

**Readings for this Sunday 2 May 2021**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8. 26 – end  
John 15. 1-8



*Photo courtesy of Nigel Hall*

**Parish Register**

**Funerals**

**4 May – Adrienne Bird**  
Landican Crematorium at 12 noon

**7 May - Mervyn Forbes Hudson**  
Landican Crematorium at 12.30pm

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**The Collect**

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen 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](http://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 with tape on the seats - the other chairs have been socially distanced in accordance with instructions. This is for everyone's safety in the current pandemic.**

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

The church is open for individual private prayer Mondays to Thursdays 10am to 12 noon and Sundays after the 10am service until 12 noon.

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The APCM will be held after the 10am service on Sunday 23 May 2021. The meeting will be held in church with social distancing in place.

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

## **St Hildeburgh's Electoral Roll**

In preparation for the APCM, our Electoral Roll Officer Roy Auld is reviewing the Electoral Roll.

If you would like to have your name added to the Electoral Roll, please contact Roy or the Church Office for more details.

## **COVID Safety**

As the days grow longer and the weather gets warmer, it's natural that we should want to get out and about and start to do more, especially this year when so many of us have been cut off from friends and family for so long.

But we have to remember that we are still in the midst of a global pandemic which is killing people every day; even though many of us have now been vaccinated that doesn't make us immune to COVID and never will.

We can all still contract this terrible virus; we may not suffer as badly, we may not even know that we've picked it up because we don't show any symptoms but that means we can unknowingly pass it on to others, putting them at even greater risk if they haven't yet been vaccinated.

For the sake of everyone's safety we have to make sure we are aware of and follow the latest Government guidelines.

If you have to share a car with anybody who is outside your *'bubble'* there are 10 simple steps you should take to help keep yourself and other passengers safe.

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## **Car-Sharing Guidelines:**

1. Sanitise your hands when you get into and out of the car and touch as few surfaces as possible
2. Avoid physical contact with other passengers
3. Share with the same people every time
4. Keep journey times as short as possible
5. Plan seating to ensure as much distance as possible between individuals
6. Wear a face mask while travelling, making sure it is correctly fitted (i.e fully covering both the mouth and nose)
7. If you are medically exempt from wearing a mask and have to share a car, face away from other passengers
8. Ensure good ventilation by keeping windows open
9. Do not use air conditioning as this circulates air and therefore moisture droplets, putting everyone at greater risk
10. If you are the driver, keep hand sanitiser and cleaning product in the car; be particularly aware of surfaces you and other passengers may touch (steering wheel, door handles and seats) and clean after each journey. Then wash your hands using soap and water.

Please don't be embarrassed about asking passengers to sanitise their hands and making them aware of the guidelines – it could literally save a life.

Take care.

Carole Shannon

## **“CHURCHES COUNT ON NATURE” AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCHYARD**

Would you be interested in joining a group to conduct a “Nature Count” survey at Holy Trinity churchyard?



*Photo courtesy of Nigel Hall*

It's part of a nationwide focus on Churchyards as local environments, wildlife and habitats.

**To find out more** - have a chat with Kate Rice, Carron Jones or Peter Ham at Church or by phone, or contact the Church office by phone or email – 632 5339 [www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com](mailto:www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com)

No knowledge necessary, just an enthusiasm for God's amazing world. All welcome, whatever your age. **See opposite for more details**



## **What is the biodiversity of your churchyard?**



Join hundreds of churches in a week-long 'nature count' occurring this summer, which will encourage people to visit churchyards and record what they see.

Churches Count on Nature will run between **5 June and 13 June** and is being described as a citizen-science event covering churchyards across England and Wales.

## VOYAGERS AT HOME

This Sunday in Voyagers we talked about our Good Shepherd, Jesus, and how he leads us and cares for us. We thought about all the different voices that clamour for our attention every day - our friends, teacher, things we read and watch - and how important it is to keep listening to Jesus our Shepherd.



Vanessa and Lorna wrote a prayer together:

Dear Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd.  
Help us to listen to your voice.  
Help us to make the right choices.  
Help us to listen to the right voices.  
Please keep looking out for us and for the rest of your flock. Amen.

Love and prayers,

Christine

## EASTER MESSY CHURCH GOODY BAGS

Well done to William, for his excellent craft making skills. His stained glass window, cross and Easter Garden are brilliant. Thanks for sending us the great photos. Well done William!



If anyone else wants to send pictures of anything they made from their Messy Church Goody Bags, do email them to us for inclusion in the Weekly Beacon.

If restrictions are lifted, we hope to have an outdoors Messy Church summer event including a picnic, games and other activities on Saturday 17th July at St. Hildeburgh's.

Peter and Jane (Messy Church Leaders).



## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: LILY OF THE VALLERY**

### **51<sup>st</sup> in a series**

*Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.*

LILY of the valley tends to be planted as an afterthought, perhaps because it is small and has unspectacular flowers. But what the blooms lack in size, they make up for in exquisite shape and scent, extreme hardiness, toleration of shade and the ability, in suitable situations, to cover the ground and choke out weeds. These diminutive herbaceous perennials are native to northern temperate regions which is why they are at home in the UK, though their natural habitat is more mountainous than most British gardens. The plant's common name is highly appropriate. Botanically it is *Convallaria*, from the Latin *convallis*, a valley, referring to one of its natural habitats, and it is a member of the lily family.

There is only one species, *Convallaria majalis* – *majalis* means May-flowering. The plants push up bright green, broad pointed leaves in pairs, reaching around 15cm (6in) in height, in mid-spring. Then, by May, a stem emerges from each pair of leaves bearing 10-15 nodding bell-flowers in pure white. After flowering, lily of the valley often produces red berries. Beware – these berries are poisonous. The leaves fade to yellow before disappearing in autumn and fresh foliage re-emerges in mid-spring.



*Indoor fragrance – Convallaria majalis grown in a pot.*

For different forms look for Variegata, with gold-striped foliage, or Albostrata with creamy-white stripes; Rosea, a form with pretty pink bells; Prolificans, with tiny clusters of flowers that some fanciers describe as double and others as malformed; Flore Pleno for truly double flowers; and Fontin's Giant, which flowers later, producing larger blooms than the others. All are eminently suitable for wild-effect gardens, for growing under trees and as ground-cover in shrub and mixed borders. They prefer shade for part of the day and fairly fertile soil which is moist but not waterlogged. Plant a clump of the thin rhizomes in autumn and they will spread over the following years. In ideal conditions they might spread too far but they are easily checked by digging up roots from the edges of the clump in autumn.

The flowers' fragrance is superb but far out of range of most people's noses. That's why they are sometimes grown in pots (they prefer clay pots to plastic) or cut for display in small vases in the house where the scent can fill a room. The flowers last best in water if they are gathered not by cutting but by pulling – taking a stem between forefinger and thumb then giving a short, sharp jerk.

## **WIRRAL FOODBANK**

The Wirral Foodbank provides a vital service supporting people in the community. Your response to Revd Paul's appeal for donations has been outstanding but the work of the foodbank continues.

If you would like to donate please leave your bags of food in the Vicarage porch at 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake CH47 1HL. Thank you.

## 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](mailto:learning@wirralmind.org.uk)

Our phone lines are open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm



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