

Readings for this Sunday
4 October 2020
The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

Phil. 3. 4b-14
Matt. 21. 33-end



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 October 2020
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The Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

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.

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

Sunday Services

Each week a service of Holy Communion is available to view online at <https://www.sthildeburgh.org> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh>

Morning Prayer in Church

Each Tuesday and Thursday at 10am. Please bring your own bible. The church remains open for private devotional prayer Monday to Thursday 9am to 12 noon.

COVID19 - NHS TRACK AND TRACE QR CODE

If you are in church for any reason and have the NHS Track and Trace app on your smartphone, please scan the QR code on one of the posters displayed in church.

Help to reduce the spread of infection and save lives.

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:
Hoylelake 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 Hoylelake PCC"
If you already subscribe to the envelope system, please use your normal weekly envelope.
The postal address is The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylelake, CH47 1HL if you are self isolating.
- 4. If you have any further queries please contact Lytton Goodwin on 632 6923.**

Wirral Foodbank

Thank you for your donations of food which have now been delivered to the Foodbank. Pictured below – donations received during Harvest on their way to the Foodbank.



**Please leave your donations in the porch at
The Vicarage 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake, CH47 1HL.**

Thank You!

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The provisional date for the 2020 APCM is Sunday 18 October but as things alter this may change. Further details to follow.

ST HILDEBURGH'S ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll is the parish register of those who qualify to vote at the annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) where the elections take place for the Parochial Church Council (the PCC), and the parish's representatives on the Deanery Synod.



If you are baptised, over 16 years of age and would like to be added to St Hildeburgh's Electoral Roll please email the Church Office
www.sthildeburgh.paraish.office@gmail.com

Voyagers At Home



This Sunday in Voyagers, just like in the church service, we were thinking about harvest. We read the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand, and talked about how Jesus provided food for the people gathered then and how God still provides for us today. We thought about all the things we have to be thankful for, food and homes and clothes and families, friends and school and church and so much more. When things are changing all around us it is good to pause and say "thank you".

We made a Harvest wreath with a harvest prayer in the middle.

Love and prayers,
Christine



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

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: COLCHICUM 22nd in a series

Text by Peter Surridge.

COLCHICUMS are surprising flowers which emerge at this time of year without any warning from ground which might be covered in moss or fallen leaves. Their blooms, goblet-shaped or crocus-like and bright against the subdued autumn background, bring a spring-like atmosphere to the scene. Depending on the type, the flowers are white, pink, mauve or yellow with six showy golden stamens.



Naked Ladies – the striking flowers of Colchicum Waterlily in deep lilac-pink.

Many, like the deep lilac-pink variety Waterlily (pictured), are double-flowering.

Colchicums' unclothed appearance – the flowers come up before the foliage – gives rise to the nickname Naked Ladies. They are also called autumn crocus, though they are not related to the true autumn crocuses. Despite their delicate-looking femininity, most colchicums are feisty flowers – hardy performers that grow year after year once the corms are planted – ideally from late summer to early October – in well-drained soil, in sun or light shade. Pests and diseases and not normally a problem though heavy rain can beat the flowers into submission. Their leaves, when they finally appear, grow taller than the flowers then flop and die in an unsightly fashion. However, planted between established shrubs, colchicums are a delightful autumn bonus. All parts of the plant are poisonous so children should be warned.

The name is derived from the region of Colchis in the Caucasus, where the flowers originally grew prolifically. The most popular garden kinds include: *Colchicum autumnale*, which has pink blooms 5cm (2in) wide and 18cm (7in) tall, followed by 25cm (10in) leaves, with a white variety, Album, and a double one, Roseum Plenum; *Colchicum speciosum*, Meadow Saffron, with pale pink flowers of similar height but longer leaves and a white variety, also called Album, which is more weather-resistant than most. Among the finest hybrids are Waterlily (pictured), which grows best where its blooms are supported by nearby plants; The Giant, with large, purple flowers; Princess Astrid, pink and early-flowering; Rosy Dawn, pinkish-violet and fragrant; Autumn Queen, rose-pink with white throats and a sweet scent; and Glory of Heemstede, light maroon. The yellow *Colchicum lutea*, slightly tender, is best grown under glass to protect the flowers from winter cold and rain.



St Hildeburgh's Guild

Further to last week's lovely article by Peter Surridge, I would like to thank Jackie and Peter for all the work they have done for St Hildeburgh's over many years – both inside and outside in our large grounds. Also, in case anyone was wondering, the white and green colour scheme for the flowers in church were a copy of Jackie's bridal bouquet 60 years ago.

Joyce Reade (Hon. Sec.)

ST MARGARET: COMPASSIONATE QUEEN OF SCOTS **St Hildeburgh's windows: 26th in a series**

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

MARGARET, a direct descendant of King Alfred and A granddaughter of King Edmund Ironside, was born in exile in Hungary around 1045. She was brought to England in 1057 but found refuge in Scotland after the Norman conquest in 1066 and married King Malcolm III in 1070 becoming Queen of Scots. As queen, Margaret changed her husband and his country for the better, guiding the isolated Scottish church into line with the general religious discipline of the West.

Margaret, a very pious Roman Catholic, was renowned for her work for the poor and orphans, and was said to influence for good all with whom she came into contact. Among many charitable works, she established a ferry across the Firth of Forth for pilgrims travelling to St Andrew's in Fife. She had eight children, including four boys who became kings of Scotland and a girl who became a queen consort of England.



St Margaret

Four strange miracles were attributed to Margaret. Her favourite gospel book was lost then found floating in water undamaged by its immersion; and, after she died in 1093, merely days after receiving the news of her husband's death in battle, brilliant flashes of light were seen coming from her tomb; her "sainted remains" were exhumed and "a great and agreeable perfume" arose from the ground; then, as her consecrated bier was carried past her husband's grave, it became so heavy that the bearers could carry it no farther until her husband's body was exhumed and given similar honour.

Her feast day is November 16. The window, on the south side of the nave (the right) near the Lady chapel entrance, was one of two installed in 1930 "in memory of Janet Leylands, given by her nephew H.C.R. Seivwright."

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