancing as 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.

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

Sunday Services On Line

Each week a service of Holy Communion is available to view online at <https://www.sthildeburgh.net> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh>

St Hildeburgh's Church Open for Private Prayer

Monday to Friday and Sundays – from 10am to 12 noon.

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.**



‘Reading the Gospel through Advent’

A sponsored journey through the Christmas story from the Gospel according to Luke and read by you at home

Join in with our November Fundraiser!

At this time of the year Rev'd Paul usually hosts a fundraising supper evening in our Church Hall, but due to Covid restrictions this is not possible for 2020.

However, we can still raise much needed funds for St Hildeburgh's by asking our friends and families to sponsor us to read a passage from the Gospel according to Luke – sharing our Advent journey and the Christmas story.

If you would like to take part please choose a passage from Luke's Gospel – **reading this at home**. A reading of a few minutes or more – its up to you! It would be great if you could send a photo and details of the passage you have chosen to the Weekly Beacon to be included in a special feature later on.

Donations from sponsors can be sent in two ways:

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Our Account Name: **Hoylelake Parochial Church Council**

Sort Code : **40-25-08**

Account Number : **20445800**

Reference 'November Fundraiser'

Or by cheque payable to 'Hoylelake PCC' can be sent to Rev'd Paul at The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylelake, Wirral CH47 1AB. **Please write 'November Fundraiser' on the envelope and the reverse of your cheque – this will really help our Treasurer.**

If you would like more details please contact the Church Office on 0151 632 5339 or email at www.sthildeburgh.parishoffice@gmail.com

Thank you

"Good News from St Hildeburgh's"

As England enters another "lock down", and we become strictly limited in what we as a church can do with regards to public worship, we have launched a new online service. The service is called "**Good News from St Hildeburgh's**". It will feature in one, easy-to-find online location: Videos of our online services, prayers, reflections, homilies ... and more!

You can access the service by computer, laptop, smartphone, Ipad, tablet - or even a smart TV with inbuilt web browser.

The web address link for the new service is:

<https://sthildeburghgoodnews.blogspot.com/>

St Hildeburgh's Services on your 'smart' TV

As well as viewing our filmed services from our website or on Facebook, you can view St Hildeburgh's filmed services on your 'smart' TV:

- You need to have a modern/"smart" TV set - these all come with YouTube as a built-in application
- Turn on the TV and select the "**YouTube**" app
- From the menu that appears when the YouTube app opens, using your remote control, click on the search option (the search menu icon looks like a magnifying glass)
- Using the remote control, select the letters on screen to form the words "**St Hildeburgh**", then click on "Search"
- All our videos will appear in a list - with the most recent service film first. Click on this film using your remote control, and the video will play full screen on the TV

November – month of Prayer for the Nation

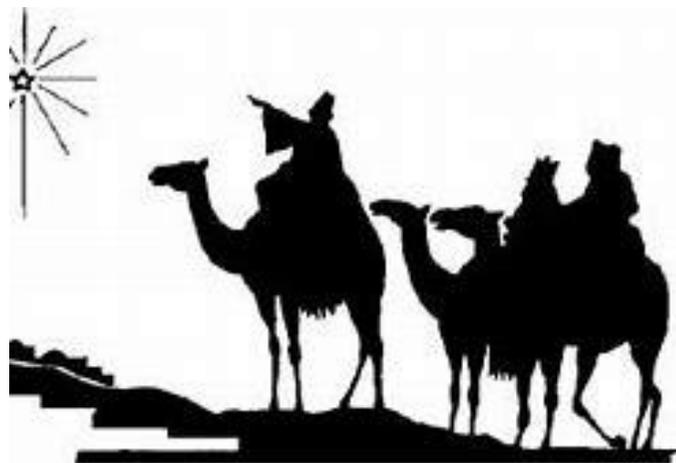


The Bishop of Chester has joined the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and other senior church leaders in inviting Christians across the nation to participate in the month of prayer as the second lockdown in England comes into force.

