

**Readings for this Sunday 4 April 2021**  
**Easter Day**

Acts 10. 34-43  
John 20. 1-18



*Painting by Liz Roberts*

**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 4 April 2021**  
**Easter Day**

**The Collect**

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

## **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 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.**

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

### **INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH**

This coming week the church will be open for individual private prayer on Easter Sunday after the 10am service until 12 noon and then on Tuesday 6 April to Thursday 8 April inclusive from 10am to 12 noon.

**The church will not be open on  
Bank Holiday Monday.**

## **Easter Services at St Hildeburgh's**

### **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

### **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 make a donation please leave your bags of food in the Vicarage porch at 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake CH47 1HL.

*Thank you!*

## VOYAGERS AT HOME

This week in Voyagers we read the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey.

We talked about Jesus our king: not a king who comes to dominate and oppress, but one who comes to save and heal his people, who calls us to follow in his gentle and humble path. We made our own palm branches to celebrate the rescuing king.



Have a blessed Easter!

Love and prayers,

Christine

## Good Friday Service - On Line

Our Good Friday Service 'Seven Last Words of Jesus' will be available to view **on Good Friday** from our website [www.sthildeburgh.net](http://www.sthildeburgh.net) and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh>

To view on a smart TV - you need to have a modern/"smart" TV set - these all come with **YouTube** as a built-in application.

- Turn on the TV and select the "**YouTube**" app
- From the menu that appears when the YouTube app opens, using your remote control, click on the search option (the search menu icon usually looks like a magnifying glass).
- Using the remote control, select the letters on screen to form the words "**St Hildeburgh**", then click on "Search".
- All our videos will appear in a list - with the most recent service film first.
- Click on this film using your remote control -the video will play full screen on the TV

## 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](mailto:www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com)

## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: EUPHORBIA**

### **47th in a series**

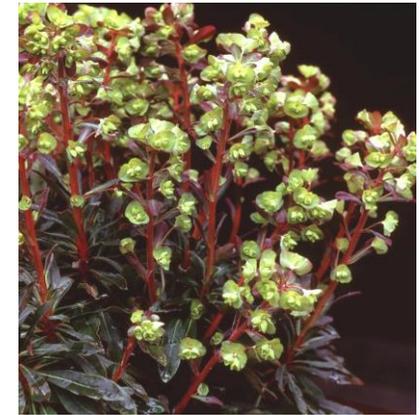
*Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.*

Not so much a flower, more a colourful bract... There are 2,000 species of euphorbia from tiny succulents to trees, and tender tropical plants to tough guys that shrug off frost and snow. They have minute flowers but vivid bracts that last for months. The most popular is the Christmas houseplant poinsettia, with scarlet or cream bracts, and the most irritating the native British petty spurge, that seeds freely and becomes a garden weed. If it is a problem in your garden, that means your soil is suitable for more desirable species from overseas. You will also be getting into garden vogue. The euphorbia has impressed fashion-followers so much that some of them, with more enthusiasm than accuracy, call it 'euphoria.' The real name comes from Euphorbos, a Greek physician in the days when herbal medicine was widely used and some species of the plant were employed to treat asthma and constipation. When the stems are broken, euphorbias exude a milky sap which can cause blisters on the skin and cause serious eye damage.

One of the most reliable is *Euphorbia characias* (pictured), an evergreen which comes from Portugal but will flourish in most parts of England provided it is planted in well-drained soil. This grows quickly, producing purple-tinged stems crowded with slender blue-green leaves – a little like a giant bottle brush. In winter the stems develop huge, rounded heads 25cm-30cm long (10in-12in) and a similar size in circumference. The heads, which reach up to 1.2 metres (4ft) tall, open masses of small cup-shaped bracts, yellow-green with a rich chocolate-purple centre, which last from winter to summer before they start to look untidy. Meanwhile, new shoots arise from the roots, ready to take over when the old ones are cut down. If the heads are left on the euphorbia, expect a few self-sown seedlings to appear next spring. To grow them more efficiently, remove the heads in June and sow seed in a nursery bed or cold frame.



*Euphorbia characias.*



*Euphorbia amygdaloides.*

There are several forms of *Euphorbia characias*, including a subspecies, *wulfenii*, that has been awarded a Royal Horticultural Society award of garden merit, though the bracts are entirely yellow-green and, to my eye, not so attractive as the dark-centred cups of *characias*. But if an entirely green-gold effect is what you want, look for the variety John Tomlinson or, better still, Lambrook Gold.

Other fine euphorbias for the border include...*Euphorbia amygdaloides*, the wood spurge (pictured), with red stems and, in the variety *Purpurea*, dark red-purple leaves; and *Euphorbia griffithii*, from Tibet and China, a rounded shrub 90cm (3ft) tall with heads of brick-red bracts over a long period. The leaves, with red midribs, turn red and yellow in autumn. Two superb varieties selected from this, both more compact, are *Dixter* with rich, dark, copper-tinted foliage and smoky-orange bracts, and *Fireglow*, with scarlet bracts.

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers at the altar this week have been donated by Kath Bowden and family in memory of Alec Bowden.

# 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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