

## **Readings for this Sunday 18 September**

8am Holy Communion      1 Tim. 2. 1-7      Luke 16. 1-13  
Lectionary p 523

10am Holy Communion      1 Tim. 2. 1-7      Luke 16. 1-13  
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**No evening service at St Hildeburgh's but an ecumenical service of thanksgiving for the life of HM Queen Elizabeth will be held at 6pm at St John's Church, Meols.**

## **Readings for next Sunday 25 September**

8am Holy Communion      1 Tim. 6. 6-19      Luke 16. 19-end  
Lectionary pp 526-527

10am Family Praise      1 Tim. 6. 6-19      Luke 16. 19-end  
Lectionary pp 526-527

6pm BCP Communion      1 Tim. 6. 6-19      Luke 16. 19-end  
Lectionary pp 526-527

### **Parish Register**

#### **Funerals**

21 September - Michael John Page  
St Hildeburgh's at 12.30pm. Landican Crematorium at 1.30pm

23 September – Kathleen Mary Pearson  
St Hildeburgh's at 1.30pm followed by burial at Grange Cemetery

30 September – Margaret Rose Swift  
Landican North chapel at 1pm then burial at Landican.

#### **Baptisms**

24 September at 11am – Chelsea Emma Smith and Demi Hannah Smith  
25 September at 11.45am – Archie Albiston Daniel

## **Weekly Beacon**



### **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 18 September 2022**

#### **THE COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence;  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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.

## **A PRAYER ON THE DEATH OF HM THE QUEEN**



Gracious God,  
we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth  
for her faith and her dedication to duty  
bless our nation as we mourn her death  
and may her example continue to inspire us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S**

### **Sunday 18 September**

8am Holy Communion (said)  
10am Holy Communion (sung)

**There is no evening service at St Hildeburgh's on 18 September. We are joining St John's Meols in an ecumenical service of thanksgiving for the life of HM Queen Elizabeth. This service will be held on 18 September at St John's Church, Birkenhead Road, Meols at 6pm.**

### **Sunday 25 September at St Hildeburgh's**

8am Holy Communion (said)  
10am Family Praise  
6pm BCP Communion

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**Our Wednesday service of Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel at 10am and the Tuesday evening prayer vigil in church at 6pm will take place at St Hildeburgh's each week as usual.**

## Vicar's Two Pence Sept 2022



This month's Vicar's Two Pence follows the summer break, and sadly we are reflecting on the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and all that means to us.

Following the sad news, many events were cancelled as we entered a period of Mourning. This included our annual Lifeboat service with the Bishop Chester and Lord Mayor.

Instead, it was appropriate to have a service to honour of the Queen, which was part of the Church of England's special liturgy. The service was attended by over 96 people and here follows the short Homily.

'Thursday brought the news that Queen Elizabeth II had died, and I don't know about you, but I wasn't prepared for the strength of feeling it invoked in me.

That feeling of sadness has remained with me ever since. As I have begun to process the news and come to terms with a loss that is both personal and shared with so many in the U.K and throughout the world, I have realized what an important, wise, and amazing servant she was.

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As Supreme Governor of the Church of England her profound faith and faithfulness has been an inspiration to so many. Her constant reference to faith and her trust in God has been evident throughout her reign.

Her whole life has been about service. In the moments prior to her coronation, she knelt and prayed a public acknowledgment that before anything else she was the servant of the one and only King.

We have listened today to a short reading from John's Gospel; in it Jesus says 'for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me.' Powerful words as Jesus clearly sets out his selfless commitment to follow God's will in all things.

We know that not once in his short life did he ever stray from his path of love and duty even when that meant death on the cross.

Even in the garden of Gethsemane when he prayed for this cup to be taken from him, he concluded 'but not my will but your will be done.'

There is for me a clear comparison to draw here as we look at another life of service, that of our Queen. Elizabeth promised on the death of her father that whether her life would be short or long she would dedicate her life with God's help to the service of the peoples of the Commonwealth.

This she did, her long reign was not always easy, but she kept the faith and gave us all an example to follow even in really difficult times.

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*Vicar's Two Pence Sept 2022 continued*

I am sure there must have been times she wanted the burden of responsibility to be taken from her, but she got through those times because of commitment, dedication, and faith.

Here is an example of a sovereign who kept her eyes firmly fixed on Jesus, put him first and took everything to him in prayer, showed us discipline, regularly attended church, and received the sacraments and took her strength from a strong belief in duty above all else.

