

## **Readings for Sunday 22 December 2024**

8am Holy Communion	Heb. 10. 5-10 Luke 1. 39-45 (46-55) Lectionary pp395-396
10am Holy Communion	Heb. 10. 5-10 Luke 1. 39-45 (46-55) Lectionary pp395-396
6pm Evensong	Isa 10. 33 – 11.10 Matt. 1. 18-end Psalm 123

## **Readings for Christmas Eve 24 December 2024**

4pm Crib Service	Special Readings
11.30pm Holy Communion	Titus 3. 4-7 Luke 2 (1-7) 8-20 Lectionary pp14-15

## **Readings for Christmas Day 25 December 2024**

10am Holy Communion	Heb. 1. 1-4 (5-12) John 1 1-14 Lectionary pp16-18
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*No evening service*

## **Readings for Sunday 29 December 2024**

8am Holy Communion	Col 3. 12-17 Luke 2. 41-end Lectionary pp397-398
10am Family Praise	Col 3. 12-17 Luke 2. 41-end Lectionary pp397-398
6pm BCP Communion	Col 3. 12-17 Luke 2. 41-end

## **Readings for Sunday 5 January 2025**

8am Holy Communion	Eph. 3. 1-12 Matt. 2. 1-12 Lectionary pp22-24
10am Holy Communion	Eph. 3. 1-12 Matt. 2. 1-12 Lectionary pp22-24
6pm Evensong	Isa. 60. 1-9 John 2. 1-11 Psalm 98

## **Weekly Beacon**



**News from St Hildeburgh's  
The Parish Church of Hoylake  
Sunday 22 December 2024 to  
Sunday 5 January 2025**

### **THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



*A happy and peaceful Christmas and  
New Year to everyone*

*From: Revd Paul, Revd John and the  
Ministry Team.*

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S**



### **Christmas Eve 24 December**

**4.00pm – Children's Crib Service**

*Followed by mulled wine/refreshments in the church hall*

**11.30pm (night) – Holy Communion**

### **Christmas Day 25 December**

**8.00am – Holy Communion**

**10.00am – Christmas Communion  
(NO EVENING SERVICE)**

**10am Wednesday Holy Communion in the  
Lady Chapel will start again on 8 January 2025**

# WIRRAL STRING ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS

Conductor: Neill Jackson

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

in aid of St Hildeburgh's Church

Saturday 21st December 2024

7.30pm

St Hildeburgh's Church, Hoylake

Stanley Road CH47 1HL

**Handel *Messiah* (excerpts)**

**Boyce *Symphony No. 4***

**Stanley *Concerto No. 1***

*plus music by Rutter, Leroy Anderson, Purcell  
and traditional Christmas carols*

Raffle in aid of



**The Clatterbridge**  
Cancer Charity

Clatterbridge Cancer Charity is Registered in England & Wales 1051727

**TICKETS £10**

on sale from

**MACCOMBS PET STORE**

18 MARKET STREET, HOYLAK

**THE TEE ROOM** 172 BANKS ROAD, WEST KIRBY

**TAPLEY'S** 6 THE VILLAGE, BEBINGTON

Also available on the door or contact  
the Church Office on 0151 632 5339

## LAST SUNDAY AT ST HILDEBURGH'S



Our choir and organist are pictured just before they led the singing at our Nine Lessons and Carols service on Sunday afternoon. The service was followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Church Hall.

*Photo courtesy of Liz Ardus*

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – MAKE MINE FLOWERS.**

***Peter Surridge writes:***

Impressive though it is, St Hildeburgh's annual Christmas tree festival depends mainly on plastic and tinsel for colour, as most of us do when decorating our trees at home. However, for yuletide adornment at home, give me flowering houseplants every time. Keeping live pot plants in the house is good for your spirit and the blooms last well past Twelfth Night. Colourful houseplants also make delightful gifts. To recommend but three for this time of year...

