

PRAYER VIGIL AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Revd Paul will be holding a Prayer Vigil in church every Tuesday evening from 6pm to 6.30pm.
All are welcome.



'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'

John 14. 27

LENT REFLECTIONS AT ST HILDEBURGH'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: 15 March, 29 March, 5 April and 12 April.

All are welcome.

LENT LUNCHESES 2022

This year the Lent Lunches will be held 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.

UKRAINE APPEAL

Revd Paul asks for donations of the following items:

Warm socks

Underwear

Blankets

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW

Please leave your donations in the Church Porch

Thank you

Our Mindful Art Group

Do you know that St Hildeburgh's runs a Mindful Art Group? On Tuesday afternoons, Alice Price can be found at the Quirky Café helping people to relax through simple art techniques. The group is open and free to all, with all the art equipment provided. For about an hour, people engage in an arty activity of their choice.



We have lots of inspiration and different techniques you can try, from adult colouring sheets to doodling patterns or flowers. Everyone is welcome to come and have a play with pencils, pens or paint and find some stillness in their busy lives. We're trying to spread the word about the group, so is there someone you know who may like to join us? Why not come along yourself to see what happens and invite a friend along. At the moment, Quirky Café is only open to the group on Tuesday afternoons, so there is space for more people to join us. We're there most Tuesdays at 2pm. If you're on Facebook, follow us @artforthesoulhoylake for up-to-date information. Quirky Café is 124E Market Street, just off Market Street by Holy Trinity Primary School.

ST HILDEBURGH'S CHOIR

Do you love to sing? If you do, then please feel free to contact our Director of Music (Rob) with any questions you may have, or just to show your interest in joining our choir!

No long term commitment, just singing!
rs.directorofmusic@gmail.com

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

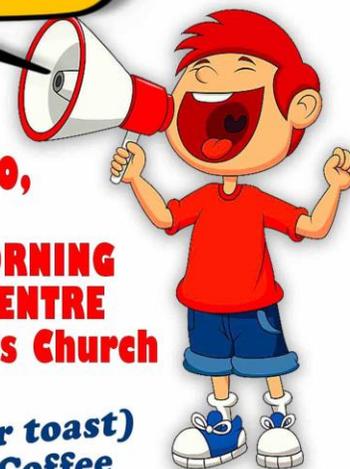
**Every TUESDAY
from
10.30am to 12.00,
we have our
BACON BUTTY MORNING
in our CHURCH CENTRE
at St Hildeburgh's Church
in Hoylake**

**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?



FLOWER OF THE WEEK: VIOLET

94th in a series

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

Violets are among Britain's most charming wild flowers with ten species to be found around the country. They extend from rare, localised kinds like the Teesdale violet, growing only in Upper Teesdale and Cumbria, and the Fen violet, confined to isolated East Anglian sites, to the widespread and familiar sweet and dog violets.

The sweet or English violet, blooming in early spring, is usually purple but occasionally white with a purple spur and, as its name suggests, is fragrant. The dog violet looks similar but is normally only purple, flowers in early summer, and has no scent.

If a wild form of violet invades a garden lawn, it can be anything but sweet – it's difficult to eradicate – but it is generally welcome in informal or cottage-style gardens. Both purple and white forms arrived in my garden as 'passengers' in the roots of herbaceous plants acquired from relatives. Once extricated and transplanted, they made an attractive addition to the border edge, though I have to pull up unwanted seedlings to prevent them spreading too far.

Most violets are hardy, evergreen perennials, often with heart-shaped leaves, that spread by rhizomes – rooting stems growing on the soil surface – and reach 7cm-10cm (3in-4in) tall. Some also seed freely. Violets are the parents of pansies, hybrid violas and violettas.

In addition to the purple and white types of sweet violet, *Viola odorata*, there are more unusual types suitable for borders, pots or rockeries which include: *Viola koreana Sylvetta* (pictured), a variety with grey-green marbled leaves and mauve-pink flowers in spring; *Viola odorata sulphurea*, a form with scented, primrose-yellow flowers; *Viola cornuta*, the horned violet from Spain, with a succession of pale blue flowers from spring into summer;



Above left: Viola koreana Sylvetta. Above right: Viola sororia Freckles

Viola riviniana Purpurea, a form of the dog violet with purple foliage setting off the flowers beautifully, which is invasive but very effective in a wild garden; *Viola biflora*, a creeping species from North America with yellow flowers in early summer; *Viola mandshurica* Fuji Dawn, which has blue-ish flowers and cream-and-green variegated foliage; *Viola sororia alba*, with pure white flowers in spring and summer, *Viola sororia* Freckles (pictured), which has white flowers covered in violet speckles; and *Viola* Memories, a novel collection of violets in many shades.

A wide selection of violet plants and seeds is available from Devon Violet Nursery at www.sweetviolets.co.uk

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.

Villiers Quartet

St Hildeburgh's Church, Hoylake
28th March 2022, 7:30PM



Mendelssohn: Quartet in A minor, Op. 13
Eleanor Alberga: String Quartet No.2
Robert Fokkens: *Spinning, Weaving*
Dvořák: Quartet in A flat Major, Op. 105

Free to attend. Donations welcome.
Booking required:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/274156679007>

Hoylake Chamber Concert Society

<https://chamberconcert.co.uk/>

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