

Readings for this Sunday 14 November 2021

8am Holy Communion and
10.50am Service of Remembrance Heb. 10. 11-14 (15-18) 19-25
Mark 13. 1-8
Lectionary pp 385-386

6pm Open Worship readings to be chosen

Readings for next Sunday 21 November 2021

8am Holy Communion Rev. 1. 46-48
John 18. 33-37
Lectionary pp 387-388

And 10am Holy Communion

6pm Evensong Daniel ch. 5
John 6. 1-15
Psalm 72

Monthly Video Reflection

We have launched a new video resource at St Hildeburgh's. Each month, we will be releasing a short video reflection online. The video is available on both our website and Facebook page. The links are:

Website: <https://www.sthildeburgh.net/reflection.html>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh>

Parish Register

Funeral

29 November – Anthony George Coburn
St Hildeburgh's at 11am Landican Crematorium at 12 noon

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Remembrance Sunday 14 November 2021

The Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in
authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



A Wonderful Afternoon

It was wonderful to welcome a good group of people to our afternoon tea at St Hildeburgh's on Thursday of last week.



There were cakes aplenty, live music and good fellowship.

Many thanks to all who made the event possible!

CAKE SALES

As many of you are aware, St Hildeburgh's needs to recommence fundraising. With that in mind it has been decided to have regular cake sales. These will not take place as they have previously. Due to restrictions, we will be asking for your cake orders to be selected from a list – these 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 are: Victoria sponge, Lemon, Chocolate, Coffee and Walnut, Millionaire's shortbread. A small number of cupcakes will be available after the Sunday service for purchase to enjoy with your cuppa.

For all cake orders please contact Jane on 07743090210.

CHRISTMAS MEAL

We will be holding a three course Christmas Meal in the Church Centre on Friday 10 December at 7pm with entertainment and a raffle. Tickets are £20 per person. Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own drinks.

If you would like to come please add your name to the list at the back of church or contact the Church office on 632 5339

sthildeburgh.parity.office@gmail.com

Please also indicate any dietary requirements.

Beacon Bites

Job 12; “But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.

Peter Ham writes:

Well, it's Autumn, moving quickly and deceptively into Winter very soon. And that means spotting some Winter specialists of the feathered variety!

One species to keep an eye or more correctly an ear, out for, is the noisy and boisterous Mistle Thrush. It's the largest of our Winter thrushes, which also include the slightly smaller Fieldfare, much smaller Redwing, Song Thrush and ubiquitous but beautiful Blackbird.

Mistle Thrushes get their name from being partial to Mistletoe berries, but like the one pictured here in our neighbour's garden, they also love red Yew (and Holly) berries. They guard Yew trees bearing fruit, with loud rasping calls and see off other hungry birds.

Often heard singing through stormy weather, they are also known as Stormcocks but have a range of local names around the country. We have our fair share on Wirral and at the moment they are particularly loud and visible.



Job (see previous page) is quick to point out, in his troubles, that nature is wise enough to recognise God's authority in situations where people are often blind to it. Let's be those that have our eyes open to the Lord's purposes and creation. After all, the birds have!

Wirral String Orchestra

Wirral String Orchestra have two concerts coming up this term on:

Wednesday 17th November
Wednesday 15th December

They both start at 7.30pm at St Hildeburgh's and will last about an hour.

Repertoire will include Mozart, Bach, Handel, Ravel and Elgar and the Christmas concert will include some seasonal pieces.

We will be social distancing and ask you to wear masks as you walk round the building. There will be no refreshments and toilets will only be available for emergencies. We are limiting numbers so it is worth booking early as you will need a booked place to attend.

Tickets are not on sale but you will need to book places to attend either by emailing nejvla@hotmail.com or calling 07981 152 344 and saying you name, telephone number if calling, which concert or concerts you want places at and how many places you require.

You will be able to make donations at the concerts and money raised is going to Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

So far this year we have raised £2600.

