

Readings for this Sunday 16 May 2021
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1. 15-17, 21-end
John 17. 6-19



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 16 May 2021
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – CHURCH SERVICES

Unless the situation changes, Revd Paul will be conducting a service of Holy Communion each Sunday at 10am.

If you feel unable to come to church the Sunday service will still be available to view on line on our website www.sthildeburgh.net and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh> or you can view the service on a smart TV.

Please DO NOT sit on the chairs with tape on the seats - the other chairs have been socially distanced in accordance with instructions. This is for everyone's safety in the current pandemic.

**Face coverings must be worn in church at all times
Please use the hand gel provided**

The church is open for individual private prayer Mondays to Thursdays 10am to 12 noon and Sundays after the 10am service until 12 noon.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM will be held after the 10am service on Sunday 23 May 2021. The meeting will be held in church with social distancing in place.

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

St Hildeburgh's on a smart TV

To access our online services on a 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 usually 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



“CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE” AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD

Would you be interested in joining a group to conduct a “Nature Count” survey at Holy Trinity churchyard?

It’s part of a nationwide focus on Churchyards as local environments, wildlife and habitats.

To find out more - have a chat with Kate Rice, Carron Jones or Peter Ham at Church or by phone, or contact the Church office by phone or email – 632 5339
www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

No knowledge necessary, just an enthusiasm for God’s amazing world. All welcome, whatever your age.

What is the biodiversity of your churchyard?

Join hundreds of churches in a week-long ‘nature count’ occurring this summer, which will encourage people to visit churchyards and record what they see.

Churches Count on Nature will run between **5 June and 13 June** and is being described as a citizen-science event covering churchyards across England and Wales.



To celebrate the ordinations of Rev’d Richard and Rev’d Frances, Rev’d Paul and Rev’d Gillian will be holding a BBQ in the Vicarage Garden on Sunday 27 June at 1pm. Admission is by donation.

Although tea and coffee will be provided, please bring your own wine and beer. **Please do not bring food.**

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list at the back of church or contact Jill in the Church Office on 0151 632 5339 www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

VOYAGERS AT HOME

This Sunday we read Jesus' command to love one another, and his explanation of what that means. We thought it was really amazing that Jesus calls us his friends! And when we aren't sure what the right thing to do is, we can ask what Jesus would do and remember that we should always love one another.

Vanessa designed a poster on the theme of love and Lorna made some bookmarks to give to people she loves.

Love and prayers,
Christine



WIRRAL FOODBANK

The Wirral Foodbank provides a vital service supporting people in the community. Your response to Revd Paul's appeal for donations has been outstanding but the work of the foodbank continues.

If you would like to donate, please leave your bags of food in the Vicarage porch at 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake CH47 1HL.



Thank you.

CHESTER DIOCESAN NEWS

The May edition of CDN is now available to download from:

www.chester.anglican.org

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: WALLFLOWERS

53rd in a series

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge

Wallflowers are the complete spring plants. Colour, scent, hardiness and ease of propagation have guaranteed their popularity, however garden fashions change. They invoke cottage gardens when planted informally in mixed colours, add a touch of class to municipal displays and are excellent fill-ins in mixed borders. Their colours range from palest cream through shades of orange and red to deep, velvety maroon.

The wallflower's botanical name was formerly *Cheiranthus* but it has been reclassified as *Erysimum*, derived from the Greek word *Eryo*, meaning to drag. I can only speculate as to the link. Perhaps, because the genus will grow in cracks and gaps in walls (hence its common name), it "drags" mortar from between the bricks! The parent of most modern varieties, *Erysimum cheiri*, is native to Greece but there are many other, less well-known, species from Africa, Asia and America. Some of the best forms of *Erysimum cheiri* are in the Bedder series (pictured), such as Orange Bedder and Blood Red; the Fair Lady series of pastel shades including a pink; Fire King, orange-red; Harlequin in dazzling mixed hues; and Harpur Crewe, rich yellow.

The Siberian wallflower, *Erysimum x allionnii*, has bright bronze-orange flowers and blooms a little later than *Erysimum cheiri* so if the two species are combined in a mixed planting, the overall display lasts longer. The evergreen hybrid Bowles's Mauve (pictured) is outstanding, like a small, rounded shrub with blue-green leaves and spikes of rich mauve flowers which look as if they have been painted in oils, appearing from late winter. It grows easily from cuttings. Another hybrid, John Codrington, produces a mass of unusual flowers in May – yellow with shades of pink, brown and purple.



Above:
***Many colours in a display
of Erysimum cheiri Bedder series.***

Below:
Rich mauve flowers of Bowles's Mauve.



As members of the cabbage family, wallflowers like soil on the limey side so are suitable for gardens where rhododendrons and camellias do not flourish. They are perennials but best grown as biennials – sown one year to flower the next and then discarded. Seed, whether purchased or saved from the plants in your garden, and sown in a month's time will give adequate results next spring. However, if you note carefully the bushiest plants with the best colours and most flowers, and take seed only from those, you can immediately start to improve your stock. With the bedding forms of *Erysimum cheiri*, there's a better way of perpetuating the strains you prize most. Take half-ripe cuttings – when the stems are no longer sappy but not yet woody – in June or July and insert them 30cm (1ft) apart in sandy or gritty soil in a shaded cold frame. They should take root by October and you will have clones as good as their parents ready for planting in their flowering positions. Plants grown from seed should be thinned to 20cm (8in) apart while still young and planted out in autumn.

Check in & Chat Service

Since the onset of the Covid19 lockdown, Wirral Mind has responded by offering welfare telephone calls to those people who feel isolated, lonely, anxious and afraid due to being unable to access our services and others.

Our Check-in and Chat call operatives are on hand to provide practical and emotional support, for anything from accessing emergency food supplies and medicines to alleviating loneliness and isolation. We endeavour to ensure that people are getting the help they need during lockdown periods and beyond; we are especially concerned about reaching those people who may not be in contact with other services or social networks.

We have tried to target services to those struggling because of loss of employment, bereavement and social isolation derived from the pandemic.



Our ultimate aim is to encourage people to access services in person when it is safe to do so, until that can happen we have developed a range of digital workshops, training and peer support groups that will promote and encourage future social networks, reduce feelings of isolation and equip people with the skills and tools that will build resilience.

To make a referral:

Please contact us on 0151 512 2200 or email learning@wirralmind.org.uk

Our phone lines are open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm



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