**CHRISTMAS CACTUS**, *Schlumbergera truncata* (pictured) comes into flower in mid-December and is at its best by the 25th bearing trailing red or rose-pink flowers with long anthers. The plant was found in Brazil in the 19th century and quickly became popular in Europe. William Buckley, an English plant developer, crossed this with another Brazilian species and the plant now sold as *Schlumbergera* Buckleyi is thought to be the original Christmas cactus. The name *schlumbergera* commemorates Frédéric Schlumberger, a noted collector of cacti in France. A similar genus, *Zygocactus*, is sometimes sold as Christmas cactus but in fact blooms earlier.

**AMARYLLIS**, also known as hippeastrum, are stunning distant cousins of the daffodil with huge flowers, orange, purple, white, pink or red, which provide a display of sumptuous satiny blooms over the festive season. The finest varieties include Picotee with white satiny petals edged in vivid red; Vera (pictured) which has flamboyant scarlet flowers; and Apple Blossom with white flowers etched in pink. They grow best if watered before the compost dries out and kept in bright light. The name comes from the Greek *Amarullis*, a name for a country girl in pastoral poetry. It means to sparkle or shine.



***Left: Christmas cactus.***

***Below left: Amaryllis Vera.***

***Below: Azalea.***



**AZALEA** (pictured), a form of rhododendron, is really a small shrub, usually with flowers in hues of white, pink or red, although there are also bi-coloured types. They last for years if kept cool but in bright light and repotted every two or three years. This name, too, is from Greek – *azaleas* meaning dry. In fact, azaleas in pots flourish best if watered often.

## **PARISH REGISTER**

There are no entries in the Parish Register this week.

**HELP NEEDED FOR THE NEW YEAR –  
ST. HILDEBURGH'S TODDLERS**



*Peter Ham writes:*

Toddlers meet in the Church Centre every Wednesday morning, except for school holidays. We depend on a small team who set up the equipment, provide drinks and snacks for adults and children, and clear up, as well as providing a listening ear to folk who come along. In January, with Rev Paul's retirement, our team will be too small to maintain a safe and feasible service to our community. We need some of you to come along to help out. It's great fun and really rewarding but we need to be able to plan ahead. One more helper each week would mean that we can continue toddler group, and we would also be able to continue the, all important, short toddler style service in church.

If you are interested and feel that God might be leading you to become part of the support team, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact me to find out more on 07444884879 or catch me in Church. Thank you.

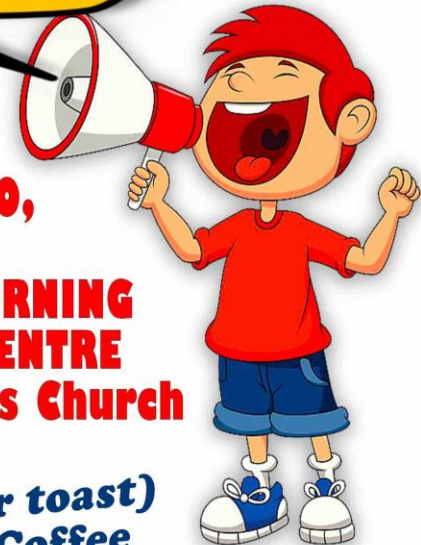
**Don't Forget  
the Bacon!!**

**Every TUESDAY  
from  
10.30am to 12.00,  
we have our  
BACON BUTTY MORNING  
in our CHURCH CENTRE  
at St Hildeburgh's Church  
in Hoylake**

**Bacon Butties (or toast)  
a cup of Tea or Coffee  
& a great chance to chat**

**ALL are Welcome!**

**The last Bacon Butties of 2024 will be served on  
17 December. The first Bacon Butties of 2025 will be  
served on 7 January.**



## **PLANNED GIVING**



Planned giving is the major source of contribution we receive towards the up keep and running of our beautiful church. The most cost effective and easiest way of arranging regular planned giving, is to set up a standing order via your bank account.

