

Readings for Sunday 28 April 2024

8am Holy Communion Acts 8. 26-end John 15. 1-8
Lectionary pp294-296

10am Family Praise Acts 8. 26-end John 15. 1-8
Lectionary pp294-296

6pm BCP Communion Acts 8. 26-end John 15. 1-8
Lectionary pp294-296

Readings for Sunday 5 May 2024

8am Holy Communion Acts 10. 44-end John 15. 9-17
Lectionary pp296-297

10am Holy Communion Acts 10. 44-end John 15. 9-17
Lectionary pp296-297

6pm Evensong Rev. 3. 14-end Luke 22. 24-30
Psalm 45

Ascension Day – 9 May 2024

6pm Holy Communion Acts 1. 1-11 Luke 24. 44-end
Lectionary pp130-133

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Baptism

5 May 2024 at 11.45am. Kasper Selby Milic

Funerals

1 May 2024 Audrey Ward.
Landican Crematorium at 12.30pm

8 May 2024 Barry John Collister.
St Hildeburgh's at 1pm Landican Crematorium at 2pm

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 28 April 2024 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AND ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

In recent weeks, our Parochial Church Council has met twice (15th April & 21st April) and our Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place (21st April).

PCC Meeting 15th April:

Much of the meeting was taken up considering the vandalism that has taken place at the church – principally the breaking of ornate leaded glass in the main porch. This is going to cost several thousand pounds to repair. There had also been evidence of groups of youths gathering behind the church and church centre. We have taken immediate action, including the erection of lights, and cameras. The police have been co-operative and are regularly patrolling the area.

Annual Meeting 21st April:

The annual meeting received the usual reports of church activities. The Accounts for the year 2023 were presented and adopted by the meeting. Please note, all the reports to the meeting are available online at: <https://www.sthildeburgh.net/apcm.html>

In terms of elections, the following were elected:

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| Churchwardens: | Sylvia Lewis BEM & Dr Nigel Hall |
| Deanery Synod Rep: | Dawn Inman-Wyness |
| Lay Member of the PCC: | Ruth Calcott, Kate Rice, Margaret Wright |

PCC Meeting 21st April:

The PCC elected the following:

PCC Vice-Chair: Dr Nigel Hall
PCC Secretary: Jill Rawcliffe
PCC Treasurer: Lytton Goodwin

REVD PAUL'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 21st APRIL 2024

It is both my duty and my joy to address this annual meeting. I would like to begin with a few wise words from the book of Jeremiah 29:11-13: *"For surely I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope"*. God has a plan for you, and I leave this verse to pray about, as we approach the vacancy. It feels a little strange to be making my vicar's report after my announcement of retirement last week, but not until Christmas or very shortly after. However, I have been in touch with the Bishop and she is arranging a meeting in the near future so I will keep you all up to date.

I would like to thank everyone who over the years - and this year particularly - have made this a wonderful parish to be part of. There are so many people - too numerous to mention - to thank by name, without the risk of forgetting someone. Our volunteers have worked like Trojans to make this church special - and a joy to be your vicar. I think we all know how this parish, certainly in my time, has been united together in working for the Church and the community, including supporting the RNLI and our local primary school of Holy Trinity.

There are a great many care and nursing homes in Hoylake, presenting us with a huge ministry - and a valuable one - as we enable our friends to continue to receive the sacraments, and to worship when they can no longer get to church services. (This important ministry is also extended to Springview at Clatterbridge Hospital). Once every three months, there has been an open invitation to our nursing homes and their carers to join us for a service in church followed by homemade cream scones and jam and a cup of tea. This has been well received by all.

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Our valuable work continues with other churches, groups and organizations: The continued work with our church school is very important, as are the many school visits to St Hildeburgh's. I regularly go into school for collective worship and I also continue as a school governor. This year we have held a lent group at the vicarage and also joined in with local churches for a service and lunch in lent. This raised a considerable amount for the charity MIND. As a community we have also joined with St John's in a fellowship and bereavement lunch.

It has been good to continue reaching outwards with our prayer vigil; praying for peace each Tuesday evening. Again reaching out is a key theme in the work of bacon butties - and it's good to see people joining us for that fellowship. As part of our celebrations at Christmas we hosted a Christmas tree festival and what a great event it was. My thanks to all who made it possible.

Once again we have hosted 'Mums and Tots'. Introducing the children to the stories of the bible, has once again been a very successful ministry. My thanks go to Peter for all his work. Sadly, Peter will be standing down from Mums and Tots, and I will be looking for some help to continue as before.

This year has been challenging as a result of losing Rob, but thanks go to all who have stepped in so wonderfully and ensured we have music in our services.

May I also say thank you for the work of the guild and our wonderful flowers ladies it is a credit to their skill and enthusiasm.

It has been a real privilege as a Parish to support Christine as an ordinand as she works toward ordination and we wish her well for the future. But sadly for us, this year Ruth is standing down as a reader after a wonderful period of ministry here at St Hildeburgh's well done good and faithful servant. Thank you for your teaching and your sermons and your music.

I would ask for your support of Nigel and Sylvia and the PCC as they work though a sizeable amount of work as they prepare for my successor. I would just like to reassure everyone that I will continue to work with the same enthusiasm and commitment as long as I am able until my retirement.

Journeys of Life - Ruth Calcott

When we set out on a journey, the normal expectation is that we will stick to our planned route, and having done the necessary preparation, we will reach our destination. During my life, I have set out on lots of different journeys, and then discovered that the results have often been quite different. Probably my most memorable journey was to drive a Land Rover ambulance across the Sahara Desert from London to Nigeria in 1976, with my husband, David. The plan was to take about 3 weeks, but a coup in Nigeria meant that the borders were closed and we were stranded in no man's land, for about 3 weeks.

My journey as a Reader (Lay Minister) at St. Hildeburgh's has been quite unique. After moving to Hoylake in 2012, it was suggested I do the Foundations for Ministry course with several others (2013-2014). I was then asked about Reader training, but I was too old. However, special dispensation from the then Bishop of Chester, Rt Revd Peter Forster, enabled me to do the two year programme culminating in licensing in October 2016. A week later, I had investigations resulting in a diagnosis of bowel cancer. The resulting surgery and complications meant that I was unable to complete all the academic requirements for the final year of a full degree course. But once again, I was blessed with being admitted to an Aegrotat Degree in Arts in Mission and Ministry in October 2017, awarded at a special ceremony in St. Hildeburgh's Church Centre. My time as Reader has been very mixed due to ill health and the time has now come for me to fully retire.

Thank you for all your support during this time. This is MY Story, but more importantly, it is HIS story. To God be the glory, great things He has done. In his letter of thanks for my service, the Bishop of Chester, Rt Revd Mark Tanner wrote, 'We commit ourselves daily to sharing the loving Good News of Christ with each and every one. Be assured of my prayers as you discover new ways of being part of this work of hope-full transformation'. We do not have to be licensed to do God's work. We are members of Christ's Church and together we work in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Thank you for all your support during this time.

The Annual Flower Guild Cream Tea will take place in the church hall on:

Saturday 18 May - from 10am to 12 noon.

**Scones and tea/coffee included in £2.50 admission.
(children's entrance free- free juice & biscuits)**

Stalls, Raffle & cakes.

Please come and join us and support fund raising for our church flowers.

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