

**Readings for this Sunday 26 September 2021**  
**The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

James 5. 13-end Mark 9. 38-end

**Readings for next Sunday 3 October 2021**

Heb. 1. 1-4: 2,5 – 12 Mark 10. 2-16

**Parish Register**

**Funerals**

27 September – Norma Addyman  
Landican Crematorium at 3.30pm

28 September – John Moriarty  
Landican Crematorium at 12.30pm

30 September – Sheila Benson  
Landican Crematorium at 11.30am

**Baptisms**

26 September 2021 at 10am – Evan Tasos Kenneth Croft

**Weddings**

5 October at 12.30pm – Vlad Borsan and Annie O'Toole

**Weekly Beacon**



**News from St Hildeburgh's**  
**The Parish Church of Hoylake**  
**Sunday 26 September 2021**  
**The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

**The Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
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.

## **Vicar's 2 Pence Worth - Sept 21**



The scriptures are always a source of strength and wisdom to me, I am sure you will all be able to quote at least one verse from the Bible that means a lot to you?

The verse I have been pondering on is from Ecclesiastes chapter 3 “*for everything there is a season* “. Nothing can be more true following Covid as we all hope the end is in sight and a new time begins. I am reminded of those powerful words from Isaiah 41 :10 *Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

As this new time begins it is most certainly a time for rolling up our sleeves and rebuilding the Church as well as the economy. There is no doubt that our long period in lockdown has badly affected our finances and we must all without exception look to each other and our congregation to get things back on track.

Paul, when writing to the people of Corinth, said this 2 Corinthians 9:9–11 “*He has scattered abroad His gifts to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.*” Now *He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your store of seed and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous on every occasion...*”

As we approach Harvest Festival traditionally it is a time to think about our giving. The Bible speaks of giving the first fruits of our labours and that means putting God first and giving generously.

I would ask you, as will I, to pray thoughtfully about your giving, can you increase? There is much ground to make up and repairs to be done on the church building as well as funding outreach and ministry.

Over the last ten years we have done well but we can't become complacent especially with the effects of Covid and Church closures. It would be silly to ignore the impact of the loss of revenue from hall and church letting, and we must now pull together to keep our bills paid, repairs done and continue with our vision and outreach.

Scripture again informs us with these words from Luke's Gospel 6:38 “*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*”

I know we can do this together starting with planned giving alongside some fundraising, but ultimately it is planned giving that will keep us solvent.

I would like to end this 2 Pence, with these encouraging words from Psalm 1: 3 “*They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.*”

Your friend Rev Paul.

## Harvest – 26 September at 10am



On Sunday 26 September we celebrate Harvest at St Hildeburgh's.

Please bring your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs to church on the day - the Churchwardens who will show you where to leave them.

All donations will be taken to the Wirral Foodbank.

*Thank you.*



### FRIENDSHIP AND NEW BEGINNINGS

**An Art Trail in Wirral Churches**  
**25/26 Sept & 2/3 Oct**  
**Saturdays 10am-4pm**  
**& Sundays 12 noon-4pm**

Step forward together out of lockdown...

Follow the trail from West Kirby to Birkenhead

See the work of local artists in 18 beautiful churches

Architecture, history and heritage for the whole family to explore

Discover the amazing things our local churches, schools and communities achieve by working together

Come along to meet friends old and new!



During the first weekend of October, StHildeburgh's will be playing host to Wirral Festival of Firsts as part of their Art Trail in Wirral Churches. Leaflets are available in church and in the Church Centre.

The art exhibition will include work of pupils from Holy Trinity Primary School and will be available to view in the **Church Centre on Saturday 2 October from 10am to 4pm and Sunday 3 October from 12noon until 4pm.**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WELCOME OUR VISITORS**

If you could spare an hour or so to welcome visitors to St Hildeburgh's during the weekend of 2 to 3 October please speak with Revd Paul or contact the Church Office on 0151 632 5339. Thank you.

# Our Venues – 18 Beautiful Churches

Numbers and maps overleaf... more about churches, artists and a detailed map for each venue available at [www.wirralfestivaloffirsts.org.uk](http://www.wirralfestivaloffirsts.org.uk)

Opening times Saturday 10–4 Sundays 12–4 unless otherwise detailed in listings

For last minute changes or additions to the programme visit [wirralfestivaloffirsts.org.uk](http://wirralfestivaloffirsts.org.uk)



## 01. St Hildeburgh's Parish Church

02 & 03 October

Stanley Road, Hoylake CH47 1HL

The art exhibition in Hoylake's Grade II listed parish church includes work of pupils of Holy Trinity C of E Primary School.

