

VOYAGERS



Last Sunday our Voyagers explored the way in which Jesus was sometimes sad and how he experienced every human emotion.

WIRRAL FOODBANK

Last Monday Rev'd Paul took your donations to the foodbank (pictured).

Donations are always needed so if you would like to help please leave your donations in the Vicarage porch at 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake.

Thank you!



ALL SOULS SERVICE AT ST HILDEBURGH'S



The All Souls Service will take place on Sunday 31 October at 4pm.

The service will be followed by refreshments in the Church Centre.

If you would like the name of a departed loved one read out during the service, please add their name to the list at the back of church or contact Jill in the Church Office on 0151 632 5339 sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

CREAM TEA FUNDRAISER



Come along to our Church Centre on Thursday 4 November at 2pm and enjoy a selection of delicious homemade cakes and a cuppa. All this together with entertainment and a raffle!

As this is a fundraising event payment is by donation

Please let us know if you would like to come by Sunday 31 October by adding your name to the list at the back of church or contacting Jane on 07743090210 or the Church Office on 0151 632 5339 sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

FISH AND CHIP FUNDRAISING SUPPER

You are invited to a

**2 Course Fish and Chip Fundraising Supper
On
Friday 12 November at 7pm
in the Church Centre**

(Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own drinks)

There will be entertainment and a raffle

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Come along to ...
St Hildeburgh's



Toys

A play group for pre-school children, their mums, dads, grandparents & carers

Every Wednesday during school terms

10.00am to 11.30am

**St Hildeburgh's Church Centre
Stanley Road
Hoylake**

www.sthildeburgh.net

**Don't Forget
the Bacon!!**

**Every TUESDAY
from
10.30am to 12.00,
we have our
BACON BUTTY MORNING
in our CHURCH CENTRE
at St Hildeburgh's Church
in Hoylake**

**Bacon Butties (or toast)
a cup of Tea or Coffee
& a great chance to chat**

ALL are Welcome!

NO CHARGE (but donations welcome)

... see you on Tuesday?



CAKE SALES

As many of you are aware, St Hildeburgh's needs to recommence fundraising. With that in mind it has been decided to have regular cake sales. These will not take place as they have previously. Due to restrictions, we will be asking for your cake orders to be selected from a list – these cakes can be anything from 4 inch to 8 inch whole cakes – cupcakes can be ordered as well. These cakes can be purchased with a donation towards church funds.

The varieties available are: Victoria sponge, Lemon, Chocolate, Coffee and Walnut, Millionaire's shortbread. A small number of cupcakes will be available after the Sunday service for purchase to enjoy with your cuppa.

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS CAKE!

To raise more funds for St Hildeburgh's, Jane is now taking orders for Christmas Cakes. There are two sizes – a small 4 inch cake or an 8 inch family size cake. **For all cake orders please contact Jane on 07743090210.**

CHRISTMAS MEAL

We will be holding a three course Christmas Meal in the Church Centre on Friday 10 December at 7pm with entertainment and a raffle. Tickets are £20 per person.

If you would like to come please add your name to the list at the back of church or contact the Church office on 632 5339 sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

Please also indicate any dietary requirements.

50/50 CLUB

Liz Ardus writes:

Hello everyone

I am proposing to start a 50/50 club at church, as I did at Holy Trinity School many years ago. This will be a small monthly fundraiser for church. The object is to sell 100 numbers @ £1 per month, payable in one go for the year (£12) preferably in cash but cheques accepted made out to Hoylake PCC. Each month a draw will take place, probably after family service, and the winning person will get £50 and St Hildeburgh's £50. If we can't sell all 100 numbers then it will just be ½ of whatever amount we have reached ie £30 & £30 if only 60 sold. Anyone can join and have more than one number for an additional £12. You will keep the same number/s for the whole year. I do hope you will support this.

I am available on 632 3544 if anyone wishes me to call me about collecting subscriptions / discuss the scheme. You will need to speak your name on the phone as I have Sky Shield which blocks cold calls. After that I will either answer or you can leave a message and I will get back to you.

If possible, I would like the first draw to be end of November so please contact me as soon as you can or catch me at 10am service on Sundays.

Thanks for reading

Liz Ardus

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: WINTER PANSIES

76th in a series

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

Winter pansies may look delicate but hardy types can grow right through winter. The colour range is phenomenal: all the blues, from a near-black purple to palest sky, reds from deep mauve to pale pink, creams, yellows and bronzes. The massive flowers of the Delta type, Purple and White, planted in a sheltered, sunny position, distinguish themselves from early November and often continue to bloom through winter, spring, summer and autumn, although the flower size may become somewhat diminished. Other favourites of mine are pansies in the Imperial series, Light Blue (pictured), Frosty Rose and Gold Princess, which is bright red and yellow, and those in the Panola series (pictured). Floral Dance is another good winter series.

I've tried a whole range of colour mixtures in winter containers and they all look wonderful...mauve and purple pansies grown with winter-flowering heathers, *Erica carnea*; vivid reds and oranges with early-blooming dwarf daffodils; pure blue surrounding the dark green leaves of a young bay tree; and yellow pansies above the green-and-gold trailing branches of variegated periwinkles.

Universal pansies were the pioneering winter strain – the first to show that robust ability to bloom from autumn onwards and recover from quite severe frost. They resulted from a complex breeding programme which started nearly 50 years ago involving European and Japanese varieties of *Viola x wittrockiana*. All plants are affected by temperature, day length and intensity of light but pansies are specially sensitive to these factors. Plants grown in long days, with 16 hours of light, will flower two or three weeks sooner than those that receive light for only eight hours. But this can vary depending on variety and, to some degree, temperature. Short days also cause erratic flowering. That's why a display of pansies, whether in border or patio tub, can bloom in fits and starts through winter but flowers freely as spring arrives.



Left: Pansy Imperial Light Blue.

Below: Mixed colours of the Panola series.



Pansies belong to the genus *Viola*, which was known to the Greeks and Romans. There is one British native type, heartsease, which is a charming wild flower in the countryside or an irritating weed among the vegetables. The white and purple violets of our hedgerows are also related. The term pansy seems to date from medieval France where the flower was *la pensee*, meaning a memory or thought. Closer to home it has had many nicknames including "tickle me fancy" and in the north of England "flamey", thought to refer to the similarity between the flames of a wood fire and the mauve, yellow and white of heartsease.

Pansies have come a long way since their first flush of popularity 200 years ago when they were taken up by the Florist movement – usually men working in grim industrial environments – who bred various small flowers to brighten their drab lives. In 1841 a group of London enthusiasts formed the delightfully named Hammersmith Heartsease Society.

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



www.wirralmind.org.uk

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Weekly Beacon

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If you wish to contribute an article or place a notice in the Weekly Beacon please e-mail sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

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