

Readings for this Sunday
2 August 2020 – The Eighth Sunday After Trinity

Rom. 9. 1-5
Matt. 14. 13-21

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 service is also available to view on our website.

The Church Centre remains closed for the time being.

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

St Hildeburgh's Church
Open for Individual Private Prayer

St Hildeburgh's church is 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 2 August 2020
The Eighth Sunday After Trinity

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and 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.

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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

Voyagers at Home

This Sunday in Voyagers we thought about how small actions and choices can lead to something much bigger - just as God's kingdom has a small beginning in each of our lives but grows and grows!



We read the parable of the yeast and decided to try it out for ourselves. Vanessa and Lorna thought that the yeast was very small indeed compared to the flour, but it certainly worked!

We made one batch of dough with yeast, and one without (which we turned into flatbread - on the left in our picture) to see just how much difference the yeast makes.



The bread was very tasty too!

Love and prayers, Christine

Flowers in Church

The flowers at the pulpit have been donated by Cath Bowden in commemoration of her Golden Wedding.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: OSTEOSPERMUM **FOURTEENTH IN A SERIES**

Text by Peter Surridge.

Strictly speaking, this lovely South African daisy should be impossible to overwinter outdoors in Britain and, for a few years after it became popular in the 1980s, it was confined to pots where it thrived if taken under cover at the end of summer. But, grown in the ground, it seems to love Britain's sporadic drought conditions and will survive winter in very well-drained soil, though is still too tender for severe winters or cold, exposed positions.

Osteospermums flower freely for months with blooms of white, purple, cream, pink or blue, depending on variety, and most have a sprawling habit – two characteristics which make them ideal for helping to fill a border or to trail down the sides of a container. They are related to *dimorphotheca* and sometimes wrongly given that name. Most of the garden favourites are evergreen hybrids with single flowers 5cm (2in) or more across.



***The unusual variety:
Osteospermum 'Whirligig';***

The blooms appear from June to September but tend to close in dull weather. The name comes from *osteon*, the Greek for bone, and *spermum*, the Latin for seed, supposedly because the seed is bone-shaped.

The variety Whirligig, which caused a sensation when introduced, has flowers up to 7.5cm (3in) wide with white, spoon-shaped petals, pale blue on the reverse, and a darker blue centre.

Mixed Osteospermums:



The plant reaches 60cm (2ft) in height and width. Pink Whirls and Cannington John are later introductions with spoon-shaped petals. The hardiest species is *Osteospermum jucundum*, which forms a clump up to 75cm (3ft) wide and has rich, mauve-pink flowers with a golden circle in the centre.

All osteospermums grow best in full sun in well-drained, sandy or light soil. No feed is normally necessary.

ENGLAND'S FIRST MARTYR
St Hildeburgh's windows: Seventeenth in a series

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

Alban, according to fifth-century writings, was the first Christian martyr of Britain – he died in 209 – and is certainly the first British Christian whose name we know. He was thought to have been a Romano-Briton living in Verulamium in modern-day Hertfordshire.

During Roman persecution of Christians, Alban gave shelter to a fleeing priest and was converted and baptised by him. When Roman soldiers went to his house in their search for the priest, Alban exchanged cloaks with him and was arrested in his stead. For the deception, he was beheaded. Verulamium was later renamed St Albans. The great abbey dedicated to the saint – and clearly visible to travellers on the M25 – was built on the site of his execution.

The window is on the right of the nave. His feast day is June 22.

St Alban:



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