

Readings for this Sunday 6 June 2021
The first Sunday after Trinity

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Mark 3. 20-end

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you feel unable to come to church, from August the service for the first Sunday of the month will be available to view on our website 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**

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)

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 6 June 2021
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The Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.

Welcome Back Voyagers!



It was wonderful to be able to welcome back into church our "Voyagers" youngsters group last Sunday.

With the beautiful, sunny weather, they met in the church grounds. The theme of the day was Christ's meeting with Nicodemus from John's Gospel.

At the end of the service, Vanessa came forward to tell Rev Richard all about what they had been doing.



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

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

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: POTENTILLA

56th in a series

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

There are some 500 species of potentilla, including herbaceous perennials, annuals and biennials, but one is more widely grown in gardens than all the others put together. It is a shrub, *Potentilla fruticosa* (pictured), which has saucer-shaped flowers from spring to autumn, often set off against silvery leaves. It is hardy, long-flowering and compact enough for small gardens. Most grow to about 1 metre tall and spread to 1.5 metres (3ft x 5ft).

Numerous varieties have been bred from this single species. Their flowers range from white through cream and yellow to pink and red, all with a central boss of golden stamens. Some of the most stunning blooms are found on Red Ace, bright bronze-red; Katherine Dykes, rich yellow; Primrose Beauty, cream with a yellow centre;



Above: Long-flowering – bright yellow *Potentilla fruticosa*.

Daydawn, delicate pink; Princess, richer pink fading to white but with glorious, prominent stamens; Gibson's Scarlet, with brilliant, large blooms; and Sunset, dark orange. For an even more compact variety, choose Beesii, also known as Nana Argentea, a lovely shrub with silver, silky foliage and golden flowers, reaching 60cm x 1.2 metres (2ft x 4ft).

A few varieties, such as dazzling white Abbotswood (pictured), smother themselves in a flush of flowers in May then produce blooms sporadically through the summer into autumn. Others produce a less fulsome display in spring but have a gentle presence in the garden as they stud themselves with successional flowers through to October.



Left: May display – dazzling white *Potentilla fruticosa* Abbotswood.

The many potentillas are nicknamed cinquefoil from the five-lobed leaves of many species. One of the herbaceous perennials, *Potentilla erecta* – oddly named because it sprawls across the ground – is valued in herbal medicine for its high tannin content. Properly prepared extracts from the roots are used to staunch bleeding, reduce inflammation and aid healing. This is a familiar wild plant throughout Europe, including Britain, on grassy lane verges and heaths, with yellow flowers and the common name of tormentil. The name potentilla comes from Latin *potens*, meaning potent or powerful and referring to this and other strong medicinal plants of the same genus.

To add to the plant's merit, *Potentilla fruticosa* and its varieties need virtually no maintenance. Its shape eliminates the need for pruning, and pests and diseases seem to give it a wide berth. For planting, select a position that is sunny or lightly shaded and soil which drains well but is not too fertile. High fertility will encourage lush foliage at the expense of flowers. When newly-planted, like any shrub, it should be watered generously during dry spells for the first year. After that, if grown in poor soil it will appreciate a handful of fish, blood and bonemeal scattered around the root area in autumn.

“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

No knowledge necessary, just an enthusiasm for God's amazing world. All welcome, whatever your age.

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