

Readings for this Sunday
27 September 2020
Harvest - The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

Phil. 1. 21-end
Matt. 20. 1-16



Parish Register

Funeral

5 October 2020 - Dorothy Bailey
Blacon Crematorium

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
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The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

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

Sunday Services

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

Vicar's Two Pence – September 2020

The phrase 'not out of the woods yet' surely strikes a chord with us all - the feeling of 'here we go again' as we enter not only a local lockdown but into more government restrictions.

I know it is all necessary to try and slow down the infection rate, but I also know many of you are feeling weary and some are without doubt feeling afraid. It says in *Isaiah 43:1* "Don't **fear**, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine." *God actually commands us not to fear or worry.* However, it is a silent killer, we can't see it approaching or know where it is or even who has it. It is true that many test positive without having any symptoms. What do we do? How do we live? Of course, one of the answers would be to find a vaccine to protect us, but even that seems a long way off. Right now many people, scientists, researchers, and doctors are flooding the internet with information and advice. Our Prime Minister and his advisors are trying to find the right balance between economic disaster and keeping people safe.

It seems to me that life at this present time is risky doing things we once did without any thought; it is risky even being with our loved ones. I wonder what Jesus would make of all this?

Jesus was used to living in dangerous times, just look at the way they treated lepers - they were banished to live in secluded places, left to die and forgotten about. Jesus was not afraid to heal the lepers that came to him; in fact he had great compassion for them. Scripture informs us in 2 Cor verses 1,3, 4 "*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.*" I don't think he ever touched them and in the Gospel he was careful to send them to the priest so they could be allowed to rejoin society. It's no different than today really, we are told not to touch or hug people and those who are sick are isolated and I hope treated a lot more kindly than they were in Jesus's day.

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In order to protect each other we have to keep our distance. We have to wear masks and gloves when appropriate and follow the rules. However, there is a yet more powerful rule and that is the great command to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The power of prayer, which flows from the body of Christ, reaching out to the God of our salvation is needed every bit as much as the NHS. Healing must be body mind and spirit - all work together to achieve that aim. In these difficult times lets pull together and work for the good of all, keeping each other in prayer, keeping each other safe and watching out for our friends and neighbours.

St Paul writing to the Philippians reminds us with these words. "*Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.*"

Your friend Rev Paul.

IMPORTANT

NHS Covid 19 QR Code at St Hildeburgh's

Following Government guidelines, Rev'd Paul has placed posters around the church building which bear a QR code linked to NHS Covid 19 Test and Trace.

IF YOU ARE IN CHURCH FOR ANY REASON please scan the QR code with your Smartphone to register your visit. Thank you.

Voyagers At Home

This week in Voyagers we thought about Paul's instructions to the Christians in Philippi, telling them not to be selfish or boastful but instead to think of others. We remembered that Jesus is our example, and he is the Servant King. We decorated a crown, and the "jewels" on it are all ways in which we can look out for the good of others.



"Lord of the loving heart,
May mine be loving too.
Lord of the gentle hands,
May mine be gentle too.
Lord of the willing feet,
May mine be willing too,
So I may grow more like to the
In all I say and do."

Love and prayers,
Christine



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

The Childrens Society

Do you have a Childrens Society money box? If so, please bring it to church as soon as possible so that Jane Langley can empty it and send the funds to the Childrens Society.

If you have a box but are unable to return it yourself please contact Jane Langley so arrangements can be made for collection. Thank you.

COMPUTER CARTRIDGES FOR SALE

Peter Surridge has computer printer cartridges (code 540 and 541, monochrome and colour) no longer needed and available for any reasonable amount to be donated to St Hildeburgh's funds.

Please phone Peter on 07778-517759 for details.