We look forward to seeing some of you there.

Neill Jackson

LAST SUNDAY AT ST HILDEBURGH'S



*Our Voyagers
discuss their work
with Revd Paul*



Floral displays on the altar and by the pulpit.

Come along to ...

St Hildeburgh's



Tots

A play group for pre-school children, their mums, dads, grandparents & carers

Every Wednesday during school terms

10.00am to 11.30am

**St Hildeburgh's Church Centre
Stanley Road
Hoylake**

www.sthildeburgh.net

50/50 CLUB

Liz Ardus writes:

Many thanks to those who have supported the 50/50 club so far. We are now nearing 100 members so with one last push we should make 100 in time for the first draw which will mean a £50 win for one lucky person and £50 for church funds.

I will be in church on 21st and 28th of November if anyone wants to join or ring me on 632 3544. The cost is £12 for the year, preferably paid in cash but cheques made out to Hoylake PCC or I can arrange bank transfer.

The first draw will be after the November 28th family service.

Many thanks and Good Luck

Liz Ardus

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: SILK-TASSEL BUSH

78th in a series

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

For good manners, it's hard to beat the silk-tassel bush, *Garrya elliptica*. This glossy evergreen shrub adds to the garden's structure through summer and autumn, yet so discreetly that you'd hardly notice it. Then, as Christmas shopping starts and most other plants hibernate, the garrya sprouts numerous clusters of silver-green, dangling catkins, silky at first and later fluffy. These catkins are, in fact, a collection of petal-less flowers. As the weeks pass they grow longer, often becoming yellowish-green, until they reach several inches in length. Frost and snow merely enhance the catkins as they sway in the breeze looking delightful well into the new year.

Continuing its reputation for courtesy, the silk-tassel bush can be trained against a wall, preferably on the sheltered side, but otherwise needs no pruning. What's more, it tolerates salt air and urban pollution, though not severely cold winds in exposed positions. It grows quickly, even in soil that is not particularly fertile as long as it is well-drained. Indeed, rich soil will delay flowering. The shrub can grow to around 4m (12ft or so) tall and wide in ideal conditions but is more likely to settle at around 3m (10ft).

Garrya elliptica comes from the western US. It was named for Nicholas Garry who helped renowned plant-hunter David Douglas – of Douglas fir fame – on his American expeditions, while *elliptica* describes the shape of the leaves.



Above: The silk-tassel bush becomes more decorative in snow.

The most attractive and longest catkins are produced by male forms of the shrub. The variety James Roof (pictured) has 15cm (6in) catkins and Evie – a male form despite its name – has catkins up to 30cm (12in). However, all good things come to an end. In early spring the catkins become brown, tattered and are best clipped off, and the leaves may show a few signs of windburn, a small price to pay for that winter display.

Purchased plants sometimes turn out to have less impressive catkins than expected, so it is best to ensure the specimen has been seen in flower before purchase. Garryas are best planted in spring but a plant can be bought months earlier and kept in its container in a sheltered place until planting time.

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

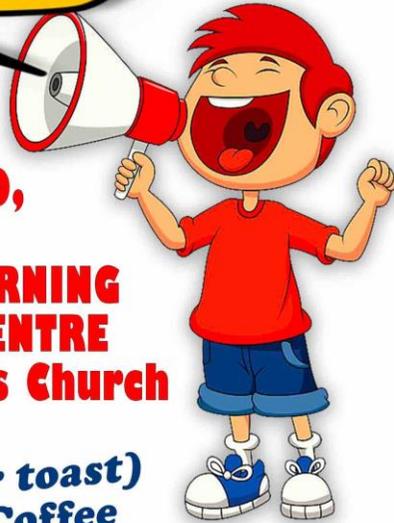
**Every TUESDAY
from
10.30am to 12.00,
we have our
BACON BUTTY MORNING
in our CHURCH CENTRE
at St Hildeburgh's Church
in HoyLake**

**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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