

**Readings for this Sunday**  
**26 July 2020 – The Seventh Sunday After Trinity**

Rom. 8. 26-end  
Matt. 13. 31-33, 44-52

**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 Church Centre remains closed for the time being.

**St Hildeburgh's Church**  
**Open for Individual Private Prayer**

In line with government advice, St Hildeburgh's church is now open for individual private prayer every week –  
Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon and Sunday from 9am to 12 noon.

**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 26 July 2020**  
**The Seventh Sunday After Trinity**

**THE COLLECT FOR TODAY**

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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**

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.

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### **Electoral Roll**

Are you on St Hildeburgh's Electoral Roll?

If you would like to be on the roll please contact the Church Office [www.sthildeburgh.parish.office](http://www.sthildeburgh.parish.office) or phone on 0151 632 5339 for a form.

You must be over 16 years of age and live in the parish of Hoylake or be a regular worshipper at St Hildeburgh's.

### **Wirral Foodbank**

Demand for support from the Wirral Foodbank has increased substantially and your donations are needed more than ever. You can donate non-perishable foodstuffs by leaving them in the porch at: The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake, Wirral CH47 1HL.

### **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](mailto:www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com).

## Voyagers at Home

This Sunday in Voyagers Lorna chose our lesson for us.



She chose Jesus teaching on the mountain because it reminds us that God looks after us just like he looks after the birds and the flowers (Matthew 6: 25-34).



We coloured some birds and flowers, and ended with this prayer:

Dear Father who hast all things made  
And cares for them all,  
There's none too great for thy great love  
Nor anything too small;  
If thou canst spend such tender care  
On things that grow so wild,  
How wonderful thy love must be  
For me, thy little child.

Love and prayers,  
Christine

### St Hildeburgh's Dispatch

The penultimate edition of the Dispatch is now available on our website  
– go to [www.sthildeburgh.org](http://www.sthildeburgh.org)

## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: HYDRANGEA MACROPHYLLA.**

### **Thirteenth in a series**

***Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.***

The name hydrangea is derived from the Greek for water – hydrangeas like moist soil – and jar, denoting the shape of the fruits. But it has been successively known as viburnum in Sweden, hortensia in France and azisai in Japan as well as nearly a dozen other epithets at different times.

Thankfully, the botanical world eventually agreed that those names applied to the same plant – a single species from Asia – and called it *Hydrangea macrophylla*, macro-phylla referring to its large leaves. To most gardeners it is the mophead, that classy, colourful shrub that brightens late summer, whether in a border, along a woodland edge or in a large tub.

The flowers, in large, rounded heads, are generally blue or pink, though the colour, and particularly its richness, can be influenced by the soil type, acid for blue and alkaline for pink. There are numerous varieties, including white ones, in which the colour is not affected by soil type.



***Classic hydrangeas: a blue lacecap..***



***..... and a pink bicoloured mophead.***

But the story does not end there. *Hydrangea macrophylla* varieties fall into two groups. Apart from the mopheads (officially known as hortensias, recalling that old French name), there are lacecaps, less commonly grown and less spectacular but more elegant. Each flower head is flat with a central group of small, vivid fertile flowers surrounded by larger, sterile blooms of a paler shade.

All are long-lived, hardy, deciduous shrubs that like rich, moist but well-drained soil, preferably on the acid side. They thrive in full sun or partial shade. People rarely seem to prune them for the best effect. They should be cut back once a year in spring when the worst frosts have passed with all stems that are weak or cross another branch being removed entirely. Then – and this where so many go wrong – prune all of the remaining stems to just above a plump bud no more than 15cm-30cm (6in-12in) from the ground. New strong branches will produce knockout flowers the same year. Apply a general fertiliser after pruning and top it with a heavy mulch of garden compost or leafmould. Hydrangeas grow easily from softwood cuttings taken in early summer or hardwood cuttings in winter.

## THE PIOUS KING FROM FRANCE

### St Hildeburgh's windows: Sixteenth in a series

*Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.*

EDWARD was an unlikely saint. He was born in 1002, the son of Ethelred the Unready, brought up in France and returned to England at the age of 40 to be crowned king. In 1045 he married Edith of Wessex. Her father was Earl Godwin, a powerful soldier and ruler of Wessex. Godwin, of Anglo-Saxon descent, was opposed to the French influence at court and, as a result, was banished by Edward who then confined Edith to a convent, refusing to give her a child and the kingdom an heir.

Edward left Norman nobles to run the country and pacified Saxon leaders with grants of land. Meanwhile, he lived a life more monastic than regal, impressing his subjects by his piety (hence "the Confessor") and generosity to the poor. He had vowed to make a pilgrimage to St Peter's tomb in Rome but, when the Pope forbade him to leave England, devoted the money he would have spent on the journey to erecting a building in honour of St Peter to the west of London – Westminster Abbey.

The story is told that, after attending a mass dedicated to St John the Evangelist, Edward met a pilgrim begging for alms and gave him a gold ring from his finger. Many years later another pilgrim who gave him a message from St John: "Salute your king and thank him for giving me alms." The ring was given back to him and the message continued: "In six months you shall quit the world and remain with me for ever." The pious king prepared joyfully for his departure and died in January 1066, ten months before the Norman conquest. He is shown with a cross in one hand and that ring in the other. His feast day is October 13.



*St Edward the Confessor*

The window, on the right in the nave, was given "in memory of Henrietta Higgins" and completed around 1905.

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