## 02. First Church Of Christ, Scientist

02 & 03 October

The Kings Cap, Hoylake CH47 1HG

Enjoy beautiful art displayed within a fascinating building with a unique hyperbolic paraboloid roof.

## 03. St Luke's Methodist Church

02 & 03 October

19 Market Street, Hoylake CH47 2BF

Includes an exhibition of prizewinners from the Festival of Firsts' smart phone competition "Life in 2021". See how we have continued to serve the local community during lockdown.

## 04. St John The Baptist

25 & 26 September & 02 & 03 October

Birkenhead Road, Meols CH47 6AF

This thriving church in the heart of Meols will host art plus a pop up poetry reading at 3pm on Sunday 3 October.

## 05. St Andrew's URC

02 October 2pm–4pm & 03 October

2 Greenwood Road, Meols CH47 6AD

Enjoy great art displayed here all weekend plus a poetry reading at 3 pm on Sunday 3 October

## 06. West Kirby URC

02 & 03 October

Meols Drive, West Kirby CH48 5DA

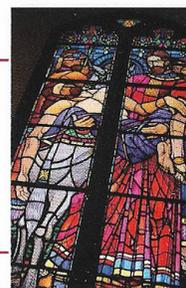
Artwork includes contributions from a talented congregation and Meols Drive neighbours, West Kirby School and College.

## 07. West Kirby Methodists

02 & 03 October

Westbourne Rd, W Kirby CH48 4DQ

A lovely sandstone interior and stained glass. Art includes work from the pupils of West Kirby Primary School.



West Kirby Methodists

## 08. St Bridget's Parish Church

02 & Sun 03 October 1pm–4pm

Church Road, West Kirby CH48 7HL

This architectural gem from the 15th century is home to the Viking hogback stone. Includes the work of St Bridget's Primary School. Join our pop up poets on Sat 2 Oct at 3pm.

## 09. St Michael And All Angels

02 & 03 October

Queensbury, Newton CH48 6EP

A well known local landmark, St Michael's will exhibit a range of art alongside work from Black Horse Hill Primary School and talented members of the church.

## 10. Church Of The Resurrection & All Saints

02 & 03 October

Caldy Road, Caldy CH48 2HZ

Well worth a special trip, lovely Caldy Church is one of the buildings built by the Barton family, originally a former school.

## 11. West Kirby Arts Centre

26 September, 03 October 12pm–4pm

Brookfield Gardens, West Kirby CH48 4EL

West Kirby Arts Centre hosts events and art classes all year round. Heart of Grass poetry reading here on 3 Oct at 2–3pm.

## 12. Claremount Methodist Church

02 & 03 October

Claremount Road, Wallasey CH45 6UE

Includes 8 large pieces from St Georges Primary School with contributions from the Belvidere Centre's Lonely Arts Club Band and other local artists.

## 13. St James' Church

25 & 26 September

14 Albion Street, New Brighton CH45 9LF

A Gilbert Scott designed architectural gem close to New Brighton's famous murals. Includes an intriguing anamorphic art exhibition plus work from the pupils of the Mount School.

## 14. St Paul's Church

25 & 26 September

Church Crescent, Seacombe CH44 7AY

This grade II listed church features a crown of thorns made by Cammell Lairds. Includes art from pupils of Egremont Primary.

## 15. St Mary's Church

02 & 03 October

Withens Lane, Liscard CH45 7NQ

Enjoy art under the magnificent hammer beam roof. Pop up poetry Sat 2 Oct at 2pm. Includes Liscard Primary School.

## 16. The Birkenhead Priory Chapel

25 & 26 September

Priory Street, Birkenhead CH41 5JH

See paintings by Ali Harwood of Cammell Laird built ships that served in the Battle of the Atlantic. Join us on Sun 26 Sept at 3pm to hear poems inspired by the venue, the oldest Grade 1 listed ancient monument on Merseyside

## 17. Christ The King

25 & 26 September

Beckwith Street / St Anne Street, Birkenhead CH41 4JF

This gothic revival church, close to Birkenhead Park serving the community for over 170 years. Also includes work from Cathcart Street and Priory Primaries and Kilgarth School.

