Readings for this Sunday 22 August 2021
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Eph. 6. 10-20    John 6. 56-69

Readings for next Sunday 29 August 2021

James 1. 17-end    Mark 7. 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Parish Register

Baptism
5 September at 11.45am – Freya Beatrice Selby-Milic

Funeral
7 September – Terence Denby Smith
St Hildeburgh’s at 1.30pm followed by interment at Frankby Cemetery at 3pm

Weekly Beacon

News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 22 August 2021
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The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.
HELP NEEDED!!!

We are delighted to announce that “Messy Church together”, rather than “Messy Church at Home” is back. We will be meeting on Saturday 18th September. Whether or not you have been involved as a member of the team before, we would love to see you there as we welcome families back to this unique and popular form of worship. We would also value your thoughts and ideas AND PRAYERS, as we carefully and safely move to a more open form of meeting at St. Hildeburgh’s.

So…please make a note of the date in your diary, keep it free and consider yourself booked! More news to come!

Over the years Messy Church, together with Voyagers, Family Services, Toddler Group, baptisms and confirmations, and school visits, have been important means of reaching our local families, teaching them of God’s love. We are thankful, that throughout the pandemic, Voyagers, under Christine’s inspiring leadership, has continued. Now that COVID restrictions are easing, many of our other forms of family ministry can begin again, together with, who knows, some new ones.

Please contact Jane Langley or Peter Ham through the Church Office or in person, about helping in any capacity.

Thankyou!
Ah well, so Saturday wasn’t the bright sunny afternoon we had all hoped for, but the rather damp conditions didn’t put a ‘damper’ on the occasion. The vicarage garden was full of people all intent on enjoying themselves and enjoy ourselves we did. Being a joint celebration St. Hildeburgh’s hosted, not only themselves but also St. John’s down the road and a small contingent from Neston, where we still live. I must be honest although I recognised this last group without their masks, there are still some people I don’t recognise mask-less, so please accept my apologies if I didn’t always twig who you were.

Having often been called on to give a hand at parish events, it was great to be free to intermingle with the guests and not to worry if everyone had what they wanted, being able to leave that to others for a change. You could tell the team had done this before though, as it ran like a well-oiled machine.

When we arrived the BBQ was just coming up to heat, the beef burgers and sausages were ready to be flopped on it and tea and coffee were on tap in the tea tent. What more could you want? Well perhaps a little background music. No problem, under their own gazebo, was the band, who serenaded us the whole afternoon, except when they were eating, with a brilliant choice of music, an eclectic collection of the 60’s, when music was music. I, like so many others I’m sure, knew every song. At times, I just wanted to join Paul on the vocals.

Then came the call “Food’s ready” and we partook of a scrumptious lunch, which the catering team had brilliantly prepared. Cheese burger with onions, sausage, along with mixed salad with all the trimmings, followed by chocolate gateaux. Being a guest, I was able to eat lunch in peace and not gobble it down because your next job was to go round collecting the empties for washing or the disposable stuff in a black bag. No plenty of time to go round and chat to people. It was a pleasant change to have time to chat and share experiences and not be rushing about, jumping from one thing to another.

Fran and I had a super afternoon and would like to thank all of you who came along to help us enjoy ourselves and wish us well. I know others were unable to come but would have done so under different circumstances and we’d like to thank them also for their good wishes.

Our grateful thanks go particularly to Rev’d Paul and Rev’d Gillian, whose idea this was, and who with their smashing team gave us an afternoon we will long remember.

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.

Liz will have raffle tickets for sale on Sunday 22nd August after the 10am service in aid of the Hoylake RNLI Fundraiser in Ferndale Road on August 29th.
FLOWER OF THE WEEK: HELENIUM

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge

Heleniums are among the finest flowers for summer and autumn colour in the herbaceous or mixed border. They are erect, long-flowering and attract pollinating insects. Varieties range in height from 60cm (2ft) to 1.35m (4ft 6in) tall and the strong stems and long vase life make them excellent for cutting. Their daisy-like blooms, mainly in shades of bronze, red, copper and yellow, have prominent centres with petals inclined downwards.

Most garden favourites come from a North American species, Helenium autumnale, nicknamed sneezeweed, with yellow and bronze flowers on 1.5m (5ft) stems. Many have been bred in Germany. All are hardy, long-lived perennials that form clumps and are easily propagated by root division in autumn or spring – best carried out every three years. When heleniums were introduced to Europe, they were seen as similar to another species named for Helen of Troy, helenion in Greek, and the name stuck.

Most varieties bloom through summer or from mid-summer to early autumn. Varieties to look out for include the following. To start the display in early summer, Goldene Jugend (Golden Youth), has rich yellow flowers and grows to 80cm (32in) tall. Among the best mid-season kinds, generally reaching 90cm (3ft) in height, are Moerheim Beauty (pictured), a fine coppery red; Butterpat, a reliable bright yellow (pictured); Margot, with red, yellow-tipped petals (pictured); Coppelia, orange and red; and Pumilum Magnificum, yellow with hints of bronze. For the latest flowers, there’s Rotgold (Red and Gold), which grows to 1.2m (4ft), and Septemberfuchs (September Fox), a giant at 1.5m (5ft), with orange, yellow and bronze flowers.

Heleniums grow best in fertile, moisture-retentive soil in full sun. They should be given plenty of space if taller or more rampant plants are grown nearby. Some varieties need support. They are relatively free of pests and diseases, though sometimes attacked by aphids.
MUMS AND TOTS

We are beginning to return to normal after the last 18 months of curtailed activities.

We are planning to start up our Mums and Tots mornings again on Wednesday 8 September at 10am.

We meet each Wednesday in the Church Hall at 10am. All Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers are welcome to bring their little children up to 3 years old to join in the FUN.

If you know anyone who would be interested in coming along, either your own family, friends or neighbours please pass on the invitation to join us in the Church Hall.

We provide tea, coffee, biscuits, fruit and snacks with a small charge of £1 to cover the cost.

It gives a good opportunity for toddlers to socialise and for the adults to chat together - exchanging ideas and information.

Margaret Wright

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