

Readings for this Sunday
9 August 2020 – The Ninth Sunday After Trinity

Rom. 10. 5-15
Matt. 14. 22-33

Sunday Services at St Hildeburgh's

Each Sunday at 10am, Rev'd Paul will conduct a said service of Holy Communion in church. This will be conducted in line with Church of England guidance and may change as things develop. The service is also available to view on our website.

The Church Centre remains closed for the time being.

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

St Hildeburgh's Church
Open for Individual Private Prayer

St Hildeburgh's church is open for individual private prayer every week
– Monday to Friday 9am to 12 noon and Sunday from 9am to 12 noon.

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 9 August 2020
The Ninth Sunday After Trinity

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.

Wirral Foodbank

Demand for support from the Wirral Foodbank has increased substantially and your donations are needed more than ever. You can donate non-perishable foodstuffs by leaving them in the porch at:

The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake, Wirral CH47 1HL.

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:

Hoylake 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 Hoylake PCC"

If you already subscribe to the envelope system, please use your normal weekly envelope.

The postal address is The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake, CH47 1HL if you are self isolating.

4. **If you have any further queries please contact Lytton Goodwin on 632-6923**

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

Voyagers at Home



This week in Voyagers we thought about the story of Jesus feeding a hungry crowd - one of our favourite stories! We remembered that no problem is too big for Jesus, and nothing we do for him, however small it seems, is unimportant. We made some collage pictures of the boy giving his lunch to Jesus.

"Dear God, take the little that I have to offer and use it to do great things. Amen."

Love and prayers,
Christine

St Hildeburgh's Dispatch

The final edition of St Hildeburgh's Dispatch is now available on our website www.sthildeburgh.org



Hello to all at St Hildeburgh's.

Just a short message to say that we, in Ferndale Road, are holding a **Pirate** themed, socially distanced **RNLI** fundraising afternoon on Sunday August 30th. This will run from noon to approx 16.30. We will have various stalls with **CAKES, CRAFT, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, A FEW GAMES** for the children (not many in our road) **WATER AND WINE STALL, HOT DOGS** and **ICE LOLLIES** and possibly, at the end, an **AUCTION**. All stalls will provide hand gel to be used before/after touching anything.

Wander along the road, during the afternoon, if you can and support us, even buying just a few raffle tickets. RNLI Hoylake are unable to hold their Annual Open Day on August Bank Holiday this year so this is Ferndale Road's small way of helping towards their massive fundraising shortfall for 2020.

Many thanks, Liz Ardus.

Last week's spectacular sunset in Hoylake

Amanda Campbell writes:

'It started with turquoise sky and golden light through cream cheese clouds lined with indigo. Then it gradually added apricot, tangerine and marmalade orange as the creaminess faded to more indigo and plum. And everywhere, there were Seagulls, Swifts and Swallows flying on the breeze. It felt like such a blessing x'



***'From the rising
of the sun to its
setting, the name
of the Lord is to
be praised'***

Psalms 113

***Photo courtesy of
Carron Jones***

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: CALENDULA **Fifteenth in a Series**

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

When I was a child, the word marigold meant only one kind of flower. These days it has to be qualified as 'English' or 'pot' marigold or given its botanical name of *calendula* to distinguish it from African and French marigolds – bred from *tagetes*, a totally different plant.



Above: Orange semi-double calendulas.

Calendulas are not English. These annual flowers in shades of bright orange and yellow, sometimes with dark centres, originate from the Mediterranean area, though they are hardy enough to self-seed freely in Britain.

To me, they exude summer and, though never likely to be the most spectacular of garden plants, they have an impressive list of qualities. They need no special treatment but grow easily from seed sown into the ground in April or May, bloom throughout summer, are good for cutting, and have aromatic leaves that add an interesting flavour to salads. Even the petals are edible and can be used as a substitute for saffron in rice or soup or included in salads. The seeds can be saved, dried and sown again next year.

Their long flowering season gives rise to their Latin name, taken from *calendae*, the first of the month, on which interest was paid on investments. Invest the least care in calendulas and they'll pay dividends, thriving in average or even poor soils as long as the ground is well-drained.