DIAMOND WEDDING DAY FOR JACKIE AND PETER

THE flowers in St Hildeburgh's this harvest festival weekend have been donated by Jackie and Peter Surridge to mark their diamond wedding anniversary. They were married, both aged 21, at St Clement's Church, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, on September 24, 1960, a date they had fixed before they knew whether Peter would be conscripted into the armed forces, as National Service – a compulsory two-year stint – was coming to an end. In the event, he was called up but, luckily enough, his three months' basic infantry training with the Buffs at Canterbury ended on September 23, the day before the wedding.



Jackie and Peter on their wedding day 60 years ago

After the couple's brief honeymoon, Peter returned to the Army, transferred into the Intelligence Corps, was posted to HQ BAOR in Moenchengladbach and did not see Jackie or many months. Eventually Jackie joined him and their first home together was a flat in a building still bearing the scars of strafing by Allied aircraft in World War Two.

When Peter was demobbed, they arrived back in Britain with £30 in cash and the clothes they were wearing. Everything else they owned was in two large suitcases which had been misdirected to Stockholm and took several days to recover. They returned to employment in Southend-on-Sea, Jackie becoming a receptionist and Peter resuming his career in journalism. They bought their first house for £3,400 in 1964. Their son Stephen was born there the following year and, as Peter's work took them to other places, Philippa was born in Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, and Janine in a village near Chelmsford, Essex, where they still lived when Lauren was adopted. Three of the children married at St Hildeburgh's and altogether Jackie and Peter now have six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The family had moved to Hoylake in 1978, when Peter became assistant editor of the Liverpool Daily Post. They joined the worshippers at St Hildeburgh's and have been active in church life in numerous ways since then. In the early 1990s the couple started their own business providing horticultural journalism, photography, public relations and other services to newspapers, magazines and gardening firms across England and Wales. They retired 15 years ago.

They would like us all to know that they had planned to celebrate their diamond wedding by inviting St Hildeburgh's congregation and other friends to join them and their family at an event in our Church Centre but Covid-19 restrictions have obliged them to cancel that – disappointing but, as Jackie and Peter acknowledge, a minor matter when compared to the difficulties that many people face during this dreadful pandemic. However, they are taking this opportunity to send warm wishes to their many St Hildeburgh's friends, express gratitude to Revd Paul and all those who have given parishioners such unstinting support during the pandemic. They also extend special thanks to Brenda Gande, Joyce Reade and Carron Jones for the wonderful talent they have demonstrated in producing today's floral decorations, so characteristic of the excellence of our Guild flower arrangers.

If and when life returns to normal, Jackie and Peter hope to be able to demonstrate their friendship in a more tangible way.

ST AIDAN: BENEVOLENT BISHOP WHO CONVERTED THE NORTH **St Hildeburgh's windows: 25th in a series**

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

AIDAN of Lindisfarne was an Irishman who played a decisive part in the evangelisation of northern England in the seventh century. At first a monk on Iona, he was consecrated bishop, establishing an abbey and a monastery on Lindisfarne, now also known as Holy Island, off the Northumberland coast, in 635. He travelled far and wide, always on foot rather than horseback, setting up missionary centres and visiting his people. Under his rule, no wealth was allowed to accumulate, with any surplus being used for the needs of the poor.

King Oswin, who supported his work, was murdered in 651 and Aidan himself died within a fortnight, apparently of grief. According to the Venerable Bede, Aidan "was a man of remarkable gentleness, goodness and modernisation, zealous for God, but not fully according to knowledge." That meant that Aidan followed the teaching and discipline of Celtic Christians rather than the more accepted views of the Roman church.

The shepherd's crook in his hand signifies that, as a bishop, he continued the work of 'Christ the Good Shepherd.' Bishops carry a crook on official occasions to this day. He also bears a building, indicating that he built Lindisfarne Abbey.

Aidan's feast day is August 31. The window, halfway along the north (left) wall of the nave, was one of three installed in 1939 "in memory of Geoffrey Montague Lowdnes and Captain Richard Lewin Lowdnes, given by their mother, Mrs C.M. Lowdnes."



*St Aidan, with
bishop's crook and
Lindisfarne Abbey*

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