

Readings for this Sunday 23 May 2021
The Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Acts 2. 1-21
John 15. 26-27, 16. 4b-15



Photo courtesy of Nigel Hall

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 23 May 2021
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The Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you feel unable to come to church the service for the first Sunday of the month will be available to view on our website

www.sthildeburgh.net on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh> or you can view the service on a smart TV.

When you are in church, 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 in church.

PCC Members Please Note

There will be a meeting of the PCC in church immediately after the APCM on Sunday 23 May 2021.

WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Sundays

8am Holy Communion (said)
10am Holy Communion (sung)

Wednesdays

10am Holy Communion (said)

A Change to our online services

Please note that the service for the first Sunday of the month will be the only service available online.

You can see this by going to our website www.sthildeburgh.net , Facebook.com/sthildeburgh or on a Smart television.

CHURCH OFFICE COMPUTER



Rev'd Paul is looking to replace the computer in the Church Office.

If you would like to help towards the cost of this please contact Rev'd Paul on 0151 632 3897.

Thank you.



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.**

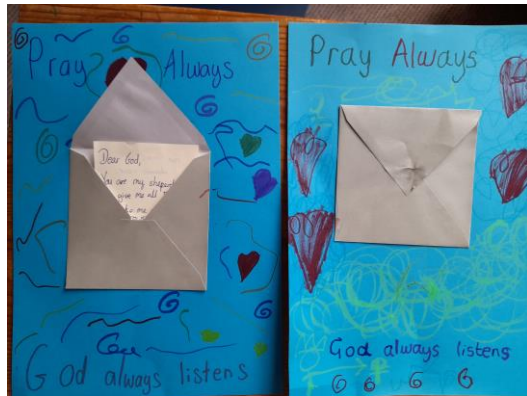
If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list at the back of church or contact the Church Office on 0151 632 5339 www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Rev'd Richard please contact Rev'd Paul.

VOYAGERS AT HOME



This week in Voyagers we thought about how the disciples felt, after Jesus' ascension while they waited for the Holy Spirit.



Waiting is not easy to do! But we remembered that, whatever we are waiting for, we can keep talking to God in prayer, just like Jesus talked to his Father.

Love and prayers,
Christine

“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.

St Hildeburgh’s Electoral Roll

If you would like to be included on our Electoral Roll please have a word with our Electoral Roll Officer, Roy Auld. Or contact the Church Office on 0151 632 5339.

Thank you.

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A limited number of printed Weekly Beacons are available at the back of church.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: PEONY

54th in a series

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

By pure chance, I came across a dazzling, private collection of peonies in an obscure corner of New Zealand. Most had been bred on the spot by a local couple and never seen outside their garden. I was leading a horticultural tour of the country, heard reports about the peony-breeders, and spent an impressive morning there. Their collection ranged from huge-flowered herbaceous plants to tall tree peonies smothered in bloom and many are now available worldwide. Among the loveliest are the fragrant variety Etched Salmon (pictured), with clear salmon-coral double petals, and Nice Gal (pictured), a semi-double with shimmering rose-pink flowers, golden stamens and a light scent. In Britain, too, peonies are one of the most striking border flowers in spring and early summer. There are many species and varieties in tints of red, pink, white and yellow, and they are reliably hardy.

The common or May-flowering peony, *Paeonia officinalis*, grows wild in parts of Europe and was once used by herbalists – the red-flowered kind for men's complaints and the purple for women's. This medical use is reflected in the plant's name, said to commemorate Paeon, physician of the Greek gods and discoverer of the plant's curative properties, while *officinalis* indicates it has a herbal use.

The most popular border peonies are clump-forming perennials, many bred from that species and also from another species originating in Asia, *Paeonia lactiflora*. The showy flowers are saucer or bowl-shaped, 17cm (7in) or more across, in some cases frilled with many petals. Some are scented and many are good for cutting. For garden purposes the plants are divided into four major groups based on the flower types – single, semi-double, double and anemone-form. Among the best are: single, Crimson Globe, a fine bowl-shaped type; semi-double, Krinkled White; double, creamy-white Kelway's Glorious and pale pink Ballerina; anemone-form, Avant Garde, with rose-pink, dark-veined blooms.



Left: Pretty and perfumed...peony Etched Salmon



Right: Shimmering shades... peony Nice Gal.

Peony roots should be planted in autumn, in a sunny south or west-facing position, ideally in rich earth but in any reasonable ground that does not become waterlogged. Feed them regularly if on light or sandy soil and, in any case, give a general fertiliser in spring. In autumn, cut down the stems. The plants do not react well to transplanting so allow them a year or two to settle and start flowering. Divide roots in autumn every five or six years to produce vigorous new plants. Although they look bright and strong when growing well, peonies can be susceptible to viruses, pests such as the grubs of the swift moth, and the fungal disease peony wilt that can destroy new shoots.

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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