

Readings for Sunday 20 August 2023

8am Holy Communion Rom. 11. 1-2a, 29-32
Matt. 15. (10-20) 21-28
Lectionary p 181

10am Holy Communion Rom. 11. 1-2a, 29-32
Matt. 15. (10-20) 21-28
Lectionary p 181

No evening service.

Readings for Sunday 27 August 2023

8am Holy Communion Rom. 12. 1-8 Matt. 16. 13 – 20
Lectionary pp 184 - 185

10am Family Praise Rom. 12. 1-8 Matt. 16. 13 – 20
Lectionary pp 184 - 185

No evening service.

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES RECOMMENCE ON
SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023**

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

27 August 2023 at 10am – Penelope Mae Painter and Frankie Walter Painter

Funeral

1 September 2023 – Mrs Sheila Lawson Ashton
Landican Crematorium at 3.30pm

Weekly Beacon



**News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 20 August 2023
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

THE COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER (PSO) - PETER HAM

Peter Ham writes:

In the event of a safeguarding concern, you can contact him by phone: 07444884879 or by email: safeguarding@sthildeburgh.org

If you hold a Safeguarding information card or leaflet, please alter the phone number of the PSO accordingly. Other contact phone numbers including those of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and the Local Authority Safeguarding numbers for children and adults, remain the same.

Please remember that safeguarding requires all of us to be vigilant.

ST HILDEBURGH'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023 **TOMBOLA PRIZES**

Although it may seem a bit early to be thinking about our Christmas Tree Festival, we will need prizes for our Tombola stall.

If you have small new items which would be suitable for Tombola prizes, please give them to Liz Arduis or Sue Chapman. Please do not leave the items in church or in the church hall. Thank you.

RIP Revd Marcus Hasted

Peter Surridge writes:

St Hildeburgh's worshippers will be sad to learn that Revd Marcus Hasted died on July 31, aged 88. Marcus, who was born in Birmingham on April 23, 1935, and brought up in Suffolk and then Altrincham, entered the priesthood in the 1960s. He was a curate at Holy Cross, Woodchurch, then at St Bridget's, West Kirby, before being becoming Rector of Farndon in the early 1970s. On retirement, he assisted at St Hildeburgh's for many years, preaching, conducting services on occasion and actively supporting various activities. Several years ago he became a Quaker while still occasionally attending Anglican Communion services, although Parkinson's disease and Covid restrictions reduced his activities in recent years. He bequeathed his brain to medical research and it has been accepted by Imperial College, London.

Marcus had a range of interests outside the Church, notably vintage cars, of which he owned a number at different times, and playing bridge. He founded a moped riders' club which he led on numerous jaunts and which, with typically wry humour, he named the Wirral Wobblers!

On a personal note, I found Marcus's sermons enlightening, appreciated his erudite contributions to Lenten discussion groups and valued his friendship. Marcus leaves a widow, Betty, and a daughter, Poppy, from his first marriage. Another daughter from his first marriage, Louise, predeceased him.

The funeral will be at the Quaker Meeting House, North Drive, Heswall CH60 0BD, on Wednesday, September 6, at 1.30pm, followed by cremation at the Centre Chapel, Landican at 3pm, and a wake at Tanskey's Bistro, Coronation Gardens, South Parade, West Kirby, from 3.45pm. Family flowers only; donations to Parkinson's UK.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: ZINNIA. **155th in a series.**

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

ZINNIA is not quite the last name in plant encyclopaedias – zygotetrum, an epiphytic orchid, takes that honour – but is usually the last name alphabetically in any flower garden. However, zinnia has a greater distinction. It was the first flower to bloom in outer space after it was taken by US astronauts to the International Space Station. The first purpose was to determine if caring for plants can help reduce the isolation and stress that astronauts might feel during long-term space missions while the long-term objective was to determine if vegetables could be grown in space. Zinnias were chosen partly because their sheer range of vivid colours was considered ideal to lift the spirits, even in space.

The zinnias popular in British gardens are half-hardy annuals with long-lasting daisy-like flowers on stems varying in height from 20cm-90cm (8in-36in), depending on variety. They are native to the Americas. The Aztecs are thought to have called them “plants that are hard on the eyes” because of their bright flowers. However, the original 20 species were not as varied or striking as the many crosses introduced by plant-breeders. Most of these have the purple *Zinnia elegans* in their parentage, many of which have been crossed with the orange *Zinnia haageana*, producing a wide range of hues including scarlet, pink, white, bronze and orange as well as bicolours.



Above left: Zinnia trial bed at Mr Fothergill's Seeds in Suffolk.

Above right: Zinnia Dreamland Scarlet.

Cactus-flowered zinnias with quilled petals are the tallest; the Dreamland Series, including Dreamland Scarlet (pictured), are ideal for bedding and containers; the variety Envy has pale green blooms; and the Peter Pan Series is dwarf with proportionately large flowers 10cm (4in) wide. There are many other series and mixtures.

Zinnia is named after Johann Gottfried Zinn, a German botanist who found the plants and brought them back to Europe in the 18th century.

**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!

**TO COVER OUR COSTS THERE IS A MINIMUM
DONATION OF £1 FOR EACH BACON BUTTY**



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