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life and those who come to me will never be hungry' and Queen Elizabeth did exactly that rooted in Christ fed by his word and sacrament.

It's hard to imagine life without the one person that has been a constant in our lives for so long, as a church we are now in a period of mourning as we await her funeral.

The psalmist wrote 'I lift my eyes to the hills, from where is my help to come?' as he asks the question, he also answers it 'my help comes from the Lord.' Perhaps if you haven't prayed in a while or you are looking for help, I would suggest this psalm is a good place to start. It will be one of the psalms used in services of thanksgiving next week and also a psalm we use at funerals. It's a psalm of comfort and hope that invites us to seek Gods help and reminds us he is always there.

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*Vicar's Two Pence Sept 2022 continued*

Scripture was important in the life of the Queen and indeed in the life of our future King, and faith has been nurtured in King Charles by a devoted Mother. We are constantly reminded that believing in God, Father Son and Holy Spirit is our passage to heaven

John's gospel reminds us that 'this is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life.'

The Queen without doubt now shares in eternity in that place made ready for her, just as Jesus promised. Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into your rest.

Let us pray

Brother, sister let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you, pray that I may have the grace to let me be your servant too. Amen.'

Your friend Rev Paul.

## **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.

## **MESSY CHURCH**

Due to the period of national mourning, Messy Church – due to take place on 17 September – has been cancelled. Details of the next Messy Church will follow.

## **ST HILDEBURGH'S TOTS**

Please note that St Hildeburgh's Tots will be starting again on Wednesday 21 September at 10am.

## **JAM JARS**

Thanks to everyone who donated jam jars for the Christmas Tree Festival. We now have more than enough and really appreciate your help with this.

**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: IMPATIENS** **120th in a series**

***Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.***

I don't much like busy lizzies. Often the plants cling so close to the ground that they lack form, the shape of the flowers is not particularly interesting and their colours are too lurid, especially the clashes of red and pink. However, I have to admit they are very popular summer flowers, bought by numerous gardeners to add eye-catching colour to their borders and baskets. Busy lizzies are impatiens, members of the balsam family which scatters its seeds explosively or "impatiently." There are 850 species worldwide but the favourite garden kinds are crosses between *Impatiens walleriana* (the red form is pictured), a 60cm (2ft) plant from East Africa, and other species. The flattish flowers are generally 3cm (1in or so wide).

Some of the most reliable F1 hybrids have been classified into series, each combining several colours. Accent series is 20cm (8in) tall and available in a specially wide range of colours including orange, lavender-blue and violet as well as the more familiar shades of red, pink and white. Blitz 2000 series is taller with huge 6cm (2.5in) blooms while Confection series has many double flowers. Expo series has large flowers, many of them bicoloured, and Swirl series has pink and orange flowers with red margins.

Of the individual varieties, Double Carousel Mixed has double flowers in shades of red, orange and white on 23cm-30cm (10in-12in) plants; the variety Unique, slightly smaller, produces bicolours, swirls and picotee-edged petals; Bruno is very weather-resistant and has flowers of crimson, mauve, pink and white; Fanciful Pink (pictured) and others in the Fanciful series have slightly more subdued, pastel shades than most others with fine speckles and veins on some petals; and Mosaic has petal markings like light brush marks.



***Above left: Impatiens walleriana. Above right: Impatiens Fanciful Pink.***

Busy lizzies are tender perennials and can be potted and overwintered under glass, where they will become dormant under 13C (55F), but are generally grown as half-hardy annuals in Britain, sown at 21C (70F) under glass in March. They like rich soil or compost and bright light. The seedlings are subject to damping off, a soil-borne fungal disease, and larger plants, under glass, are subject to pests such as red spider mite and whitefly. Slugs can be a problem outdoors.

*Impatiens niamniamensis*, a tender plant which originated in Asia, roots easily from cuttings, likes a fairly humid atmosphere and makes a striking houseplant. It should be pinched back periodically to keep it bushy. It is sometimes called the parrot plant because the flower is bright yellow and red,

# Mithras Trio

*Piano Trio Recital at St Hildeburgh's Church,  
Hoylake  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 7:30PM*



*Mozart, Piano Trio in G major, K564  
Shostakovich, Piano Trio No 1 in c minor, Op 8  
Tchaikovsky, Piano Trio in a minor, Op 50*

*Tickets: £16, free to students*

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

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