

Readings for this Sunday 19 September 2021
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

James 3. 13 – 4.3, 7-8a Mark 9. 30-37

Readings for next Sunday 26 September 2021

James 5. 13-end Mark 9. 38-end

Parish Register

Funerals

21 September – Donald Jones
St Hildeburgh's at 1.30pm Landican Crematorium at 2.30pm

27 September – Norma Addyman
Landican Crematorium at 3.30pm

28 September – John Moriarty
Landican Crematorium at 12.30pm

30 September – Sheila Benson
Landican Crematorium at 11.30am

Baptisms

19 September at 10am – Robin Rawson
Thomas Stephen Blanchfield
26 September 2021 at 10am – Evan Tasos Kenneth Croft

Weddings

24 September at 1.30pm – James Blake and Roisin Hastie
5 October at 12.30pm – Vlad Borsan and Annie O'Toole

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 19 September 2021
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The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

Harvest – 26 September at 10am



Next Sunday – 26 September - we will be celebrating Harvest at St Hildeburgh's.

Please bring your donations of non-perishable foodstuffs to church on the day - the Churchwardens who will show you where to leave them.

All donations will be taken to the Wirral Foodbank.

Thank you.



FRIENDSHIP AND NEW BEGINNINGS

An Art Trail in Wirral Churches
25/26 Sept & 2/3 Oct
Saturdays 10am-4pm
& Sundays 12 noon-4pm

Step forward together out of lockdown...

Follow the trail from West Kirby to Birkenhead

See the work of local artists in 18 beautiful churches

Architecture, history and heritage for the whole family to explore

Discover the amazing things our local churches, schools and communities achieve by working together

Come along to meet friends old and new!



During the first weekend of October, StHildeburgh's will be playing host to Wirral Festival of Firsts as part of their Art Trail in Wirral Churches. Leaflets are available in church and in the Church Centre.

The art exhibition will include work of pupils from Holy Trinity Primary School and will be available to view in the **Church Centre on Saturday 2 October from 10am to 4pm and Sunday 3 October from 12noon until 4pm.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WELCOME OUR VISITORS

If you could spare an hour or so to welcome visitors to St Hildeburgh's during the weekend of 2 to 3 October please speak with Revd Paul or contact the Church Office on 0151 632 5339. Thank you.

Our Venues – 18 Beautiful Churches

Numbers and maps overleaf... more about churches, artists and a detailed map for each venue available at www.wirralfestivaloffirsts.org.uk

Opening times Saturday 10–4 Sundays 12–4 unless otherwise detailed in listings

For last minute changes or additions to the programme visit wirralfestivaloffirsts.org.uk



01. St Hildeburgh's Parish Church

02 & 03 October

Stanley Road, Hoylake CH47 1HL

The art exhibition in Hoylake's Grade II listed parish church includes work of pupils of Holy Trinity C of E Primary School.

02. First Church Of Christ, Scientist

02 & 03 October

The Kings Cap, Hoylake CH47 1HG

Enjoy beautiful art displayed within a fascinating building with a unique hyperbolic paraboloid roof.

03. St Luke's Methodist Church

02 & 03 October

19 Market Street, Hoylake CH47 2BF

Includes an exhibition of prizewinners from the Festival of Firsts' smart phone competition "Life in 2021". See how we have continued to serve the local community during lockdown.

04. St John The Baptist

25 & 26 September & 02 & 03 October

Birkenhead Road, Meols CH47 6AF

This thriving church in the heart of Meols will host art plus a pop up poetry reading at 3pm on Sunday 3 October.

05. St Andrew's URC

02 October 2pm–4pm & 03 October

2 Greenwood Road, Meols CH47 6AD

Enjoy great art displayed here all weekend plus a poetry reading at 3 pm on Sunday 3 October

06. West Kirby URC

02 & 03 October

Meols Drive, West Kirby CH48 5DA

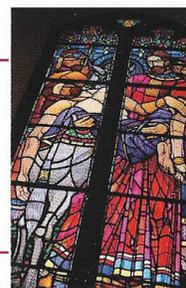
Artwork includes contributions from a talented congregation and Meols Drive neighbours, West Kirby School and College.

07. West Kirby Methodists

02 & 03 October

Westbourne Rd, W Kirby CH48 4DQ

A lovely sandstone interior and stained glass. Art includes work from the pupils of West Kirby Primary School.



West Kirby Methodists

08. St Bridget's Parish Church

02 & Sun 03 October 1pm–4pm

Church Road, West Kirby CH48 7HL

This architectural gem from the 15th century is home to the Viking hogback stone. Includes the work of St Bridget's Primary School. Join our pop up poets on Sat 2 Oct at 3pm.

09. St Michael And All Angels

02 & 03 October

Queensbury, Newton CH48 6EP

A well known local landmark, St Michael's will exhibit a range of art alongside work from Black Horse Hill Primary School and talented members of the church.

10. Church Of The Resurrection & All Saints

02 & 03 October

Caldy Road, Caldy CH48 2HZ

Well worth a special trip, lovely Caldy Church is one of the buildings built by the Barton family, originally a former school.

11. West Kirby Arts Centre

26 September, 03 October 12pm–4pm

Brookfield Gardens, West Kirby CH48 4EL

West Kirby Arts Centre hosts events and art classes all year round. Heart of Grass poetry reading here on 3 Oct at 2–3pm.

12. Claremount Methodist Church

02 & 03 October

Claremount Road, Wallasey CH45 6UE

Includes 8 large pieces from St Georges Primary School with contributions from the Belvidere Centre's Lonely Arts Club Band and other local artists.

