

## Readings for this Sunday 30 May 2021

### Trinity Sunday

Rom. 8. 12-17    John 3. 1-17

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you feel unable to come to church the service for the first Sunday of the month will be available to view on our website [www.sthildeburgh.net](http://www.sthildeburgh.net) on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh> or you can view the service on a smart TV.

**When you are in church, 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.**

With the exception of Bank Holidays, the church is open for individual private prayer Mondays to Thursdays 10am to 12 noon and Sundays after the 10am service until 12 noon.

### Services at St Hildeburgh's

#### Sundays

8am Holy Communion (said) and 10am Holy Communion (sung)

#### Wednesdays

10am Holy Communion (said)

#### A Change to our online services

Please note that the service for the first Sunday of the month will be the only service available online. You can see this by going to our website, Facebook or from a Smart television.

### 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 30 May 2021 Trinity Sunday**

### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
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.

## **APCM 2021 – Vicar’s Report**



### **Prayer**

**Over the last year many lives have been lost to covid and other illnesses lets pray in silence for all the bereaved and all affected by this terrible virus....**

### **The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost**

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

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I am sure you will recognise this scripture from today’s service - it is of course the account of the coming of the Holy Spirit the promised advocate.

It could not be more appropriate as we navigate what seems like an uncertain future, if we can take any comfort, it must be from these words of scripture. We all know what happened after Pentecost, those frightened men and women changed the world.

Take heart from this we are supported and held by the Spirit of God and no matter how hard it is, that is a fact.

This year we may have been closed physically as a building but we have never stopped being the church. Today I want to thank everyone without naming names for the incredible effort in keeping going. I am amazed by the work not only our own parishioners have done but also our community.

There are many examples of this, offering lunches to the isolated, by the enormous effort of the community giving food for the food bank, every day it seemed more food would find its way on to my doorstep, thank you.

As a church we have facilitated a huge amount of Christmas gifts to refugees and families struggling with low income. There have been opportunities to help asylum seekers by offering a place to meet and eat.

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As a Church we have adapted our services and moved online and again thank you to all who have helped with that. We have reached a lot of people over the weeks and our services have reached as far as Canada, America and Mexico!

I would also like to record my thanks to all who have contributed to the music of the church and more recently it has been a joy to hear singing again.

If ever there was any doubt about God's guiding hand, I think we can honestly say he has been there in the midst of everything.



In every organisation there are people who underpin and support the ministry and I am very grateful for the work of the church office and also for the countless phone calls that have been made to so many people. These calls have been much appreciated - the ability to break into the silence of a long and lonely day makes such a difference.

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The future is both in God's hands and ours; prayer, listening and responding will all form a new vision for us. We can already look forward to Rev'd Richard's ordination as he, like John, takes the step towards priesthood. Rev'd John has been a great support to me over the last year and I continue to be thankful for his ministry among us.

Thankfully, if all goes well following the government's guidelines, we will continue slowly and carefully to open up and continue the work of the Gospel.

Rev'd Paul

### **BBQ**

To celebrate the ordinations of Rev'd Richard and Rev'd Frances, Rev'd Paul and Rev'd Gillian will be holding a BBQ in the Vicarage Garden on Sunday 27 June at 1pm. Admission is by donation.

Although tea and coffee will be provided, please bring your own wine and beer. **Please do not bring food.**

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list at the back of church or contact the Church Office on 0151 632 5339 [www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com](mailto:www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com)

**If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Rev'd Richard, please contact Rev'd Paul.**

## VOYAGERS AT HOME

This Sunday in Voyagers we read about the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples at Pentecost, helping them and giving them courage.



We noticed that the crowds in Jerusalem heard the good news in their own language - God still speaks to each of us as individuals, in ways that we can hear and respond to, and he still gives the Holy Spirit to encourage and guide.

## VOYAGERS IN CHURCH



**From Sunday 30 May, Voyagers will be meeting in church again during the 10am service. All are welcome, please bring a jacket as we will try to be outside if weather permits.**

**It would also be a big help in the current circumstances if each family could bring a pencil case of pens/crayons to use.**

**Love and prayers,**

**Christine**

## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: POPPY**

### **55th in a series**

*Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.*

Poppies are among the brightest and easiest flowers to grow in the summer garden. Many kinds are from overseas, including huge oriental poppies and small, frilly Californian types. The famous Shirley poppies are essentially British. They are directly descended from the red cornfield and cottage garden flower from which they were bred by the Rev William Wilks – and named after his parish, Shirley in Surrey – some 120 years ago.

There are 70 species of poppy but these three kinds are most often grown in gardens. **Species and varieties of the genus *Papaver*** such as *Papaver rhoeas* with vigorous and vivid flowers, including the cornfield poppy (pictured), the Flanders poppy and also Shirley poppies, which are available in a mixture of single and double flowers in shades of yellow pink, orange and red. **Californian poppies**, *Eschscholzia californica*, which are annuals with fluted, silky cups in shades of orange and white on 30cm (12in) stems. **Oriental poppies**, *Papaver orientale*, a biennial or short-lived perennial which is parent to the most spectacular varieties with huge flowers on 90cm (3ft) stems, among them scarlet Allegro, crimson Beauty of Livermere, and pink Cedric Morris (pictured). Most, if not all, have dark centres, a characteristic that makes the white-petalled variety Black and White a surprisingly stark flower. Pizzicato is free-flowering in a mixture of colours – scarlet, orange, salmon, mauve, pink and white.

Less common in gardens are the blue Himalayan poppy, up to 1.2m (4ft) tall, and yellow Welsh poppy, at 45cm (18in). These are species of *Meconopsis*, deciduous perennials with saucer-shaped flowers containing golden stamens which are especially striking against the rich azure petals of the Himalayan poppy. Both are graceful additions to any herbaceous border. There are double flowered and orange forms of the Welsh poppy.



***Above: Cedric Morris, a pink variety of oriental poppy.***

***Left: Cornfield poppies in a wildflower display improve the urban environment.***



Other hardy species include the Iceland poppy, *Papaver croceum*, 30cm (12in) biennials with flowers of yellow, orange or white; and *Papaver somniferum*, the opium poppy, a 1.2m (4ft) annual with flowers of pink, purple, red and white. The attractive seed-heads are valued for flower arranging. The variety Paeony Flowered has large frilly blooms.

Poppies can be grown from seed sown in spring and many kinds will self-seed once established. They like full sun and well-drained soil.

## **“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.

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