

Readings for this Sunday 28 March 2021
Palm Sunday

Phil. 2. 9-11
Mark 11. 1-11



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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 28 March 2021
Palm Sunday

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – CHURCH SERVICES

Unless the situation changes, Revd Paul will be conducting a service of Holy Communion each Sunday at 10am.

If you feel unable to come to church the Sunday service will still be available to view on line on our website www.sthildeburgh.net and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh> or you can view the service on a smart TV.

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.

The church remains open for individual private prayer Monday to Thursday from 10am to 12 noon and also on Sundays after the 10am service until 12 noon.

**Face coverings must be worn in church at all times
Please use the hand gel provided**

'Daily Hope' National Phone Line

Daily Hope is a free to call national phone line offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. Its available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044.

Easter Services at St Hildeburgh's



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1 April 2021 – Maundy Thursday

7pm Holy Communion

2 April – Good Friday

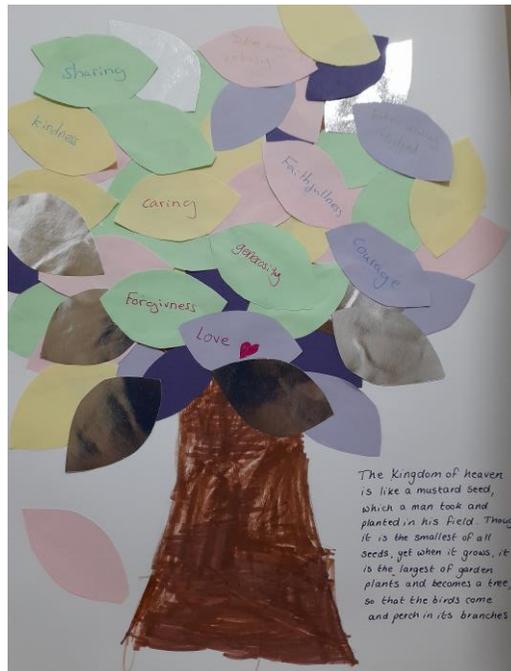
1.30pm 'Seven Last Words of Jesus'

4 April - Easter Day

8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

VOYAGERS AT HOME

This week in Voyagers we read the parable of the mustard seed - a very short parable, but it gave us lots to think about! We remembered that God's kingdom grows from the very smallest beginning. Each time we say "yes" to God the seed can start growing, and God does remarkable things.



Our poster shows a fully grown tree, and the on the leaves we have written some of the good things we see when God's kingdom is at work - love, kindness, patience, faithfulness, courage, generosity. In our photo Vanessa and Lorna are trying to show a very small mustard seed and a very tall tree!

Love and prayers,
Christine

'Thank You' from Joyce Reade



I'm sure many people will agree with me when I say how lovely it has been to receive your weekly "up-date" in "The Beacon" via our computers, especially during the last year of "lock-down" and I wanted to thank you for all your hard work!

I would also like to thank all your regular contributors - Peter Ham for his lovely "bird" articles and photos and his "Messy Church" work with Jane. I love seeing and reading Christine's messages - especially the photos of her children "at work". They always bring a smile to my face! Then, my favourite pieces - Peter SurrIDGE's articles on flowers. Each week I learn something new about my favourite hobby - gardening! Many thanks, Peter.

And finally, my thanks go to our clergy, Paul and Richard - always ready to help anyone who's worried or feeling down.

Yours, Joyce.

From our Curate – Rev'd Richard

What does Easter mean to me?

Well, it could be the Easter Bunnies, with long floppy ears and white pompom tails, hopping about leaving Easter Eggs, big dark chocolate Easter Eggs, but I think we all know that there is something much greater to Easter than simply stuffing ourselves with chocolate.

The season of Easter reminds me of hiking in the Lake District. Many of the fells in the Lakes have false summits, which cajoles you into thinking that you've reached the top, when in fact there is another dip down and a further climb beyond. However, at last, almost when you've given up hope, you arrive wearily at the true summit and there, weather permitting, is the awesome view you have climbed so far to see.