For full details please see:

www.churchofengland.org or www.chester.anglican.org

**'Advent Journey with the Magi'
Week One: 'Who might the Magi be?'**



The first of our Advent course evenings takes place on Zoom this Wednesday – 18 November at 7pm for about half an hour. Led by Rev'd Richard, the evenings are spread over six weeks – on Wednesdays at 7pm until the last evening on 23 December.

To join the meeting on Wednesday 18 November please go to:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2853359814?pwd=SWZlbnkVtMWpNSUR1ZCtScGVZWdN2QT09>

Meeting ID: 285 335 9814
Passcode: 715503

**Each week has its own title
the one for Wednesday is 'Who might the Magi be?'**

Wirral Foodbank

Thank you for your donations of food which have now been delivered to the Foodbank. The work of the Foodbank continues and your donations are needed more than ever.

Urgently needed items:

Tinned meat
tinned vegetables
tinned fruit
custard
tinned fish

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

Domestic Abuse – Helplines and Information

Here you will find information about where and how to report domestic abuse and get help.

Phone the Police

If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police.

If you are in danger and unable to talk on the phone, call 999 and listen to the questions from the operator and if possible, respond by coughing or tapping the head set.

If prompted, press 55 to [Make Yourself Heard](#) and this will transfer your call to the police. (NB Pressing 55 only works on mobiles and does not allow police to track your location.)

When 999 calls are made from landlines, information about your location should be automatically available to the call handlers to help provide a response.

Seek help

Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge

0808 200 0247

www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

Live Fear Free helpline (Wales)

0808 80 10 800

www.livefearfree.gov.wales

Men's Advice Line

0808 801 0327

www.mensadviceline.org.uk

Rape Crisis (England and Wales)

0808 802 9999

www.rapecrisis.org.uk

Respect phonenumber

0808 802 4040

www.respectphonenumber.org.uk

Galop (for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people)

0800 999 5428

www.galop.org.uk

Scotland's Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline

0800 027 1234

sdafmh.org.uk

Scottish Women's Aid

0131 226 6606

www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk

Women's Aid Federation (Northern Ireland)

0800 917 1414

www.womensaidni.org

Karma Nirvana

[Karma Nirvana](#) runs a national honour-based abuse helpline.

Telephone: 0800 5999 247

Email: support@karmanirvana.org.uk

Chayn

[Chayn](#) provides online help and resources in a number of languages about identifying manipulative situations and how friends can support those being abused.

Imkaan

[Imkaan](#) are a women's organisation addressing violence against black and minority women and girls.

Southall Black Sisters

[Southall Black Sisters](#) offer advocacy and information to Asian and Afro-Caribbean women suffering abuse.

Stay Safe East

[Stay Safe East](#) provides advocacy and support services to disabled victims and survivors of abuse.

SignHealth

[SignHealth](#) provides domestic abuse service support for deaf people in British Sign Language (BSL).

Telephone: 020 3947 2601

Email: da@signhealth.org.uk

Shelter

[Shelter](#) provide free confidential information, support and legal advice on all housing and homelessness issues.

Sexual Assault Referral Centres

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Domestic Abuse – Helplines and Information (continued)

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Support for children and young people

NSPCC

Telephone: 0808 800 5000

Email: help@nspcc.org.uk

Childline

Telephone: 0800 1111

Support if you think you may be an abuser

[Respect](#) is an anonymous and confidential helpline for men and women who are harming their partners and families. The helpline also takes calls from (ex)partners, friends and relatives who are concerned about perpetrators.

Telephone: 0808 802 4040

Support for employers

Employers' Initiative on Domestic Abuse

The [Employers' Initiative on Domestic Abuse](#) website provides resources to support employers including an [employers' toolkit](#)

Business in the Community

[Business in the Community](#) publish a toolkit with information for employers.

Live Chat Services

IDAS

The service will now run from 3 pm – 6 pm Monday – Friday. Additionally, the team will run a chat dedicated to answering questions from professionals, agencies and workers from 10 am – 12 noon on weekdays.

