

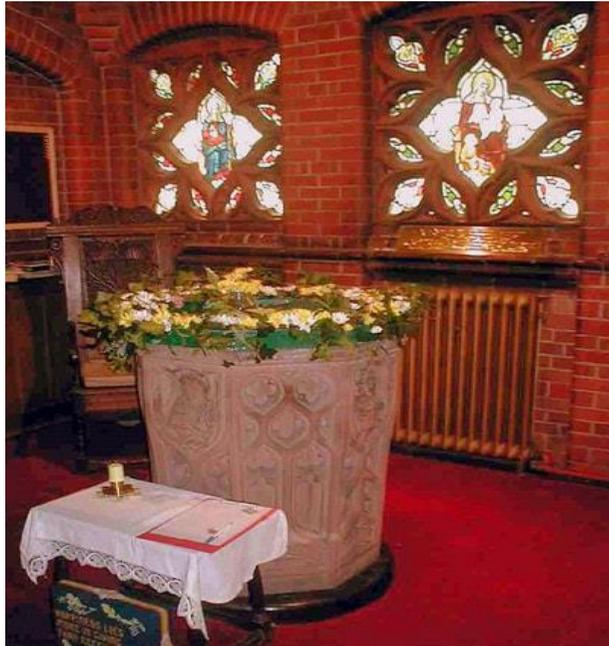
Readings for this Sunday

25 October 2020

The Last Sunday After Trinity - Bible Sunday

Colossians 3. 12-17

Matthew 24. 30-35



Parish Register

Funeral

28 October – Louise Crozier

St Hildeburgh's at 2.30pm

Landican Crematorium at 3.30pm

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 25 October 2020 The Last Sunday After Trinity – Bible Sunday

The Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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

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.

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.org> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh>

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.

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:
Hoylake 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 Hoylake PCC"
If you already subscribe to the envelope system, please use your normal weekly envelope.
The postal address is The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake, CH47 1HL if you are self isolating.
- 4. If you have any further queries please contact Lytton Goodwin on 632 6923.**

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

All Souls Service for the Departed Sunday 1 November 2020 at 4pm



This year's All Souls service will be held in church on 1 November at 4pm in line with Covid 19 restrictions and Church of England guidance.

As we don't livestream our services, the service will be available to view on line at our website www.sthildeburgh.org the next day.

If you would like the name of a departed loved one read out during the service please contact our Church Office at:

www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com
or phone 0151 632 5339.

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



Ordination of Deacons

On Sunday 25 October at 5pm our Curate, Richard, will be ordained as a Deacon in Chester Cathedral.



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Unfortunately, Covid restrictions prevent our church family from being present in person at the service but we will be able to view the service live from the Cathedral.

To join the service at 5pm please click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/rYHc9Vw017A>

'A Big Thank You'

Last Sunday Rev'd Paul announced that our Churchwarden Nancy Fraser has decided to step down from her present role to take up a new role as Deputy Churchwarden at St Hildeburgh's. This role will now be filled by Kate Rice who was elected into the office of Churchwarden at our Annual Parochial Church Council meeting last Sunday.

Rev'd Paul presented Nancy with a beautiful bouquet of flowers – pictured below.



Voyagers At Home



This week in Voyagers we read the story of Jesus calming the storm at sea.

We thought about how the disciples must have been feeling, thrown about by events and not knowing what to do. But remembering that Jesus is in control changed all that and brought them through the storm, just as he will for us.

We talked about looking for his presence with us day by day, maybe in a story, a kind word or helping hand, birdsong or a sunset.

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.

**Please leave your donations in the porch at
The Vicarage 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake, CH47 1HL.**

Thank You!

COVID19 - NHS TRACK AND TRACE QR CODE

If you are in church for any reason and have the NHS Track and Trace app on your smartphone, please scan the QR code on one of the posters displayed in church. Help to reduce the spread of infection and save lives.

British Summer Time



The clocks go back 1 hour at
2am on the last Sunday in
October – 25 October 2020.

Peter Ham writes:

As promised, a quick guide to making your Messy Church bird feeder, as part of our focus on Gods beautiful creation in Autumn.

The photo opposite shows all you need; some bird seed, a pack of lard at room temperature, some yoghurt pots and some string.