Holy Week is a bit like that. We 'climb' to the first summit of Palm Sunday, 'descend' to the 'Cleansing of the Temple'. 'Climb' slowly to the 'Upper Room', then 'descend' through the 'Arrest' and 'Trial' to the depths of the 'Crucifixion'. Then when you think you can descend no further, you're aware your feet are on an upward gradient and finally you reach the summit, 'The Resurrection'.

Both the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, the horror and the delight, are acts of love. Christ's suffering arouses a deep love within humans. His death, seen in the context of his entire life, was the affirmation of grace that kindled that love. The Resurrection shows us that this love, unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love changes lives, and it can change this world.

An Easter thought:

E - Everyone. All human beings no matter who, no matter where, can know the hope of the Resurrection.

A - Apostle. Mary Magdalene, a woman, known as the 'Apostle to the Apostles' brought the Good News of the Resurrection.

S - Sacred. Holiness encompasses the Resurrection.

T - Trinity. The Godhead, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, present in the Resurrection

E - Eternal. The never-ending reverberations of the Resurrection.

R - Reality. The documented physical actuality of the Resurrection.

Happy Easter

Rev'd Richard.

St Hildeburgh's Electoral Roll

The annual review of our Electoral Roll is being done in time for our APCM. If you would like your name added to the Electoral Roll please contact the Electoral Roll Officer Roy Auld on 632 0586 or Jill in the Church Office: 632 5339 or email on www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: CORYDALIS

46th in a series

Text by Peter Surridge.

HOW'S this for an unusual plant? It sprouts leaves from apparently bare ground in autumn, produces masses of flowers in spring, then dies back and vanishes in summer. This magician is *Corydalis flexuosa* (pictured). There are 300 species of corydalis, though only a few of the hardy herbaceous kinds are often seen in British gardens. Their foliage is ferny and delicate and each tubular bloom has a lip at the front and, at the back, the spur that's a clue to its name – *corydalis* is Greek for lark, and the bird's foot has a spur-like claw at the back.

Corydalis flowers may be rich sky blue, as in *flexuosa*, or yellow, white, pink or purple. Some are difficult to grow while one, the yellow-flowered European species *Corydalis lutea*, self-seeds so freely it is almost impossible to banish from the garden – and will grow all the way down the lane if you should kick it out. *Corydalis flexuosa*, originally from China, is a good choice. It is widely available, a compact 30cm (1ft) in height and 20cm (8in) across, and lives for years. For the best results, plant it under a tree or at least where it will be shaded for part of the day, in moist, light soil. If the ground is heavy, mix in a generous spadeful of horticultural grit first. It can also be pot-grown if given shade and watered regularly. Excellent varieties have been bred from this species: Pere David, with deep azure blooms, Purple Leaf, with pale blue flowers and bronze foliage, and China Blue. All look good when mixed with variegated or golden grasses.

Other interesting species are: *Corydalis cashmeriana*, a smaller plant with brilliant blue flowers that thrives in cool, moist gardens; *Corydalis cava*, another compact type with relatively large blooms of white or purple; *Corydalis cheilanthisifolia*, which differs from the others in that it is evergreen – so no vanishing trick – and will tolerate full sun, but likes rich soil. It has deep yellow flowers and self-seeds freely. There are also species that do best in rock gardens, such as *Corydalis diphylla*, a 15cm (6in) plant with blooms of pale violet with deeper violet lips.



Corydalis flexuosa in full bloom

To maintain vigour in hardy, outdoor corydalis, every three years dig up the plants in autumn as the leaves are starting to come up, divide the roots into sections and replant the best, watering thoroughly if the ground is dry. However, some corydalis are too tender to grow well outdoors but look lovely in pots in a cool greenhouse. One of the best is *Corydalis popovii*, with blue-green leaves and eye-catching flowers which are white or pale violet with maroon tips.

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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