Readings for this Sunday 1 August 2021
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Eph, 4. 1-16      John 6. 24-35

Parish Register
There are no entries in the Parish Register this week

Photo courtesy of Nigel Hall

Weekly Beacon

News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 1 August 2021
The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.
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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

From September the service for the first Sunday of the month will be available to view on our website www.sthildeburgh.net on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh or you can view the service on a smart TV.

Please wear a face mask when you are in church. Thank you.

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. Contact Liz on 632 3544.
CONCERTS IN THE CAR PARK

Neill Jackson writes:

Hello,

The Wirral Orchestra held our first Summer Proms concerts outside St Hildeburgh's on Wednesday 21st July on a gloriously balmy evening.

There shall be two short concerts each evening at 6.30pm and 8pm. They are very informal concerts of about 40 minutes. You are welcome to sit on the grass or bring a chair and for those who can only attend if a chair is available, we can provide a chair. As we are using the car park to play in, we had a drop off zone outside the church for those who need it. To allow more people to feel comfortable we are limiting numbers and socially distancing.

There are no tickets, but you must book a place by emailing your name, how many places you would like and the time and date of which concerts you would like to attend - nejvla@hotmail.com. For those unable to email you may call 07981 152 344 and leave your name and number and the other details. Email is easier as I can inform those people if we need to postpone because of the weather.

All our concerts are in aid of Clatterbridge Cancer Charity and so donations are welcome and we have a Facebook page for Wirral Orchestra where you can find a link to our just giving page.

We hope to see some of you for our next events.

Neill

PS The car park has been renamed 'The Gardens' for these events.
FLOWER OF THE WEEK: BEGONIA

63rd in a series

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge (Sunburst photo by Thompson & Morgan).

Begonias are among the classic flowers, up there with roses, carnations and lilies. Through selective breeding and hybridising, in particular tuberous begonias have become one of our most spectacular summer flowers. The first, small-flowered plants, were found in the West Indies 400 years ago and named for a governor of Haiti, Michel Begon. Other species were found in the Americas and south-east Asia over successive centuries. They are now classified in seven groups including cane-stemmed standards, shrub types, winter-flowering kinds and Pendula begonias (pictured).

Tuberous begonias, at their best now, are the most popular. The blooms are huge and in many forms resembling roses, carnations, camellias and peonies. Their colours vary from white and yellow to deep bronze and rich red (see some of the vivid colour range pictured). My favourites are the picotee kinds with petals edged with darker or lighter tints than the rest of the flower, such as the Sunburst range (pictured).

Tuberous begonias grow well in outdoor containers or beds. They need careful but not complicated cultivation – potash-rich compost, regular feeding and careful watering. They flower best in a position where morning and evening sun shines, but they are shaded from midday heat. Tuberous begonias are sold as dry tubers, looking a little like dark, hairy potatoes, and they are started off each spring and allowed to die down in the autumn. First, make sure the tubers are the right way up – they are saucer-shaped and the concave side goes on top. Plant them in trays or pots in slightly moist peat or peat substitute, in a temperature ideally around 10C (50F) but no lower than 4C (40F). In early April move them into moist, well-drained peaty compost in individual 12cm (5in) pots at a constant day and night temperature of 10C, then plant them in beds or large pots in mid-May.

For planting out in garden beds, or if you want lots of flowers, leave all the shoots to grow, but for really big, showy flowers, remove all the shoots but the strongest one – spare shoots can be rooted in water as cuttings. These are the flowering varieties which grow from tubers, not to be confused with other types which have fibrous roots and produce beautifully coloured and patterned leaves, like Begonia rex and the tall, spotted-leaved Begonia coccinea, with cascading angel-wing flowers. They are also different from the outdoor fibrous-rooted species popular for bedding, Begonia semperflorens, with small, red, pink and white flowers.

There are well over 2,000 varieties of tuberous begonia to choose from. They include trailing and pendulous varieties for hanging baskets and window boxes. Multiflora types flower all summer long in the garden or in a pot indoors.

Above right: vivid begonia colours.
Above: Sunburst begonia, a picotee type.
Right: Graceful Pendula begonias.
Sunset – Hoylake Beach

Photo courtesy of Ruth Calcott

‘From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.’

Psalm 113.3

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