13. St James' Church

25 & 26 September

14 Albion Street, New Brighton CH45 9LF

A Gilbert Scott designed architectural gem close to New Brighton's famous murals. Includes an intriguing anamorphic art exhibition plus work from the pupils of the Mount School.

14. St Paul's Church

25 & 26 September

Church Crescent, Seacombe CH44 7AY

This grade II listed church features a crown of thorns made by Cammell Lairds. Includes art from pupils of Egremont Primary.

15. St Mary's Church

02 & 03 October

Withens Lane, Liscard CH45 7NQ

Enjoy art under the magnificent hammer beam roof. Pop up poetry Sat 2 Oct at 2pm. Includes Liscard Primary School.

16. The Birkenhead Priory Chapel

25 & 26 September

Priory Street, Birkenhead CH41 5JH

See paintings by Ali Harwood of Cammell Laird built ships that served in the Battle of the Atlantic. Join us on Sun 26 Sept at 3pm to hear poems inspired by the venue, the oldest Grade 1 listed ancient monument on Merseyside

17. Christ The King

25 & 26 September

Beckwith Street / St Anne Street, Birkenhead CH41 4JF

This gothic revival church, close to Birkenhead Park serving the community for over 170 years. Also includes work from Cathcart Street and Priory Primaries and Kilgarth School.

18. Prenton Methodists

02 & 03 October

Glenavon Road, Prenton CH43 0RE

Enjoy art all weekend and join Judith Railton for poems plus refreshments on Saturday 02 October at 11am.

BACON BUTTIES



Bacon Butties are being served again every Tuesday in our Church Hall 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. Social distancing will be in place. There's no charge but donations are always welcome.

MUMS AND TOTS

We had our first Mums and Tots meeting last week which was lovely and we are looking to see more mums and children coming along as we open up. If you or someone you know would like to join us each Wednesday morning at 10.30am to 12 noon please contact the Church Office on 0151 632 5339.

Please note this includes Dads, Grandads, Grannies and carers. Please notify the office if you are planning to attend.

WIRRAL FOODBANK

The Wirral Foodbank provides a vital service supporting people in the community. Your response to Revd Paul's appeal for donations has been outstanding but the work of the foodbank continues.

If you would like to donate, please leave your bags of food in the Vicarage porch at 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake CH47 1HL.

Thank you.

LIFTS-TO-CHURCH ARE BACK

St Hildeburgh's lifts-to-church service had been running for 11 years until the first Covid-19 lockdown and had taken no fewer than 40 passengers to church. Now, with the lifting of restrictions, we are back in business.

Worshippers who have transport or mobility difficulties in getting to the 10am Sunday service will be welcome to book a lift with our team of volunteer drivers.

Anyone who is prepared to give a lift about once a month (or anyone who needs a lift) is asked to contact Peter SurrIDGE on 632-5507 / 07778-517759 / peter.surrIDGE@talktalk.net.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: STRAWBERRY TREE

70th in a series

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

The first time I really noticed the strawberry tree was on a visit to the gardens of Osborne House, Queen Victoria's former holiday home on the Isle of Wight. The sight of a large bush bearing leaves, buds, flowers and fruit simultaneously was amazing. The fact that it was thriving so far south indicates its preference for warm weather. But that was many years before global warming and the strawberry tree is now worth growing in sheltered northern gardens, provided it is given protection from severe winter snaps while young.

Arbutus unedo, to apply the botanical name, is from the Latin for strawberry tree. Despite that appellation, it is neither a tree nor are its fruits strawberries. It generally grows more like a shrub and is a member of the *Erica* or heather family. The fruits are edible but not particularly tasty. The shrub has immediate appeal with glossy, laurel-shaped leaves all year and rust-brown bark which peels attractively with age. The flowers are in clusters – delicate bells hanging downwards, usually white but sometimes tinged with pink. They appear in autumn, from around late September to December, and slowly form berries, orange at first, then ripening to bright red by the following autumn by which time a new flush of flowers is opening. Orange and red berries are often borne at the same time.

Arbutus unedo can reach 8m (25ft) in height and spread in its native Turkey and Lebanon but in Britain it is a slow grower rarely seen more than half that size. If even that is too large for your garden, look out for *Arbutus unedo rubra*, a choice form with flowers of dark pink and abundant fruit, that grows some 2m tall and 1.5m wide (6ft 6in x 5ft) or *Arbutus unedo* Elfin King, which fruits when young and reaches only 2m (6ft 6in) in height and 1.5m (5ft) in spread.



Left: Flowers, fruit and foliage – the unusual strawberry tree

Take care not to buy *Arbutus andrachne*, which is similar to *unedo* but too tender to flourish in the north of England, or *Arbutus menziesii*, which grows to 15m (50ft). The strawberry tree needs to be grown in fertile but well-drained soil – it originates from rocky habitats so will not tolerate heavy or wet soil.

SO SORRY FOR OUR CAPTION CONFUSION

Discerning readers of this Flower of the Week column will have noticed that twice in the past three Weekly Beacon issues, when two species of flower have been illustrated in each case, the captions have been transposed. The first instance confused French lavender with an English variety and the second, last week, showed a peacock butterfly on a mauve buddleia blossom looking suspiciously like a red admiral butterfly on a purple buddleia, and vice-versa. We apologise for the errors.

SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Sunday 19 September

8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion
6pm Evensong

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.

Coffee After Sunday Service



Don't forget you can now enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the Church Centre after the 10am Sunday Service.

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Weekly Beacon

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