

## **Readings for this Sunday 19 June**

8am Holy Communion	Gal. 3. 23-end Luke 8. 26-39 Lectionary pp 481-482
10am Holy Communion	Gal. 3. 23-end Luke 8. 26-39 Lectionary pp 481-482
6pm Evensong	Gen. 24. 1-27 Mark 5. 21-end Psalm 57

## **Readings for next Sunday 26 June**

8am Holy Communion	Gal. 5.1, 13-25 Luke 9. 51-end Lectionary pp 484-485
10am Family Praise	Gal. 5.1, 13-25 Luke 9. 51-end Lectionary pp 484-485
6pm BCP Communion	Gal. 5.1, 13-25 Luke 9. 51-end Lectionary pp 484-485

### **Parish Register**

There are no entries in the Parish Register this week

## **Weekly Beacon**



### **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 19 June 2022**

#### **THE COLLECT**

O God,  
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
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.

## **FLOWERS FOR UKRAINE**



The flowers on the altar this week have been arranged by Carolyn Gaskell.

## **PRAYER VIGIL**

A prayer vigil is being held every Tuesday from 6pm to 6.30pm in church. Consisting of prayer and contemplative music, these vigils offer a time of reflection.

If you haven't been before, do please come along – everyone is welcome.



## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: ALLIUM** **108th in a series**

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

Onions, shallots, garlic and leeks are unlikely to conjure visions of loveliness. But there are many ornamental onions which, like their culinary cousins, are members of the allium genus. There are 700 species of allium, all originating in the northern hemisphere. The ornamental kinds produce colourful flowers in spherical clusters or nodding, bell-like groups. A few of the best are described below.

*Allium giganteum* makes a spectacular landmark. Well over 1m (3ft 3in) tall, it carries spheres of purplish-pink flowers 15cm (6in) across. It has the added advantages that, despite its height, it needs no staking and the dried seed heads can be used in floral art. Perhaps even more eye-catching is *Allium cristophii*, with heads of a similar colour but even larger, like a small football, though on stems which generally do not exceed 60cm (2ft). *Allium Globemaster* (pictured) also makes a striking group in the border.

*Allium moly* (pictured) is a much smaller onion, growing up to 30cm (1ft) tall, with bright yellow, star-like flowers. It soon spreads into a bright carpet and will tolerate some shade. In fact it is so vigorous that, if planted among less robust flowers, it will swamp them. The pink-flowered *Allium ostrowkianum* is a dwarf, only 15cm-20cm (6in-8in) tall with umbels of tiny star-like blooms up to 10cm (4in) across. It needs a sunny position in a rock garden or border where it will flower before most other onions, in early summer, and seed itself to form a small colony. The form *Zwanenburg* is a good pink.

For a change of colour, plant *Allium beesianum*, which has bright blue tubular flowers in drooping heads, although there are also purplish-blue and white forms. They grow to only 30cm (12in) and are ideal where a less vigorous clump is wanted and the soil is not too dry. The reddish-purple heads of *Allium sphaerocephalon*, a great attraction for bees, are carried on stems about 40cm (16in) in height. Ornamental alliums are planted in the autumn. They will perform reasonably well in most types of soil.



***Above left:***  
***Allium Globemaster.***

***Above:*** *Allium moly.*

***Left:*** *Unidentified allium,*  
***possibly a form of Allium***  
***cristophii.***

The culinary onion has been valued for much longer than the decorative types. It shares with the pea the reputation of being one of the oldest vegetables known to mankind. The Israelites bemoaned the absence of leeks, onions and garlic – which had all been easily available in Egypt – when they started their trek towards the Promised Land. And the Roman naturalist Pliny listed 28 ailments which the onion was said to cure. In more recent times, scientists have asserted that it is good for the heart and is a potent germ-destroyer.

**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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