To those of you who are regular contributors, we would like to say a BIG THANK YOU. Every penny contributed makes a big difference!

For those who are UK tax payers, we can also claim an additional 25p for every pound you give, so please don't forget to provide your address at the parish office and I will enter in the Planned Giving register.

If you would like to set up or amend a regular contribution please see the easy steps below:

### **Easy to follow tips for setting up a standing order:**

1. Access your bank account via online banking, phone, or in-branch.
2. Find your bank's standing order form (online or hard copy).
3. Provide details such as the recipient's name, sort code, and account number.

The details for setting up a regular payment for StHildeburgh's are as follows:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Recipient's name: Hoylake Parochial Church Council

Sort Code: 40 25 08

Account number: 20445800

4. Specify the amount and frequency of the regular payment you wish to make.
5. Confirm the standing order.

It is really that easy! Thank you.

Best regards

Robin Hastie (Planned Giving Officer)

## THANK YOU

A big 'Thank You' to the following businesses and groups for taking part in this year's Christmas Tree Festival.

Holy Trinity Primary School  
Island Electricals  
Mulberry Tree  
Hoylake Cottage Hospital  
The Old Garden  
Westhaven Care Home  
Kids Planet  
Slimming World  
Peter Edwards Law  
Morrisons  
Poppy Willow Crafts  
Helen O'Neil Crafts  
Jane Robson Crafts  
Voirrey Crafts  
Abbeyfield  
Springview

Rock Choir  
West Wirral Scouts  
472 Air Cadets  
4<sup>th</sup> Hoylake Brownies  
Mums N Tots  
Guides  
Saturday Club @ St. Lukes  
Knitters @ The Plasterers Arms  
Crochet Group @ Bank Cafe  
St. Hildeburch's Choir  
Voyagers  
Messy Church  
The Guild  
Cameo  
RNLI  
The Concourse Singers  
Carolyn, Neil and Emily Gaskill  
Mockbeggar Morris Dancers  
Hoylake Choral Society



Wirral Hospice St John's

## CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

WE WELCOME  
DONATIONS  
IN RETURN FOR  
COLLECTING  
& RECYCLING  
CHRISTMAS TREES!



Postcodes we cover:

CH41	CH42	CH43
CH44	CH45	CH46
CH47	CH48	CH49
CH60	CH61	CH62
CH63		CH64

To register your  
real Christmas tree,  
please scan the  
QR code or visit:



[wirralhospice.org/treecollection](http://wirralhospice.org/treecollection)



Wirral Hospice  
St John's

[wirralhospice.org](http://wirralhospice.org)  
Reg. Charity No. 510643

## **PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER (PSO) PETER HAM**

### ***Peter Ham writes:***

In the event of a safeguarding concern, you can contact him by phone: 07444884879 or by email: [safeguarding@sthildeburgh.org](mailto:safeguarding@sthildeburgh.org). If you hold a Safeguarding information card or leaflet, please alter the phone number of the PSO accordingly. Other contact phone numbers including those of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and the Local Authority Safeguarding numbers for children and adults, remain the same.

As well as Peter Ham (PSO) and the Vicar, the Safeguarding Team now includes Dr Sue Wells (07742996985) and Christine Walker (07545760260). They can also be contacted over safeguarding matters and as with all reports of safeguarding concerns and allegations, will deal with them on a strictly "Need to Know" basis.

Please remember that safeguarding requires all of us to be vigilant.

## **SAFEGUARDING - A POCKET GUIDE**

Please find at the back of Church, fresh copies of the Church of England's leaflet, "Safeguarding - a pocket guide." They give a brief but very helpful guide to help if you have any safeguarding concerns as well as dos and don'ts.

On the back of the leaflets are the revised safeguarding contact numbers within the church, the Diocese and the Council. Please limit yourself to one leaflet per household and keep it somewhere prominent. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Peter Ham (Parish Safeguarding Officer).

## **Contact St Hildeburgh's**

### **Vicar**

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