

Readings for Sunday 15 October 2023

8am Holy Communion Philippians 4. 1-9 Mt. 22. 1-14
Lectionary pp 208-209

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6pm Evensong 1 John 3. 1-15 Mark 10. 17-31
Psalm 139 (1-18)

Readings for Sunday 22 October 2023

8am Holy Communion 1 Thes. 1. 1-10 Mt. 22. 15-22
Lectionary pp 212-213

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Lectionary pp 212-213

6pm Evensong 1 John 3. 16. 4.6 Mark 10. 35-45
Psalm 142

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

15 October 2023 at 10am – Matilda May Evans and Ruby Elizabeth Verdin

Weekly Beacon



**News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 15 October 2023
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

THE COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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 forever.

Vicar's Two pence Worth October 2023



What an absolute joy it was to be able to hold the lifeboat service recently. There has been a three year's absence due to Covid and then the Queen's passing. It was good to have Bishop Mark preach at the service and the feedback from what he said has been brilliant.

The following BBQ in the garden was a time of fellowship and fun for the church family and the families of the lifeboat crew. This was an opportunity to give thanks for the lifesaving work they do and for the community to which we all belong.

I honestly believe that community is so important to us all, and the more we reach out as a church to our local community the better.

There has been much speculation about the church in our country and diminishing numbers and we have to take this seriously. The big question is 'How do we become a church that welcomes its community in, but also goes out and works in that community, making itself known as relevant and much needed?'

I am reminded of the verse from 1Cor 1:10 *"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought."* 1 Corinthians 1:10

I have a few ideas and I hope you will get behind me in playing a much bigger part in our community. The question is 'How?' My wish is that we continue to do the things that work well such as our ministry of the Bacon Butties and welcoming the nursing homes to church whenever we can.

I am convinced given more volunteers we can do even more. There are several things I have in mind - not least a focus on our children's work, supporting Peter with Messy Church and the very successful toddler group. It would be great to offer more to them and I am praying hard about that.

We have to dream dreams and pray hard for renewal and perhaps work a little more on the following up of baptism families for example. The book of Isaiah 40:31 does - encouraging us with these words.

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

However, having said goodbye to Reverend Richard the team is smaller than it once was and as Rev John has also gone on to full time ministry in the Air force it has become a little more difficult.

The answer I believe is in our lay people and volunteers growing them to assist in visiting and being the church in this generation. Our churches should reflect the community in which we live, **does it?** That's a big question?

Our aim is to be seen as the church of the people no matter what age they are no matter what their ethnicity or social status. This should be our continuing work.

I would like to finish with these words from 2 Timothy 6 *"And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful people, who will be able to teach others also."*

Your Friend Rev Paul.

Photo courtesy of Nigel Hall

SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S



MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer each Tuesday and Thursday
at 9.15am in the Lady Chapel.

PRAYER VIGIL AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Our Prayer Vigils continue on **Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 6.30pm**.
Reflective music and prayer in an atmosphere of calm – an opportunity to
take some time out of the busyness of the day.

OPEN WORSHIP - EVERY SECOND SUNDAY AT 6PM IN THE CHURCH HALL

Music, singing, readings, discussions as well as tea and coffee all happen
in our Church Hall **every second Sunday at 6pm**. If you haven't been to
Open Worship why not give it a try - bring along a friend or neighbour.
There is a different topic to discuss each month

The music is provided by Rob and the evenings are led by our Ministry
Team.

Come and join us – everyone is welcome.

CARE HOME SERVICE IN CHURCH

On Monday 16 October at 2.15pm Revd Paul will conduct a
short Service of Thanksgiving for care home residents, their
families and friends. The service will be followed by
refreshments in the Church Hall.

All are welcome.

ALL SOULS SERVICE AT ST HILDEBURGH'S



The All Souls Service will take place on Sunday 5 November at
4pm. The service will be followed by tea and coffee in the
Church Centre.

If you would like the name of a departed loved one read out
during the service, please add their name to the list at the back
of church or contact Jill in the Church Office on 0151 632 5339
sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

50 / 50 CLUB



Liz Ardus writes:

Dear all,

Thank you so much for your support over the last couple of years with the 50/50 draw, over this time it has raised £1000 for church funds. I have decided though that it has run its course and the last draw will be at the end of October.

However, to round off 2023 I thought it may be nice to have a pre-Christmas draw. Keep the numbers you have or pay for more if you want @ £2 per number with all the money going into the prize pot.

I will have my book with me on Sunday, and each week after so come and see me, with your wallets and purses to be in with a chance. Preferably cash for this please as it will make it easier for me to manage.

Good Luck everyone and thanks again for past support.

