**Readings for this Sunday 15 August 2021**
**The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Eph. 5. 15-20  John 6. 51-58

**Readings for next Sunday 22 August 2021**

Eph. 6. 10-20  John 6. 56-69

**Parish Register**

**Baptisms**

15 August at 10am –  Eve Rose Croft and Freddie George French

15 August at 12 noon -  Kaila Wilde

**Funeral**

20 August – Beryl Alsop

St Hildeburgh’s at 2pm. Landican Crematorium at 3pm

**Weekly Beacon**

**News from St Hildeburgh's**
**The Parish Church of Hoylake**
**Sunday 15 August 2021**
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**The Collect**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Some services are available to view on our website [www.sthildeburgh.net](http://www.sthildeburgh.net) Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh](https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh) or on a smart TV.

**Services at St Hildeburgh’s**

**Sundays**
- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Holy Communion

**Wednesdays**
- 10am Holy Communion

*The church is open for individual private prayer Mondays to Thursdays 10am to 12 noon and Sundays after the 10am service until 12 noon.*

Please wear a face mask in church. Thank you.

**‘HOPE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES’ BOOKLET**

A well-produced, accessible booklet, ‘Hope in Uncertain Times’ has been written as a resource for churches.

Free copies are available at the back of church. If there are no copies left, please contact Jill in the Church Office (0151 632 5339 or email on [www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com](mailto:www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com))

**BACON BUTTIES ARE BACK!**

The St Hildeburgh’s frying pan will be coming out of temporary retirement on **Tuesday 17 August** when our Bacon Butties will be served again from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Come and join Rev’d Paul and the team for Bacon Butties and a cup of tea or coffee in the Church Centre. Social distancing will be in place.

There’s no charge but donations are always welcome.
Liz Ardus writes –

We are looking for a few kind souls who could perhaps support us with a bit of baking for our cake stall, any gifts for our tombola and bottles of wine for our wine tombola.

Liz will have raffle tickets for sale on Sunday 22nd August after the 10am service in aid of the Hoylake RNLI Fundraiser in Ferndale Road on August 29th.
FLOWER OF THE WEEK: HOSTA

65th in a series

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge

Hostas are hardy, long-lived herbaceous perennials that grow happily in the sun in normal loam and just as cheerfully in dappled shade near trees as long as the soil is reasonably moist. Large clumps can be seen enjoying life on the edge of garden ponds and they are among the few plants that thrive at the foot of north-facing walls. In short, they will grow almost anywhere.

However, they have two enemies, drought and slugs (assisted by snails), without which they would be much more popular. Grow plants in containers and it is easier to protect them from that deadly duo of pests but not so simple to ensure their roots stay moist. Grow them in damp soil and, although they will thrive, they will be too accessible to slugs and snails, which like damp, dark places. To combat drought, hostas should be planted in soil that retains a reasonable amount of moisture, otherwise they need water almost daily in dry weather. To beat slugs, pellets can be sprinkled around plants as soon as the young shoots start pushing through in spring or organic methods can be used: spreading sharp gravel thickly around the plants or introducing the biological control of nematodes (tiny worms which attack slugs).

The choice of hosta varieties is huge with 70 species found across Asia and numerous hybrids, mostly bred in the US. Hostas are grown initially for their striking foliage (pictured), which makes them a favourite in the garden and also with flower arrangers because they are good for the base of an arrangement and can disguise an undistinguished container. The leaves range in colour from almost blue to gold, with many variegated types, and in shape from long and pointed to heart-shaped. Some kinds sprout elegant spikes of flowers, generally white or bluish. One such is Hosta sieboldiana Elegans (pictured), elegant indeed, with large, glossy, blue-grey leaves that are deeply and prominently veined. In July and August, long spikes of nodding trumpets, pale blue to lilac, surge up from the foliage.

Hosta undulata Medio-variegata has light green leaves, brightly variegated with yellow in the centre. Its foot-long spikes sport mauve flowers. Hosta fortunei Alboaxtia is unusual in having wavy-edged leaves with light green margins around a broad, buff-yellow base. Its close relative Hosta fortunei Aureomarginata is deeply veined in the leaf, which is mostly dark green with a narrow edge of pure gold. Both of these have whitish flowers, tinged with lilac or mauve.

Hostas were once called funkias but were renamed in honour of Nicholaus Host, personal physician to the Emperor of Austria more than 200 years ago and a keen plantsman who took a special interest in the species.

Above: Striking foliage – a range of colourful hosta leaves.
Right: Summer elegance – Hosta sieboldiana Elegans.

CHILDRENS SOCIETY BOXES

If you have a Childrens Society collection box at home please return it to Jane Langley as soon as possible. Thank you.
Congratulations Mr & Mrs Shannon!
On Saturday 14th August Rob and Charlotte will be celebrating the second anniversary of their marriage at St.Mary’s Church, Astbury; we send them and their son Chester our love and very best wishes.
These are just a few happy memories of that special time.

June 2019 – Rev. Paul blessed their wedding rings in a very special Sunday service in St.Hildeburgh’s that was attended by both of their families.

We did it! The happy couple left the church to Stevie Wonder’s ‘Signed, Sealed, Delivered’ played by David Shannon and Colin Daniel

Cutting the amazing cake! Yes – those are really Lego figures!
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