

Readings for this Sunday 1 May

8am Holy Communion Acts 9. 1-6 (7-20) John 21. 1-19
Lectionary pp 450-453
10am Family Praise Acts 9. 1-6 (7-20) John 21. 1-19
Lectionary pp 450-453
6pm Evensong Isa. 40. 27-end John 12. 20-26 Psalm 25

Readings for next Sunday 8 May

8am Holy Communion Acts 9. 36-end John 10. 22-30
Lectionary pp 453-455
10am All Age Communion Acts 9. 36-end John 10. 22-30
And Blessing Lectionary pp 453-455
6pm Open Worship To be chosen

Parish Register

Funerals

4 May 2022 – Gareth David Chapman
Landican Crematorium at 12 noon

5 May 2022 – Ian Hawes
Landican Crematorium at 9.30am

5 May 2022 – Nicholas Laughton
St Hildeburghs at 12noon followed by Landican Crematorium at 1pm

11 May 2022 – John Stewart
St Hildeburgh's at 2pm followed by Landican Crematorium at 3pm

12 May 2022 – Pauline Burgeland Pass
St Hildeburgh's at 12 noon followed by burial at Grange Cemetery

23 May 2022 – John Crockatt
St Hildeburgh's at 2pm followed by burial at Frankby Cemetery

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 1 May 2022

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of
the risen Lord;
Give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
That we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
And serve you continually in righteousness and 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.

COMMUNITY SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH RETURNS ON MONDAY 9 MAY

Our Community Soup and Sandwich Lunch returns after a two-year absence due to Covid lockdowns!



To celebrate our coming together again there will be a short service of thanksgiving in church followed by lunch in the Church Centre.

If you've not been before please come along and enjoy good food and fellowship as we celebrate the return of this much missed event in our church diary.

**Put the date in your diary – Monday 9 May – 11.30am
in church followed by lunch at 12 noon.**

Payment is by donation and all are welcome.

LAST SUNDAY AT STHILDEBURGH'S



*Left:
As people came into the Family Praise service, they were each given a piece of paper in the shape of a hand. During her talk Charlotte – with the help of three members of the choir – asked people who they trusted and to write their thoughts on the piece of paper to take home.*

Right: the congregation sing 'Happy Birthday' to Joyce and Carron for their birthdays celebrated during the last month.



WIRRAL ORCHESTRA

Neill Jackson writes:

Hello,

We have two events coming up over the Spring both at St Hildeburgh's church, Stanley Road, Hoylake

String orchestra concert on Saturday 7th May, 7.30pm

1. Holst St Paul's Suite
2. Vivaldi Double Violin Concerto in A minor
3. soloists Andrew Winter and Janet Hitchen
4. Tchaikovsky Elegie
5. There will also be some Latin American music and film music
6. The Holst is one of the great pieces of the repertoire full of folk tunes with a mix of drama, beauty and humour.

Wirral Orchestra concert on Saturday 18th June, 7.30pm

1. Mendelssohn Hebrides Overture
2. Beethoven Romance in F
3. Elgar Chanson de Matin
4. Schubert Symphony No 3
5. This is a concert full of melody and the Schubert is one of the happiest symphonies you will hear.

We have decided to keep some social distancing for both concerts as some members of the audience have requested it. Part of the seating will be kept spaced so those who would like social distancing just need to request it so we know how much of seating to allocate. When you email just add 'social distanced seats', I don't need to know why as there are many good reasons.

Like previous concerts we won't be selling tickets but you can request places by emailing and letting me know how many places and which concert(s) you wish to attend. Donations will be welcomed at the beginning or end of the concert and will go to Clatterbridge Cancer Charity. There won't be refreshments but there will be a raffle.

We are still not advertising as we used to with a wide poster circulation so please do feel free to pass on the details.

I look forward to seeing you over the next few months

Neill

PS We are planning a few 'Garden Proms outside the church for the Summer - details to follow.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: FRITILLARY

101st in a series

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

The snakeshead fritillary is one of Britain's loveliest native flowers, though not often seen growing wild in this region. There are two reasons for that. First, it originated in central and southern England and has been introduced to the North well off the beaten track and, secondly, it grows in damp meadows and woodland glades where its dark flowers, singly or in small groups, are well camouflaged, as can be seen in the water garden area at Ness Gardens.

Fritillaria meleagris, to use its botanical name, is a bulbous perennial which produces a single, relatively large, nodding bell-flower on an erect stem some 20cm (8in) tall. The flower is pink or pale purple with darker purple chequering. White flowers with green markings are sometimes produced. The flower provides an interesting example of the knock-about way in which plants have received their botanical names. Although there are about 100 species of fritillary worldwide, the spotted markings of this species, found only in the UK and northern Europe, is the one which gave the genus its name – from Latin *fritillus*, meaning a dice-box because the chequers reminded the Romans of a dice-board. To distinguish it from other fritillaries, *meleagris* was added later, meaning “spotted like the guinea-fowl.”



Left: Chequered and white forms of snakeshead fritillary.

The plants are excellent for naturalising in grass, creating a subtle feature under trees, colonising the shady side of a rock garden or growing in moisture-retaining compost in containers, where the details of their markings can be best appreciated. *Fritillaria meleagris* bulbs, generally sold in mixtures of purple, rose and white, are best planted in autumn. The all-white variety *alba* is usually available separately. Protect the emerging shoots from slugs and watch out for lily beetle caterpillars on the mature plants.

Of the other species, *camschatcensis* has deep maroon blooms on 30cm (1ft) stems, *uva vulpis* has small maroon flowers and bluish foliage and is 40cm (16in) tall, *persica* is 60cm (2ft) or more with plum-coloured bells all the way up the stems, and the delicate little variety Golden Flag has several yellow flowers on each 15cm (6in) stem. *Fritillaria imperialis*, the crown imperial, is the most impressive, growing up to 1.5m (5ft) tall and producing a cluster of several large orange pendulous bells on a single stem, topped by a cluster of bristling green bracts. The variety Lutea has bright yellow flowers.

**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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