Regards. Liz Ardus

WIRRAL ORCHESTRA

Saturday 11th November 7.30pm

**St Hildeburgh's church
Wirral Orchestra concert.
Remembrance concert**

Neill Jackson writes:

We will be marking Remembrance Day with music from the young English composer George Butterworth who died during WWI with his Banks of Green Willow, music from Walton's Henry V and the Last Post.

The second half shall be a last night of the Proms affair with Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance Marches, film music from the Great Escape and Parry's Jerusalem.

Tickets will go on sale in the shops on Oct 16th but can be ordered by emailing nejvla@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL ST HILDEBURGH'S STALLS



Jane Langley writes:

Could people please consider donating to both St Hildeburgh's Stalls. One stall will be homemade food products, cakes, biscuits, marmalade, chutney etc. The other will be gifts.

Please speak to either Kate Rice or Carron Jones before making/buying anything so that they can advise you beforehand.

Thank you.

Jane

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER (PSO) - PETER HAM

Peter Ham writes: In the event of a safeguarding concern, you can contact him by phone: 07444884879 or by email: safeguarding@sthildeburgh.org

If you hold a Safeguarding information card or leaflet, please alter the phone number of the PSO accordingly. Other contact phone numbers including those of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and the Local Authority Safeguarding numbers for children and adults, remain the same. Please remember that safeguarding requires all of us to be vigilant.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL TOMBOLA PRIZES

We also need prizes for our Tombola stall. If you have small new items which would be suitable for Tombola prizes, please give them to Liz Arduis or Sue Chapman.

Please do not leave items in church or the church hall. Thank you.



SAFEGUARDING - A POCKET GUIDE

Please find at the back of Church, fresh copies of the Church of England's leaflet, "Safeguarding - a pocket guide." They give a brief but very helpful guide to help if you have any safeguarding concerns as well as dos and don'ts. On the back of the leaflets are the revised safeguarding contact numbers within the church, the diocese and the Council.

Please limit yourself to one leaflet per household and keep it somewhere prominent. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Peter Ham (Parish Safeguarding Officer).

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: BRUGMANSIA.

161st in a series.

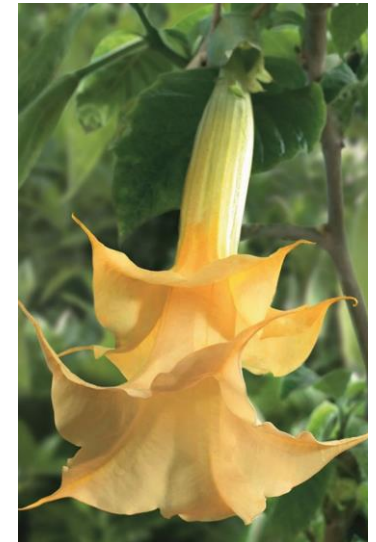
Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

Once seen, never forgotten – the exotic, perfumed blooms of brugmansia have an indisputable “Wow!” factor. Brugmansia are evergreen shrubs from riverside situations in tropical and sub-tropical zones of Central and South America. They grow from 2m-10m (6ft-30ft) tall depending on species – there are only five species – and in summer produce pendulous trumpet-shaped blooms with turned-up petals 15cm-30cm (6in-12in) which continue long into autumn. Popularly known as “angels’ trumpets”, brugmansias are also cultivated in cooler climates such as ours but flourish only in greenhouses and conservatories where the temperature can be kept above 7C (45F) all year.

Brugmansia aurea (pictured) is one of the tallest types and carries golden flowers, scented at night. Among several varieties bred or selected are *Brugmansia* Ecuador Pink (pictured). All kinds are stunningly beautiful and nearly all emit a fabulous fragrance at night but, if I have a favourite, it is the pure white, 12-inch blooms of *Brugmansia suaveolens* and *Brugmansia x candida* (pictured).

Varieties with double flowers have been bred, such as Erygium Double Blue and Double Pink.

Brugmansia is named after Sebald Justin Brugmans , a Dutch natural history professor in the 16th-17th centuries. Brugmansia were formerly known as datura which came from Hindi "thorn-apple."



Above right: *Brugmansia aurea*.

Above left: *Brugmansia* Ecuador Pink.

Left: *Brugmansia x candida*.

Maxim Calver, cello
&
Kumi Matsuo, piano
St Hildeburgh's Church
23 October 2023, 7:30PM



Beethoven, 12 Variations on the theme of 'Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen' from The Magic Flute, Op 66
Beethoven, Cello Sonata No 3 in A major, Op 69
Schumann, Fantasiestücke, Op 73
Mendelssohn, Cello Sonata No 2 in D major, Op 58

Tickets: £18, students £5, free for under 15

Hoylake Chamber Concert Society
<https://chamberconcert.co.uk/>

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