

## **Readings for Sunday 8 December 2024**

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| 8am Holy Communion  | Phil. 1. 3-11 Luke 3. 1-6<br>Lectionary pp391-392 |
| 10am Holy Communion | Phil. 1. 3-11 Luke 3. 1-6<br>Lectionary pp391-392 |
| 4pm Christingle     | Special Readings                                  |

## **Readings for Sunday 15 December 2024**

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| 8am Holy Communion          | Phil 4. 4-7 Luke 3. 7-18<br>Lectionary pp393-394 |
| 10am Holy Communion         | Phil 4. 4-7 Luke 3. 7-18<br>Lectionary pp393-394 |
| 4pm Nine Lessons and Carols | Special readings                                 |

### **PARISH REGISTER**

#### **Baptisms**

**8 December 2024 at 10am**

Andrew Hodgson  
Hayden Edward Hodgson

### **FLOWERS**

The flowers at the altar this week have been donated by Pat Coates in memory of Donald Gillespie.

## **Weekly Beacon**



### **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 8 December 2024 The Second Sunday of Advent**

#### **THE COLLECT**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## **DO YOU ENJOY SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS?**



### ***Alice Price writes:***

We're once again inviting people to join our choir for our Nine Lessons and Carols service at 4pm on 15th December.

We'll be singing traditional carols, so there is no music to learn.

If you'd like to join us, we'll be practicing after the morning services on 8th December - come and join us in the choir stalls after the service.

We shall practice a few of the carols each week with the organ, but don't worry if you can't be at every practice. If you have any questions, chat to Alice Price.

Thanks.

## **ADVENT BIBLE REFLECTIONS**



### ***Christine Walker writes:***

All are welcome to our series of Advent Bible Reflections, meeting on Mondays in December.

Our next session will be on 9th December at 2pm, in the Church Centre - an opportunity to read, chat and pray together as we open our hearts to God's presence in the busyness of the Advent season.

# 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

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

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the Church Office on 0151 632 5339

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S



**Sunday 8 December**

**4.00pm – Christingle Service**

**Sunday 15 December**

**4.00pm – Nine Lessons & Carols**

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

**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)**

## **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)

**HOYLAKE'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2024**  
**HOSTED BY ST HILDEBURGH'S CHURCH**  
**STANLEY ROAD, HOYLAKE CH47 1HL**

**PROGRAMME**

**Friday 6th December**

**Doors open at 6pm**

6.30pm. Grand opening – lights switched on by Santa  
ROCK CHOIR  
Refreshments available

**Saturday 7th December**

**Open from 10am to 4pm**

|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 11am    | HOYLAKE HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL CHOIR |
| 11.45am | NEIL, CAROLYN AND EMILY GASKILL   |
| 1pm     | CONCOURSE SINGERS                 |
| 2pm     | HOYLAKE CHORAL SOCIETY            |
| 3pm     | MOCKBEGGAR MORRIS DANCERS         |

**CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
**CHRISTMAS CAFÉ**

Santa will be present from 10am to 12 noon  
and from 1pm to 4pm. Children may write their  
letters and give them to Santa personally

**IN THE CHURCH HALL**

**Christmas Café and Christmas Market**

Friday 6 December – from 6.30pm  
Saturday 7 December – from 10am to 4pm

**RAFFLE      TOMBOLA**

**FREE ENTRY -**

**DONATIONS WELCOME**

*Profits shared between  
West Kirby & Hoylake RNLI  
and St Hildeburgh's Church*



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***Peter Ham writes:***

A big THANK YOU to all who helped out at the Advent Messy Church on Saturday of last week. We have had lots of very positive feedback. A great many people used a wonderful array of God given gifts to provide a delightful time for our visiting families, as we begin to prepare for the Christmas celebrations.

**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**



**THE LAST BACON BUTTIES FOR 2024 WILL BE  
SERVED ON 17 DECEMBER.**

**THE FIRST BACON BUTTIES OF 2025 WILL BE  
SERVED ON 7 JANUARY.**

Wirral Hospice St John's

## CHARITY CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

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



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| CH63   CH64 |      |      |

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## **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**

Rev'd PAUL ROSSITER

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