

Readings for this Sunday 20 June 2021
The Third Sunday after Trinity

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Parish Register

Funeral

21 June – Mr Brian Ritchie Gourley
St Hildeburgh's at 11am. Burial at Grange Cemetery at 12 noon.

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
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The Collect

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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.

Rev'd Richard's Priesting

Revd Richard will be priested at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 19 June at 5pm. Whilst Covid restrictions mean that only a limited number of people will be attending, you can view the live streamed service using the following link:

<https://youtu.be/YJug4n5Eh9k>



The June edition of Chester Diocesan News is now available to download from www.chester.anglican.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE **BBQ – NOW ON 14 AUGUST**

Due to Covid restrictions, the BBQ due to take place on 27 June in the Vicarage garden - to celebrate the priesting of Revd Richard and Revd Frances – will now take place on Saturday 14 August at 1pm.

'Thank You!'

The computer in the Church Office has now been replaced with a more up to date model. All of this would not have been possible without your generous donations so a big 'Thank You' to everyone.

CHURCH CAR PARK

Due to building work to the boundary wall, the church car park will be closed all day on Saturday 3 July and Sunday 4 July.

PCC Meeting

PCC members please note that there is a PCC meeting on Monday 21 June at 7pm in church. If you are unable to attend, please advise Jill in the Church Office.
www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: PENSTEMONS

58th in a series

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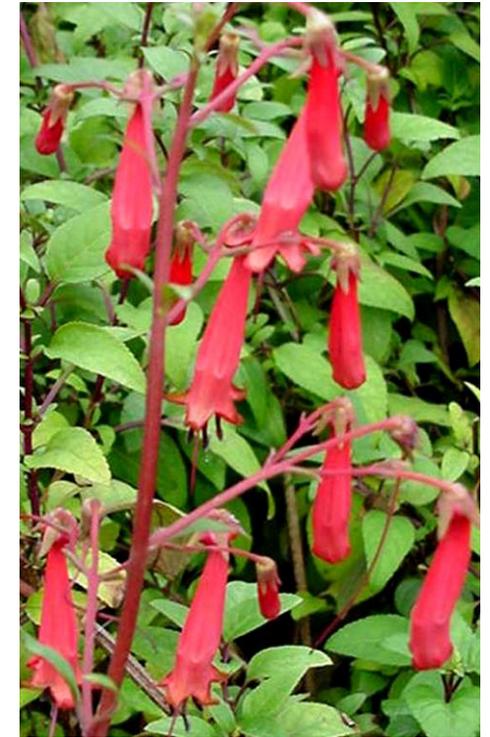
Penstemons are one of the most reliable summer flowers, producing numerous bell-shaped or tubular blooms over a long period in a wide colour range. They help create a cottage-garden scene and the shorter varieties can be grown as informal bedding though not all kinds are fully hardy. Colours vary from white and yellow through many shades of pink and red to lilac, lavender, blue and purple. The name comes from the Greek *pente* for five and *stemon* meaning stamen – the flowers have five stamens.

Penstemon barbatus is one of the most reliable. This sturdy 90cm (3ft) plant from Central America forms a 30cm (12in) wide clump with scarlet flowers tinged pink and blooms from early summer to early autumn. Cambridge Mixture, bred from this species, makes a shorter, compact plant around 30cm (12in) tall with rose, pink, blue and purple flowers, while Iron Maiden is taller, up to 1.2m (4ft), has vermilion blooms and is good for cutting. For windy positions, try growing Navigator, a dwarf, bushy form with flowers of many colours, as a half-hardy annual.

Another fully hardy species is *Penstemon ovatus*, with flowers in deep blue shades on 75cm stems, again forming clumps 30cm across (2ft 6in x 1ft). Other eye-catching blue kinds include two varieties bred from *Penstemon heterophyllus*, Shock Wave (pictured) and True Blue, both 45cm (18in) tall. An unusual variety is *Penstemon hartwegii* Tubular Bells Rose, which has white and pink flowers bearing deeper pink veining. The lovely variety Chester Scarlet (pictured), growing to 60cm (2ft) tall, flowers into mid-autumn but needs protection in severe winters. Several hardy dwarf species are excellent as rockery perennials.



Above: Eye-catching...the blue penstemon Shock Wave.



Right: Flowering to autumn ...Penstemon Chester Scarlet.

Of the many other types, several will flourish in sheltered positions, especially near the coast. For added protection, a thick mulch can be spread over the roots in late autumn. Although perennial, penstemons are often treated as annuals and sown afresh each year, though they produce numerous sideshoots, like a tomato plant, which can be rooted as cuttings easily. All grow best in a sunny situation in soil that drains freely – a factor that is especially important in winter. Dead-heading plants as the summer blooms die encourages flowering into autumn.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

From August 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.

When you are in church, please DO NOT sit on the chairs with tape on the seats - the other chairs have been socially distanced in accordance with instructions. This is for everyone's safety in the current pandemic. Face coverings must be worn in church at all times. Please use the hand gel provided

The church is open for individual private prayer Mondays to Thursdays 10am to 12 noon and Sundays after the 10am service until 12 noon.

Services at St Hildeburgh's

Sundays

8am Holy Communion (said)
10am Holy Communion (sung)

Wednesdays

10am Holy Communion (said)

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