1. First get Mum or Dad to help make a hole in the base of the yoghurt pot (soak the label off), using something pointy. Do be careful. Thread the string through the hole and tie it in a loop.
2. Here's the messy bit! Mix a couple of handfuls of seed with quarter of a block of lard using your hands!!! Lovely and messy! Then squeeze as much of the mix into the pot as you can.
3. Put the pot into the fridge for a couple of hours to harden the fat.
4. Hang up your feeder on a tree branch near a window (see picture 2).
5. Watch and enjoy - send us your photos too!
6. MOST IMPORTANT: Say a prayer of thanks to God for His amazing and awesome world, and do all you can to protect it. A great bible passage to help us give thanks comes from Paul's letter to the Colossians, chapter 3, vs 15-17.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be THANKFUL. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with GRATITUDE in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, GIVING THANKS to God the Father through him.

**NEXT WEEK –
WHAT TO MAKE WITH THOSE PRESSED LEAVES AND FLOWERS.**



FLOWER OF THE WEEK: *Eryngium* 24th in a series

Text by Peter Surridge



ERYNGIUM or sea holly will never be a show-stopper but, for long-lasting interest in poor soil, it is very reliable. It looks like a thistle or a teasel with stiff stems, spiky leaves and thimble-shaped heads of many small flowers with a collar of prickly bracts round each flower – the prickles giving rise to the nickname holly. The plants and flowers vary between shades of green, blue and grey while the leaves often have silver or white veins. Sea hollies from Europe and the Middle East grow on the coast or in rocky places so tolerate ground that is poor or has a high content of sand, gravel or lime. Species from the Americas originate in marshy ground and have longer leaves.

The European kinds, most of which are short-lived perennials, are ideal in a well-drained, sunny position, flowering for up to three months, and can also be cut for drying and using in flower arrangements. The seed heads can be left over-winter in the border and look especially attractive when frosted.

The most reliable types include the true sea holly, *Eryngium maritimum*, a British native coastal plant, 30cm (1ft) tall. The flowers are blue and the leaves grey. Other small kinds include *Eryngium bourgatii*, 30cm (1ft) tall, with blue or green flowers; the hybrid Jos Eiking (pictured), with brilliant blue stems and flowers on a 60cm (2ft) plant; *Eryngium alpinum*, 75cm (2ft 6in) with blue stems and large blue flower-heads.

The tallest kind, at 90cm (3ft), is *Eryngium giganteum*, also known as Miss Willmott's Ghost after Victorian horticulturalist Ellen Willmott, who scattered seeds of this species in other people's gardens where she thought it should be grown. The whole plant starts green, then the stems and bracts take on silver-grey tones while the flowers turn blue.

A POSTSCRIPT...

...to my piece on sedums in the last issue, thanks to Sheila Saunders, who reminded me that *Sedum telephium* Purple Emperor was worth mentioning – “a gorgeous dark version which flowered in a sunny spot in my garden before the common pink kind and attracted bees and butterflies for many weeks.” This variety has purple leaves on deep red stems and clusters of pale purplish-pink flowers.

THANKS FROM JACKIE AND PETER

Jackie and Peter Surridge offer sincere gratitude to their friends at St Hildeburgh's for the many gifts, cards and good wishes received on the occasion of their recent diamond wedding anniversary. Fellowship in Christ is valued more than ever in the testing times imposed by the Covid-19 restrictions. Many thanks to you all.

QUEEN BIRTHA: PAVING THE WAY FOR AUGUSTINE **St Hildeburgh's windows: 28th in a series.**

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

QUEEN BIRTHA or Bertha was born in about 560, the daughter of the king of the Franks. She became the first Christian queen in England on her marriage to Ethelbert of Kent, who was a pagan but a fair ruler. She brought with her the saintly Luidhard as her chaplain. Birtha impressed her husband with her piety and care for the poor while Luidhard travelled in Kent, passing on his knowledge and compassion. The influence of these two probably encouraged Ethelbert to welcome Augustine on his mission to England in 596 and to be baptised (see number 19 in this series).

Queen Birtha has always been regarded as a saint in Kent. In Canterbury there is a "Bertha trail" of 14 bronze plaques set in pavements and bronze statues of Birtha and Ethelbert stand on Lady Wootton's Green in that city. However, no ancient dedications or days seem associated with her and it is not clear why her image was chosen for a church window in Cheshire.

The window, on the left of the nave towards the vestry door, is one of two installed in 1930 "in memory of Janet Leylands, given by her nephew H.C.R. Seivwright."



Queen Birtha with royal crown and sceptre.

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