<https://www.idas.org.uk/extra-live-chat-services/>

Women's Aid

This service runs on Monday to Friday from 10am – 2pm

<https://chat.womensaid.org.uk/>

This information is also available on our website

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

Citizens Advice Wirral

Citizens Advice Wirral are pleased to continue to deliver information and advice to Wirral residents.

Our **Ask Us Wirral information and advice** service is being delivered by phone or email and includes specialist benefits, debt and housing advice.

To access Ask Us Wirral phone **0300 33 00 111** Please note the phone lines are likely to be busy and you may need to leave a message and our team can get back to you. If you can't get through on our local number, you can try national Citizens Advice number **03444 111 444**

You can also fill out our **webform**

www.askuswirral.org.uk/enquiry-webform/

For **Information** about sick pay, your rights if you are off sick, self-isolating or home working and other useful information about what Coronavirus what it means to you go to www.citizensadvice.org.uk/health/coronavirus-what-it-means-for-you/

If you have now become unemployed or are self-employed but your income has dropped, please call our Help to Claim team on **0800 144 8 444**

Voyagers At Home

This Sunday in Voyagers we talked about remembrance - remembering family and friends who have died, as we do at All Souls, and remembering those who gave their lives for others, as we do on Remembrance Sunday.

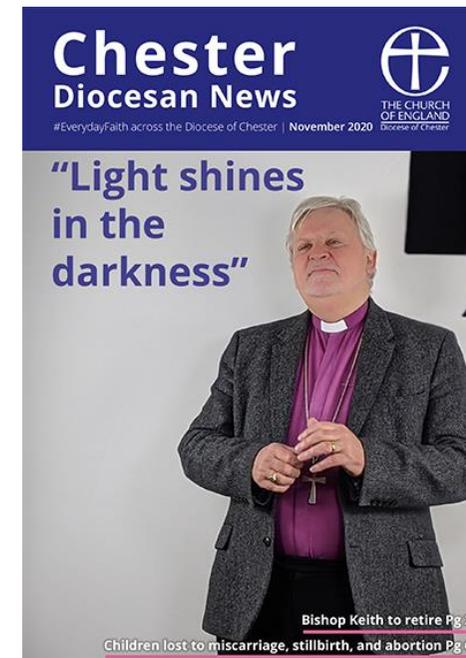
We read 1Thessalonians 4: 13-18, which encourages us that we, and our loved ones, "will be always with the Lord."



We ended with a Quaker prayer:

We give them back to you, dear Lord, who gavest them to us.
Yet as thou dost not lose them in giving, so we have not lost them by their return.
For what is thine is our always, if we are thine.

Love and prayers,
Christine



The November issue of CDN is now available to download at www.chester.anglican.org

Messy Church at Home

Matthew's gospel account tells of Jesus and Peter walking on the water, but Peter's faith is discouraged by the storm. Here is the account from Matthew 14. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified.



"It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

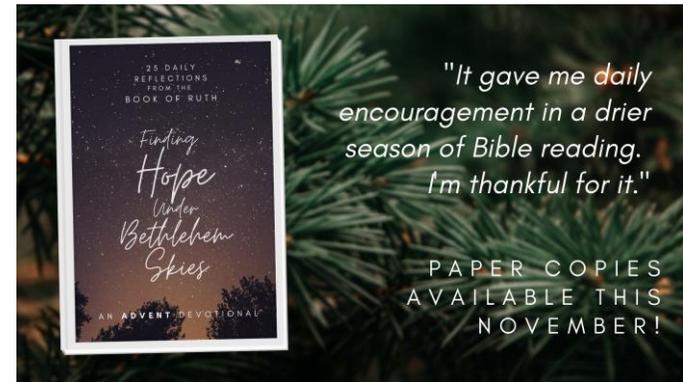
Jesus and Peter walk on the water activity.

You will need: dry erase marker;
a glass filled with water; a small jug; food colouring (optional)

Draw a stickperson on the bottom of your glass with the marker pen. Wait a few moments for it to dry and then gently pour on some water. Your person will lift off the glass and literally float on the top of the water. You can try blowing gently to make him move and dance! Think about how, in our story today, two people walk on the surface of water. What else could you draw or add in to help bring this story to life. Let's pray that God gives us faith and we won't be discouraged.



