

Readings for Sunday 22 October 2023

8am Holy Communion	1 Thes. 1. 1-10 Mt. 22. 15-22 Lectionary pp 212-213
10am Holy Communion	1 Thes. 1. 1-10 Mt. 22. 15-22 Lectionary pp 212-213
6pm Evensong	1 John 3. 16. 4.6 Mark 10. 35-45 Psalm 142

Readings for Sunday 29 October 2023

8am Holy Communion	Col. 3. 12-17 Matt. 24. 30-35 Lectionary pp 216-217
10am Family Praise	Col. 3. 12-17 Matt. 24. 30-35 Lectionary pp 216-217
6pm BCP Communion	Col. 3. 12-17 Matt. 24. 30-35 Lectionary pp 216-217

PARISH REGISTER

There are no entries in the Parish Register this week.

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 22 October 2023 The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

THE COLLECT

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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.

CARE HOME SERVICE AND TEA



Nigel Hall writes:

Last Monday afternoon, it was wonderful to welcome a good number of care home residents from across Hoylake to our Care Home Service. The service was led by Rev Paul. There were readings, prayers and hymns. Following the service, we all went together into the Church Hall where an afternoon tea of scones and hot drinks was served. It is nice to be able to report that there were many expressions of gratitude and pleasure from the care home residents.

SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer each Tuesday and Thursday at 9.15am in the Lady Chapel.

PRAYER VIGIL

Our Prayer Vigil takes place on **Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 6.30pm**. Reflective music and prayer in an atmosphere of calm – an opportunity to take some time out of the busyness of the day.

ALL SOULS SERVICE AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

The All Souls Service will take place on Sunday 5 November at 4pm. The service will be followed by tea and coffee in the Church Centre.

If you would like the name of a departed loved one read out during the service, please add their name to the list at the back of church or contact Jill in the Church Office on 0151 632 5339 sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

COMMUNION IN THE COMMUNITY

Nigel Hall writes:

It was delightful to be back at our church school of Holy Trinity last Tuesday to celebrate one of our 'Communities in the Community'. The service was attended by about sixty of the older children and a number of staff members. The Eucharist was led and celebrated by Rev Paul. Peter Ham gave a short talk and Christine led us in prayers. The Bible reading was read by several of the children, and we sang a lively action-based worship song. It was pleasing that the vast majority of the children came forward to receive an individual blessing from Rev Paul after Communion.

Apologies to members of our congregation who might have liked to have attended, but circumstances beyond our control meant that arrangements had to be made somewhat at the last minute.

50 / 50 CLUB



Liz Ardus writes:

Dear all,

Thank you so much for your support over the last couple of years with the 50/50 draw, over this time it has raised £1000 for church funds. I have decided though that it has run its course and the last draw will be at the end of October.

However, to round off 2023 I thought it may be nice to have a pre-Christmas draw. Keep the numbers you have or pay for more if you want @ £2 per number with all the money going into the prize pot.

I will have my book with me on Sunday, and each week after so come and see me, with your wallets and purses to be in with a chance. Preferably cash for this please as it will make it easier for me to manage.

Good Luck everyone and thanks again for past support.

Regards. Liz Ardus

WIRRAL ORCHESTRA

Saturday 11th November 7.30pm

**St Hildeburgh's church
Wirral Orchestra concert.
Remembrance concert**

Neill Jackson writes:

We will be marking Remembrance Day with music from the young English composer George Butterworth who died during WWI with his Banks of Green Willow, music from Walton's Henry V and the Last Post.

The second half shall be a last night of the Proms affair with Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance Marches, film music from the Great Escape and Parry's Jerusalem.

Tickets will go on sale in the shops on Oct 16th but can be ordered by emailing nejvla@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL ST HILDEBURGH'S STALLS



Jane Langley writes:

Could people please consider donating to both St Hildeburgh's Stalls. One stall will be homemade food products, cakes, biscuits, marmalade, chutney etc. The other will be gifts.

Please speak to either Kate Rice or Carron Jones before making/buying anything so that they can advise you beforehand.

Thank you.

Jane

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL TOMBOLA PRIZES

We also need prizes for our Tombola stall. If you have small new items which would be suitable for Tombola prizes, please give them to Liz Arduş or Sue Chapman.

Please do not leave items in church or the church hall. Thank you.



SAFEGUARDING - A POCKET GUIDE

Please find at the back of Church, fresh copies of the Church of England's leaflet, "Safeguarding - a pocket guide." They give a brief but very helpful guide to help if you have any safeguarding concerns as well as dos and don'ts. On the back of the leaflets are the revised safeguarding contact numbers within the church, the diocese and the Council.

Please limit yourself to one leaflet per household and keep it somewhere prominent. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Peter Ham (Parish Safeguarding Officer).

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: KAFFIR LILY.

162nd in a series.

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

It is difficult to decide where to begin with this lovely autumn-flowering member of the iris family. From 1864 its botanical name was *Schizostylis coccinea* and it was regarded as a single species. That was until 2018 when the plant was reclassified as *Hesperantha coccinea* and, since my knowledge of the other 50-60 species of *hesperantha* is limited, let us focus on Kaffir Lily for the purposes of this brief profile.

The home of Kaffir lilies is southern Africa where their rhizomes flourish in damp situations and their long, sword-like leaves remain green for much of the year. Spikes of several cup-shaped flowers, usually with pointed petals, open in late summer, autumn and winter. Plants grow 60cm (2ft) tall and form a clump 30cm (12in) across.

The *coccinea* species bears scarlet blooms but varieties of other colours have been bred or selected. Sunrise and Mrs Hegarty (pictured) are salmon-pink; Major (aka Grandiflora) is rich orange-red; Viscountess Byng is very pale pink; and the form *alba* is white.

The name *Schizostylis coccinea* was given by William Backhouse and William Harvey in 1864. *Schizo* from the Greek to split or divide and *stylis* meaning columns, referring to the styles in the plant's female flowers, which have three prominent styles. *Coccinea* means scarlet or carmine – as in cochineal, which comes from a scale insect and was once widely used for colouring in cake icing and other cookery purposes. Coincidentally, like *schizostylis*, the name cochineal is banned, at least from food labelling in the UK, presumably in favour synthetic dyes.



Above:
Hesperantha coccinea (formerly *Schizostylis coccinea*) *Mrs Hegarty*.

Some 30 years before *schizostylis* was named, William Harvey, an Irish Quaker and passionate plantsman, had become the British government's treasurer-general in South Africa. Having taken up residence, he would rise before dawn every day, collecting plant specimens in the mountains or on the seashore. In March 1837 he wrote: "I have taken so many excursions lately that I almost fear I shall earn the sobriquet of Her Majesty's pleasurer-general."

For the record, the name *Hesperantha* is derived from the Greek *hesperos* meaning evening and *anthos* for flower.

Maxim Calver, cello
&
Kumi Matsuo, piano
St Hildeburgh's Church
23 October 2023, 7:30PM



Beethoven, 12 Variations on the theme of 'Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen' from The Magic Flute, Op 66
Beethoven, Cello Sonata No 3 in A major, Op 69
Schumann, Fantasiestücke, Op 73
Mendelssohn, Cello Sonata No 2 in D major, Op 58

Tickets: £18, students £5, free for under 15

Hoylake Chamber Concert Society
<https://chamberconcert.co.uk/>

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