

Readings for this Sunday
16 August 2020 – The Tenth Sunday After Trinity

Rom. 11. 1-2a, 29-32
Matt. 15 (10-20) 21-28

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

18 August 2020 - Nigel Robinson. Landican Crematorium at 3pm
19 August 2020 – Olga Valerie Pearce. Landican Crematorium at 3.30pm

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 16 August 2020
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THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

From Monday 17 August the church will be open from **9am to 12 noon Monday to Thursday** for private devotional prayer. On Tuesdays and Thursdays Morning Prayer will resume at 10am. Please bring your own bible.

Olga Pearce

Sadly, Olga passed away earlier this week. Olga's family have asked if anyone from the parish would like to attend Olga's funeral on 19 August at 3.30pm at Landican South Chapel they would much appreciate the gesture. However, due to Covid restrictions in place at Landican no more than 30 people may attend. Please bear this in mind.

Nigel Robinson

Nigel Robinson, a lifelong member of the RNLI, has passed away. Nigel's funeral will take place at Landican Crematorium Centre Chapel on 18 August at 3pm.

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 we shared the story of Jesus walking on water, and Peter trying to do the same. We remembered that Jesus is in control of everything; we might experience troubles and storms but Jesus is holding us by the hand and he will see us safely through.

Love and prayers,
Christine



Hello to all at St Hildeburgh's.

Just a short message to say that we, in Ferndale Road, are holding a **Pirate** themed, socially distanced **RNLI** fundraising afternoon on Sunday August 30th. This will run from noon to approx 16.30. We will have various stalls with **CAKES, CRAFT, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, A FEW GAMES** for the children (not many in our road) **WATER AND WINE STALL, HOT DOGS** and **ICE LOLLIES** and possibly, at the end, an **AUCTION**. All stalls will provide hand gel to be used before/after touching anything.

Wander along the road, during the afternoon, if you can and support us, even buying just a few raffle tickets. RNLI Hoylake are unable to hold their Annual Open Day on August Bank Holiday this year so this is Ferndale Road's small way of helping towards their massive fundraising shortfall for 2020.

Many thanks, Liz Ardus.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: HELIOTROPE

Sixteenth in a Series

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

It was not an identity crisis which knocked the wonderfully-scented heliotrope off the popular perch it enjoyed in Victorian times. True, if flowers could suffer from such a condition this one would have been a gravely-afflicted patient. Its botanical names, *Heliotropium arborescens*, are both misnomers. The first means the blooms “follow the sun,” which they do not, while the second suggests the plant “becomes tree-like” or “woody.” A bushy shape and maximum height of no more than 75cm (2ft 6in) hardly qualify for tree-like status.

It was less confusing when the plant was known as *Heliotropium peruvianum* for this particular species originated in Peru. And there lies a clue to the paradoxical name. Heliotropes need to be kept warm all year and their decline in British gardens coincided with the virtual disappearance of armies of professional gardeners who were happy to keep them cosy. In the last century most gardeners could produce a pot of heady heliotrope from a frost-free greenhouse, like a rabbit out of a hat, at most times of year. For indoor displays, they were mixed with more spectacular plants while providing fragrance and background colour – the flowers are generally in rich mauve or lavender hues – but small and in clusters.

For outdoors, they were treated like half-hardy annuals and planted in summer bedding schemes. If they are to make a comeback, it will be in that role and as pot plants in Britain's growing number of conservatories.

Now, about that scent. The common nickname for heliotrope, “cherry pie,” says it all - or does it? To me the flowers exude an aroma of honeyed almonds while the educated noses at a Royal Horticultural Society show were variously reported as detecting smells of vanilla, almonds, marzipan, cinnamon, marshmallow, honey and even a well-known brand of baby powder.



***Cherry pie or almonds?
The headily-scented
heliotrope variety Marine.***

If space in a frost-free greenhouse or glazed porch can be provided, softwood cuttings can be taken in late summer to make large specimens the following year. Alternatively, softwood cuttings can be taken in spring from overwintered plants and used for bedding. Where overwintering is not possible, seeds sown with heat in February will produce flowering plants in summer. As well as the lovely purplish-mauves – similar in colour to the common buddleia – there are a pink, Dame Alicia de Hales, and whites, including White Lady.

FORGET-ME-NOTS FOR SALE

Mourners at the funeral last year of St Hildeburgh's stalwart Eric Roberts were handed a packet of forget-me-not seeds as they left the church. It was an appropriate and moving gesture but whether the gardens of Hoylake would turn sky-blue as a result was open to question. However, Joyce Reade, as secretary of St Hildeburgh's Guild, takes flowers seriously, as to be expected. She sowed the seeds, achieved a high level of germination and has now passed the spare plants to Peter Surridge to offer for sale in aid of the Guild's flower fund for Easter, Harvest and Christmas displays. These are healthy young plants of *Myosotis* Spring Symphony Blue, a free-flowering and long-lasting variety. They are potted individually and will be best planted in the ground where they are to flower in about two months' time. The price is £4.50 for five plants. They are available from Peter by phone on 632-5507 or 07778-517759, or email on peter.surridge@talktalk.net.

SUCCESS

In spite of 2020 being such a disruptive year, the Guild is happy to report that more than £100 has been raised from the sale of plants, thanks to the propagating skills of Peter Surridge and numerous purchasers from the congregation. A very big ‘thank you’ to everyone involved.



***Above: Green-fingered
Joyce with some of her
plants and the seed packet***

MAN WITH A MISSION

St Hildeburgh's windows – Nineteenth in a series

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

St Augustine of Canterbury did not introduce Christianity to Britain, as is sometimes thought. It was true that invasions by the pagan Angles, Saxons and Jutes in the fifth century had destroyed much of the church organisation but, when Augustine arrived on the coast of Kent in the year 597, elements of the old Romano-British church remained and a distinct Celtic tradition was followed in Scotland. However, he did spread and consolidate the faith.

As mentioned in last week's feature in this series, according to the Venerable Bede, the sight of blue-eyed, blond-haired Angle (English) boys at a slave market in Rome inspired Gregory to observe, "Non Angli, sed Angeli (They are not Angles, but Angels)", and to send Augustine, the prior of a Benedictine monastery in Rome, to England with a team of missionaries. Gregory told Augustine that pagan temples were not to be destroyed but consecrated for Christian worship, and that local customs were to be retained with holy days substituted for pagan feast days. For example, our Christmas and Easter replaced pagan festivals – the winter solstice and the feast of the goddess Eostre at the spring equinox.



St Augustine.

Augustine had been warned of the ferocity of the natives and the dangers of the Channel but was well received when he landed on the Isle of Thanet in Kent. It was there that Ethelbert, King of Kent, was baptised in 597. Augustine became the first Archbishop of Canterbury and many of Ethelbert's subjects were baptised. After some time, Augustine ceased to be acknowledged as the leader of the Church of England because of his insistence that Roman traditions were upheld, while other heads of the English Church disagreed. However, he continued his work and established bishoprics in London and Rochester before his death in May 605. His feast day is May 26.

The window, on the right of the nave, was one of a series "in memory of Matthew Langlands, given by his wife," and installed around 1907.

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