Advent Reflections based on Ruth



Many thanks to all of you who have supported Barrow Foodbank by ordering this helpful Advent devotional, pictured here, "Finding Hope Under Bethlehem Skies." If you haven't ordered one, there are still some copies available to use for your daily reflections in December. Please let Peter Ham know (677 3195 or allthehams@icloud.com). The booklet was written by Rev Robin Ham who is a Vicar in Barrow-in-Furness. There is no charge but any donations will go to the much needed Barrow food bank with which their Church is associated.

Thank you to Rev Paul for supporting this initiative. It is good to have these cross-church links and the churches in Barrow are very grateful for your support in these difficult times.

Many thanks, Peter Ham (Reader).

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: KAFFIR LILY or SCHIZOSTYLIS.

27th in a series

Text by Peter Surridge

BRIGHT bulb flowers in late autumn are almost as rare as hen's teeth but, as well as the low-growing autumn crocuses and colchicums, there is the taller kaffir lily or schizostylis with colourful flowers like a small gladiolus. There is only one species, *Schizostylis coccinea*, which originates from southern Africa where it grows in moist soils beside water courses, but more than 20 varieties have been bred.



The flowers, from 4-14 in spikes on 60cm (2ft) stems, are generally scarlet but occasionally pink or white. The plant needs sunshine and reasonably fertile soil, though it will tolerate peaty or sandy loams as long as they do not dry out.

Despite its exotic origin, the species is hardy down to minus 10C (14F), though its chances of surviving the winter in cold situations are improved by the application of a thick mulch of garden compost or leafmould. Apart from this slight tenderness, kaffir lilies are trouble-free, with no appeal to pests or diseases, and can also be grown in glasshouses to provide long-lasting cut flowers. In good conditions outdoors, the plants quickly form thick clumps and should be divided in spring every few years – the best way of propagating them – and planted 2.5cm (1in) deep.

Among the earliest varieties to bloom are Jennifer, a robust form with large, pink flowers, and Mrs Hegarty (pictured), a luminous pink. Viscountess Byng, also pink, does not flower until November. Other good varieties include Alba, white with pink tinges; Sunrise, salmon-pink; and Major, with large, deep red flowers. Schizostylis are not in fact lilies but belong to the iris family, and grow from rhizomes similar to those of iris. Their name comes from the Greek *schizo*, to split, and *stylis*, meaning style, the tube inside a flower that links the seed pod to the pollen head or stigma.

Photo:

Pretty in pink – the schizostylis variety Mrs Hegarty

ST EDMUND: KING AND MARTYR **St Hildeburgh's windows: 31st in a series.**

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.



***Bound to a tree – the
King
Edmund window***

In the window, the first on the left on entering St Hildeburgh's, he is depicted bound to a tree and pierced by arrows. The dog at his side represents his favourite hunting dog which was said to have stayed by his body. The window was one of three installed c1944 "in memory of Flying Officer Douglas Gordon Bennett, RAF, killed in combat 24.7.44, given by his wife." Kind Edmund's namesake, Edmund Kirby of Liverpool, was the architect of St Hildeburgh's.

BORN in 841, Edmund became king of the East Angles. In 869, he led his troops against a great army of Danes at Thetford, Norfolk, where the English were defeated.

The story goes that Edmund refused to share his Christian kingdom with the heathen invaders, who, in 870, tied him to a tree and shot him with arrows, until his body resembled "a thistle covered in prickles," then cut off his head. After his burial, miracles became attributed to him and he was revered as a martyr. His remains were enshrined at a Suffolk monastery on the site of the modern town of Bury St Edmunds. In the Middle Ages, Edmund was regarded as the patron saint of England.

Edmund also appointed St Dunstan abbot of Glastonbury (see the 10th in this series) and his Hungarian-born granddaughter Margaret became St Margaret of Scotland (see the 26th in this series).

Edmund's feast day is November 20, the date of his death.

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