

The Vicar's Two pence – February 2022



Dear friends,

With bated breath I hope we can now see the beginning of the end of the pandemic. This is the time to look to the future and rebuild the church; many churches have lost much loved parishioners not only to Covid but to illness and old age. It is also true to say that there will be people who have just stopped coming to church and may never return.

What can we do? The first thing is a call to prayer, to pray for guidance and renewed energy in all we do. What does that look like? I think each of us must renew our commitment even double it as we encourage our friends and neighbours to just come and see what is happening at church. Let's give a positive message to our community, so much is opening up, the tea and coffee on Tuesday with bacon butties for one.

If you look at our outside notice board you will see a new poster advertising Tuesday morning. Before the pandemic we had a healthy amount of people attending and we need to get back to that - I need your help to just come along and support not only the church but any new person who attends and may be feeling a little unsure.

I am sure you have heard the saying 'success breeds success' and I know that to be true. If we can fill the hall on Tuesday mornings with local people as well as parishioners then we can minister to them and who knows what blessings will follow. *Matthews Gospel 20 -28 reminds us just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

In the end what will grow the church is this, faithful regular and committed attendance no matter what the service. Psalm 37-5 encourages us by saying "*Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.*"

Once a month we have a Family Service designed to encourage new families to come and experience Church. The way we treat them is the difference between them staying or leaving - we need to be willing to share our faith and joy in the Lord.

Another opportunity for us to welcome our community is at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as we celebrate and give thanks for her seventy years of faithful and dedicated service to the whole commonwealth. At her coronation she made a pledge to serve us and indeed she has. The Queen's life is steeped in her faith the faith that reminds us of the servant nature of Christ, he too came to serve and we share in that calling

The church is the people and it is you who make the difference. We are not the body of Christ when people are missing so please work with me as we seek to rebuild the church in Hoylake.

Let me finish by quoting from 1 Cor 12 "*if one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*"

Your friend,

Rev Paul.

ST HILDEBURGH'S VOYAGERS

Last Sunday our Voyagers thought about the way in which we are all called by God in different ways - the Voyagers pointed out the importance of responding to the call when it comes.



St Valentine's Day Afternoon Tea Fundraiser - 14 February

The Afternoon Tea fundraiser has been cancelled.

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

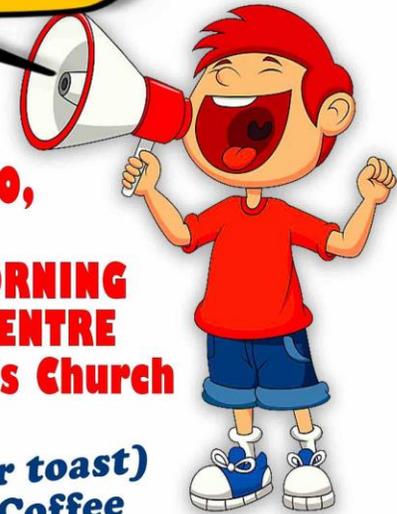
**Every TUESDAY
from
10.30am to 12.00,
we have our
BACON BUTTY MORNING
in our CHURCH CENTRE
at St Hildeburgh's Church
in HoyLake**

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

ALL are Welcome!

NO CHARGE (but donations welcome)

... see you on Tuesday?



LENT LUNCHES 2022

This year the Lent Lunches will be held here at St Hildeburgh's on the following Fridays: **Friday 18 March, Friday 25 March, Friday 1 April, Friday 8 April.**

A short service of reflection will be held in church at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch of homemade soup and a bread roll in the Church Centre. Payment is by donation in aid of charity. All are welcome.

LENT REFLECTIONS AT STHILDEBURGH'S

During Lent, Revd Richard will be hosting a series of reflection evenings in the Lady Chapel.

Meetings will be held at 6.30pm on the following Tuesday evenings:

1 March 2022
8 March 2022
15 March 2022
29 March 2022
5 April 2022

All are welcome.

FUNDRAISING AT ST HILDEBURGH'S CAKES BAKED TO ORDER!

