

Readings for this Sunday 14 August

8am Holy Communion Heb. 11. 29 – 12.2 Luke 12. 49-56
Lectionary pp 508-509

10am All Age Communion Heb. 11. 29 – 12.2 Luke 12. 49-56
and Blessing Lectionary pp 508-509

No evening service

Readings for next Sunday 21 August

8am Holy Communion Heb. 12. 18-end Luke 13. 10-17
Lectionary pp 511-512

10am Holy Communion Heb. 12. 18-end Luke 13. 10-17
Lectionary pp 511-512

No evening service

Parish Register

Funerals

19 August - Reginald Davies
St Hildeburgh's at 1pm Landican Crematorium at 2pm

26 August - Michael Kenneth Howcroft
St Hildeburgh's at 11.30am Landican Crematorium at 12.30pm

Wedding

27 August at 12noon – Luke Fintan Hopper and Eleanor Mary Rose Wells

Baptism

28 August at 10am – Lennox-James Leo King

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 14 August 2022

THE COLLECT

Almighty God
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church;
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Please note that evening services are not being held at St Hildeburgh's for the rest of the summer. All evening services will recommence on 4 September.

WIRRAL FOODBANK



Just some of your generous donations pictured last Monday morning before Revd Paul took them to the Wirral Foodbank. A big 'Thank You'.

WE NEED JAM JARS!



One of the stalls at our Christmas Tree Festival this year will be selling homemade preserves – an exciting variety of jams, marmalades and chutney - but we are short of jars! Could you help please?

Used jam jars should be washed and dried and, if possible, still have their lids.

Please leave your jam jars at the back of church in the plastic box marked 'Jam Jars'.

For more information please contact Jill in the Church Office
0151 632 5339.

Thank you.

Revd Paul has been asked to circulate the following:

To Members of the House of Laity Chester Diocesan Synod,

Dear Friends and Colleagues

Bishop Mark and I have had a conversation about the next Lay Conference. We think this is an important part of the life of the Diocese and have begun to consider how the next one may best be organised. We hope to have arrangements in place for two years' time.

We think that the conference, or gathering, is important for many reasons. It is a means of building up the Body of Christ, and building confidence amongst the lay disciples. In gathering folk together, our parochial boundaries and barriers are lowered or even removed, and together we are able to raise our gaze to catch a wider vision, both of what God is already doing in our Diocese, and also, what we may do together, to join in that kingdom building work. We very much want to share these gifts as widely as possible.

I am therefore writing to you as Chair of the House of Laity on my own and Bishop Mark's behalf to seek the wider wisdom of the House of Laity on what the priorities for the next Chester Diocesan Lay Conference should be.

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To do this I should be grateful if you would please share the following survey with lay members of your Deaneries, PCCs and congregations and send in your responses as soon as possible, before the 9th September.

Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VMRXK23>

Yours sincerely in Christ

Julie Withers

Chair of the House of Laity

FLOWERS IN CHURCH



The flowers at the Altar (pictured) were provided and arranged by Sue (of Sue's Florists) in memory of her parents Roy and Beryl Alsop.

The flowers by the pulpit have been donated by Pam Smith in memory of her husband Terence.

BRIAN SMITH

Revd Paul has been informed that Brian Smith who was Treasurer at St Hildeburgh's, has died. Brian was Treasurer for several years and carried on for some time even after the family moved away from Hoylake to Heswall. He and his wife Mary have one son, Alastair and our prayers are with them at this time.

Brian's funeral is on Tuesday 23rd August at 11am at St Peter's church, Lower Heswall.

CAKE SALES

Not only can you buy delicious homemade cakes to enjoy with your cuppa after our 10am Sunday services, but did you know that you can also order cakes direct from Jane?



Cakes can be anything from 4 inch to 8 inch whole cakes – cupcakes can be ordered as well. These cakes can be purchased with a donation towards church funds.

The varieties available include: Victoria sponge, Lemon, Chocolate, Coffee and Walnut, Millionaire's shortbread, Lemon Drizzle.

For all cake orders please contact Jane on 07743090210.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: ABELIA
115th in a series

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

Abelia is the first entry in most books about shrubs but is not so high on gardeners' plant priority lists. For one thing, most species have not been reliably hardy in Britain and, for another, people tend to choose shrubs that flower in spring and early summer – perhaps because they are the kinds most commonly seen for sale or in magazines. In short, abelias are just not very well known.

However, global warming has made much of Britain suitable for abelias and there is no doubt that they bring a touch of class to shrubberies and mixed borders. Depending on species, they can also add fragrance – delightful on a warm evening. The shrubs have graceful, arching branches bearing glossy, pointed leaves and clusters of little, trumpet-like flowers, making up in quantity for what they lack in size. All abelias need a sheltered, sunny position – a spot against a south-facing wall is ideal – where they will remain semi-evergreen through milder winters. They are slow-growing, generally to around 1.7m (5ft-6ft), with a somewhat wider spread.

Abelia grandiflora (pictured), has shiny leaves and masses of sweetly-scented, pink-flushed white flowers from July until September, looking lovely combined with late-season blue-flowered shrubs such as caryopteris and ceratostigma (more about those in future). *Abelia grandiflora* Francis Mason is a form with yellow variegated foliage and copper-coloured shoots.

Abelia Edward Goucher has bronze young leaves turning dark green and lilac-pink flowers. The strongest fragrance can be found in *Abelia chinensis*, a wide-spreading shrub, though still compact, with clusters of white flowers tinged pink. *Abelia triflora* is probably the hardiest, though it may be too large for some gardens – up to 4.5m (15ft) – and is not so elegant in shape as the others. It starts to produce its pinkish-white flowers earlier in summer.



Above: Abelia grandiflora – note the numerous flower buds.

Abelias need little care – they are pest and disease free and require only annual pruning, when dead or damaged growth is cut out in spring. On mature bushes, some of the older growth can be reduced to ground level after flowering to encourage vigorous new shoots. New specimens can be grown from cuttings in early or late summer.

Abelia is named after Dr Clarke Abel, a British surgeon and naturalist, who led a plant-hunting expedition more than 200 years ago to China, where several abelia species originated, but lost much of his collection in a shipwreck and an attack by pirates on the way home.

**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?



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