My childhood marigold is in fact *Calendula officinalis*, with the species (second) name indicating historic medical use, in this case for a wide range of conditions from internal problems to skin diseases. The Romans used the flower juice as a cure for warts, and in ancient times it was also used to treat jaundice, measles and smallpox. As recently as World War I, the flowers were used to staunch bleeding and Gertrude Jekyll turned over a large area of her famous garden at Munstead Wood to the growth of marigolds to be sent to field hospitals in France.

The basic species found its way to Britain long ago and became a cottage garden favourite. Many varieties have since been bred in many shades, including semi-doubles (pictured) and doubles – flowers with extra petals which conceal the centre. These are mostly for bedding though marigolds grow well in pots outdoors or in a cool conservatory. Calendulas suffer from few pests or diseases, though they can be attacked by aphids and sometimes suffer from powdery mildew late in the season.

THE GREATEST GREGORY
St Hildeburgh's windows - Eighteenth in a series
St Gregory the Great

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

Caption:

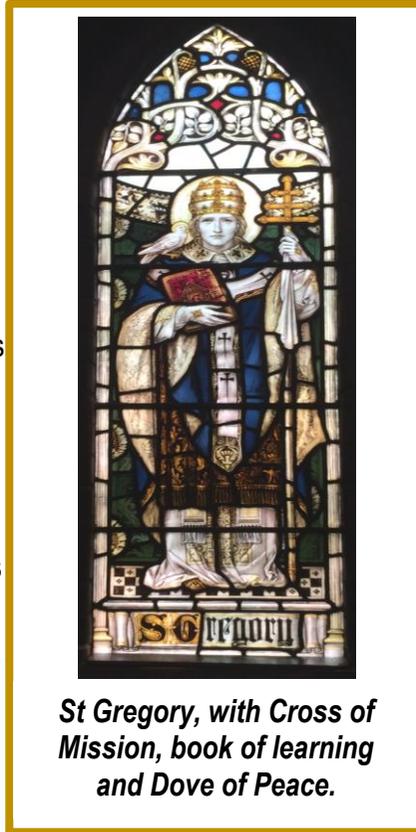
GREGORIUS ANICIUS was born in Rome in the year 540, into a very wealthy family with properties in Rome and estates in Sicily. He was to become the first and greatest of 16 popes named Gregory. But the period of his youth was a time of famine, plague and war. He was torn between a life of pious contemplation and one of pious action. It is clear which he chose.

His pontificate lasted for 14 difficult and turbulent years. He negotiated treaties with the ruling Lombards in northern Italy, reformed the administration of Church estates and, from their income, spent large sums on the sufferers of war, pestilence and famine, and paid ransom for prisoners. He maintained the Church's independence from civil power and kept good relations with surrounding nations.

According to the Venerable Bede, the sight of blue-eyed, blond-haired Angle (English) boys at a slave market in Rome inspired Gregory to observe, "Non Angli, sed Angeli (They are not Angles, but Angels)", and to send Augustine to convert the English to Christianity...but that is a story for the next issue of the *Weekly Beacon*.

Gregory referred to himself as "servant of the servants of God," a designation used by popes ever since. He died in Rome in 604 having earned himself the title of Gregory the Great. His feast day is September 3, the date on which he became Pope in 590, although it was formerly March 12, his birthday, which is still observed in the East.

His window in St Hildeburgh's, on the right side of the nave, was installed around 1907, one of a series "in memory of Matthew Langlands, given by his wife."



St Gregory, with Cross of Mission, book of learning and Dove of Peace.

Contact St Hildeburgh's

Vicar

Rev'd PAUL ROSSITER

The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake, Wirral CH47 1HL

Tel: 0151 632 3897. E-mail: p.a.rossiter@uwclub.net

Church Office

e-mail: sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

Follow St Hildeburgh's

Church Website



www.sthildeburgh.net



facebook.com/sthildeburgh



[@StHildeburgh](https://twitter.com/StHildeburgh)

Weekly Beacon

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

All advertising and notices are accepted at the discretion of the Editor. **Photograph policy.** We frequently take photographs at St Hildeburgh's for publicity purposes – such as printing in this "Weekly Beacon". If for any reason you would prefer us not to use photographs of any children who may accompany you to church, please mention this to our Vicar, Rev'd Paul Rossiter.