

Readings for this Sunday 9 May 2021
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10. 44-end
John 15. 9-17



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 May 2021
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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.

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 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 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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM will be held after the 10am service on Sunday 23 May 2021. The meeting will be held in church with social distancing in place.

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

St Hildeburgh's Electoral Roll

In preparation for the APCM, our Electoral Roll Officer Roy Auld has been reviewing the Electoral Roll. This is now on display at the back of church.

If you would like to have your name added to the Electoral Roll, please contact Roy or the Church Office for more details.

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 donate please leave your bags of food in the Vicarage porch at 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake CH47 1HL. Thank you.



“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

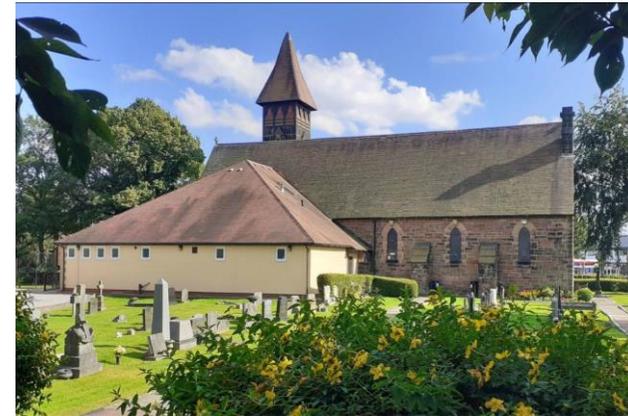
It's part of a nationwide focus on Churchyards as local environments, wildlife and habitats.

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. **See opposite for more details**



What is the biodiversity of your churchyard?



Join hundreds of churches in a week-long 'nature count' occurring this summer, which will encourage people to visit churchyards and record what they see.

Churches Count on Nature will run between **5 June and 13 June** and is being described as a citizen-science event covering churchyards across England and Wales.

VOYAGERS AT HOME



This Sunday we read the story of Philip meeting and baptising the Ethiopian official.

We thought that maybe Philip was a bit puzzled when he was told to go out to a wilderness road where he wouldn't expect much to happen, but God always knows what he is doing. The Ethiopian man was ready to hear about Jesus - he reminds us that all are welcome in God's family, whatever our differences.

Afterwards, we used Lego to retell the story - our official even has a little scroll to read!



CHESTER DIOCESAN NEWS

The May edition of CDN is now available to download from:

www.chester.anglican.org

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: PIERIS

52nd in a series

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

Evergreen shrubs are a tremendous asset in any garden right through the winter and into spring because of their resilience to inclement conditions and their year-round foliage. The best lend considerable interest to borders or woodland areas in the form of structure and colour, whatever the weather. The varieties of *Pieris formosa forrestii* (pictured) are the most striking with bright red young growth, turning pale cream and then dark, glossy green, and clusters of nodding white bell-flowers. However, these are too large for most gardens at 5m tall x 4m across (16ft x 13ft) – and they can be devastated by prolonged or severe frost. This shrub was brought back from Asia to Britain more than 100 years ago by plant hunter George Forrest. He was commissioned by George Bulley, owner of what is now Ness Gardens in Wirral and a huge specimen grown from his original seed still flourished there the last time I visited. There are several *Pieris formosa forrestii* varieties. Charles Michael has especially large blooms, Wakehurst has pale red shoots and Jermyns has arching branches and dark red young leaves on a shrub of more manageable size – 2.5m (8ft) tall and wide.

The name *Pieris* means a Greek Muse from Pieria, the district said to be the home of the Muses. (The white daffodils in St Hildeburgh's Church grounds are named for one of them – Thalia, the Muse of Comedy.) Various species grow in Asia and the Americas.

Pieris japonica is one of the hardier species. Although it lacks the red colour of young leaf shoots, the small, urn-shaped flowers and their buds come in shades of pink and red in early spring. The foliage is toothed, glossy and mid-green and the bush slowly grows to a height of 4m and spread of 3m (13ft x 10ft) in suitable conditions.

In addition to the species there are several varieties, each offering different characteristics. Some are dwarf, like Little Heath, which has a height and spread of only 60cm (2ft), and Purity, which produces all-white flowers on a metre-high shrub. The flowers of Blush are pink flushed with white when they first develop, turning all white later, while Flamingo has dark red buds opening deep pink. Most of these are fully hardy.



Left: Pieris formosa forrestii, showing the white flowers, red shoots and cream pale cream leaves.



Right: Close-up of Pieris formosa forrestii.

Pieris grow well in acid soil that is moderately fertile, moist but well drained. They like a position in light shade, such as a woodland edge, or in full sun, and require little maintenance beyond a light trim after flowering to maintain shape and symmetry. Problems are few though leafspot, a fungal disease, can be a nuisance. They can be grown from cuttings, best taken from semi-ripe shoots in late summer and potted in an electric propagator with bottom heat.



Oxfam's West Kirby Shop has now opened and we are currently looking for some fantastic new volunteers to join a great team. Ideally, you'll be able to provide 4-8 hours a week; but we're very flexible to people's situations and existing commitments!

Right now, we've got volunteer roles such as:

- Till Operator
- Books Volunteer
- Oxfam Shop Volunteer
- Monday Shift Volunteers (morning and/or afternoon)

Interested? Click on the link below and type in West Kirby. We'd love to hear from you.

<https://www.oxfam.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/volunteer-in-an-oxfam-shop/>

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

Tel: 0151 632 5339

Follow St Hildeburgh's



Facebook.com/sthildeburgh

Twitter: @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.