Following the success of her baking to order fundraiser last year, Jane Langley will be recommencing baking from this week. her baking to order. Jane can bake any cake but she has suggested the following: Chocolate, Victoria sponge, lemon drizzle, and coffee and walnut cake.

To order please speak with Jane.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT FOXHILL – FREE TICKETS!

Family Fun Day

Come and enjoy a bouncy castle, a trail in the woods, face painting and carnival games.



***Come and enjoy a bouncy castle, a trail in the woods,
face painting and carnival games at Foxhill.***

Come along on **Saturday 9 April from 10am to 3.30pm** for a brilliant day full of activity and fun. There will be prayer spaces to reflect and ponder, a bouncy castle to expend all the excess energy, a trail in the woods as well as face painting, carnival games and more! Bring a picnic and come along with your family for a brilliant day out.

Saturday 9 April 2022 – 10am to 3.30pm

Foxhill, Tarvin Road, Frodsham WA6 6XB

To book your **free** tickets -

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-fun-day-tickets

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: CLIVIA MINIATA.

90th in a series.

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

Clivia miniata is not the easiest plant to have around. First, it is tender so belongs in the house or conservatory during winter, though cannot be kept in strong sunlight because the leaves become scorched – it's a woodland plant in its native South Africa. Secondly, plants grow readily enough but reach quite a size before flowering and that means a heavy, difficult-to-move pot. Why move the pot? Clivias must have a period of cooler weather in winter to encourage the flower buds to form, then look so lovely that you want to display them in a living room. However, the effort is worth it when several long stems emerge from among the 60cm (2ft), fleshy leaves and the blooms open. Each stem is topped by a large cluster of a dozen or more trumpet-shaped flowers in a shimmering shade of deep orange with underlying hues of bronze and salmon-pink, while the centre and anthers are in gold. They last for weeks, too.

All clivias are perennial evergreens which are more likely to be acquired as root divisions from friends than found in garden centres. The fleshy roots grow quickly to some 30cm (12in) across and, for a prolific flower display, should be ultimately planted in a deep pot at least 37cm (15in) in diameter.

There's a myth that clivias flower only once every seven years but this was probably inspired by the fact that the roots need to be restricted to encourage blooming and can take some years to fill a pot if not well cared for. For quicker success, plant can be rooted in sieved, homemade compost with added grit, or a loam-based compost such as John Innes No 2. When they are watered freely with a balanced liquid fertiliser from spring to autumn then kept fairly dry and cool in winter, flowering can start in February though more often in March. Problems are rare, though mealybugs may be a nuisance.

Some forms of *Clivia miniata* have redder flowers than the type while a variety named Aurea has yellow flowers. Other species include *Clivia caulescens*, with huge 1.8m (6ft) leaves and orange, red or pinkish flowers; *Clivia gardenii* with 75cm (30in) leaves and green-tipped blooms of orange or red; and the more delicate *Clivia nobilis*, with 45cm (18in) leaves and drooping, tubular, red blooms tipped with yellow and green.



Above: The shimmering bloom of Clivia miniata

Clivias are named after Lady Clive, Duchess of Northumberland from 1817-66, granddaughter of Clive of India and the first person to bring the species into flower in cultivation. They are sometimes nicknamed Kaffir lilies.

LOGS FOR SALE

Following the felling of several trees in the church grounds, the trees were cut into logs and are now available for you to purchase by donation.

For details please contact the Church Office on 632 5339 or speak with Revd Paul.

Clare Hammond

*Piano Recital at St Hildeburgh's Church, Hoylake
Monday 28th February 2022, 7:30PM*



Beethoven *Sonata No. 3 in C major, Op. 2 No. 3*

Brahms *Six Piano Pieces, Op.118*

Doreen Carwithen *Sonatina*

William Grant Still *Bells*

Nikolai Medtner *Sonata Romantica, Op. 53 No. 1*

Free to attend. Donations welcome.

Booking required: <https://chamberconcert.co.uk/clare-hammond-28-february-2022/>

Hoylake Chamber Concert Society

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