## 18. Prenton Methodists

02 & 03 October

Glenavon Road, Prenton CH43 0RE

Enjoy art all weekend and join Judith Raiton for poems plus refreshments on Saturday 02 October at 11am.

## **Welcome Services for Bishops Julie and Sam**



**20 September 2021**

Dear friends,

At their installation service at the Cathedral on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September, Bishop Julie and Bishop Sam began their public ministries as the Bishop of Birkenhead and the Bishop of Stockport respectively. We are keen, though, to welcome them slightly less formally, to pray for them, and to begin to get to know them better, and so we are running a welcome service for each of them, and you are invited.

We will do this at two services:

**[Thursday 14 October, 7pm at St George's, Stockport](#)**

**[Monday 18 October, 7pm at Christ the King, Birkenhead](#)**

These services are open to all to attend and we hope that the gathered congregation will reflect the diverse nature of our diocese.

I hope that these services will be well attended and so to help us manage numbers safely in this COVID season, if you wish to attend, it will be necessary to book a place through Eventbrite. For those who are unable to attend in person, the services will be streamed and links to these streams will be made available through the E-Bulletin and diocesan website. Please share this invitation with everyone in your churches so that word gets out about this significant moment in the life of our diocese.

We are, though, keenly aware of the bustling life of our diocese and the bulging nature of our diaries, so if you find that you are already committed to other events and services on these days, please still join with us by praying on these days for the ministry of Bishops Julie and Sam. Bishops are ordained, as you will know, to be shepherds of Christ's flock and guardians of the faith of the apostles, proclaiming the gospel of God's kingdom and leading his people in mission. As Bishops Sam and Julie begin this ministry, it is right that we commit to praying for them and ourselves as we yearn to see God's Kingdom come and grow.

With my prayers and my gratitude for yours as we continue to partner in Christ,

**† Mark**

## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: PEROVSKIA**

### **71st in a series**

*Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.*

While many of us have been praying for the people of Afghanistan since the Taliban takeover, perhaps we have overlooked a small, deciduous shrub from that beleaguered country which brightens some British gardens in early autumn. The plant, perovskia, is distinguished by two characteristics, long-lasting spikes of violet-blue, tubular flowers and an erect habit at a time of year when all about tend to be somewhat sprawling.

Perovskia, also known as Russian sage, is named for Perovskii, a Turkestani statesman in the 19th century. It is grown for its blue-grey, aromatic foliage as well as for the flowers. The species *Perovskia atriplicifolia* produces violet-blue spikes 30cm (12in) long on a shrub that reaches 12.2m (4ft) in height and 1m (3ft 4in) in spread. The variety Blue Spire is the best form, bearing flowers profusely in late summer and early autumn, and holds the Royal Horticultural Society award of garden merit. Blue Haze is another good variety. Another variety, *Hybrida*, produces extra-long spikes of dark lavender-blue flowers on a smaller shrub, 1m tall and 75cm (30in) across. Less common species include *Perovskia abrotanoides*, noted for its finely cut leaves and lavender flowers, and the earlier-blooming *Perovskia scrophulariaefolia*, a 1m shrub with purple flowers in May and June. All are fully hardy in Britain as long as they are grown in well-drained soil. They prefer sun, and will tend to sprawl if grown in semi-shade, and tolerate poor soil, chalk and coastal conditions.

Strictly speaking, perovskias are sub-shrubs – they are woody only at the base. That makes maintenance easy. All that is required is a hard pruning in early spring as the buds of new growth start to swell, cutting back close to the ground all branches that have flowered. Perovskias are easily propagated from softwood cuttings in late spring or semi-ripe cuttings with a heel in summer.



**Left:**  
*Brightening  
early autumn –  
the long-lasting  
perovskia Blue  
Spire.*

## **BACON BUTTIES**

Bacon Butties are being served again every Tuesday in our Church Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Come and join Rev'd Paul and the team for Bacon Butties and a cup of tea or coffee. Social distancing will be in place.

There's no charge but donations are always welcome.

## **SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S**

### **Sunday 26 September**

8am Holy Communion  
10am Family Praise  
6pm BCP Communion

### **Wednesdays**

10am Holy Communion

The church is open for individual private prayer Mondays to Thursdays 10am to 12 noon and Sundays after the 10am service until 12 noon. Please wear a face mask in church. Thank you.

## **Coffee After Sunday Service**



Don't forget you can now enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the Church Centre after the 10am Sunday Service.

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