

## Readings for Sunday 23 April 2023

8am Holy Communion Acts 2. 14a, 22-32 John 20. 19-end  
Lectionary pp 121-122  
10am Holy Communion Acts 2. 14a, 22-32 John 20. 19-end  
Lectionary pp 121-122  
6pm Evensong 1 Cor. 3. 10-17 John 2. 13-22  
Psalm 48

## Readings for Sunday 30 April 2023

8am Holy Communion Acts 2. 42 – end John 10. 1-10  
Lectionary pp125-126  
10am Family Praise Acts 2. 42 – end John 10. 1-10  
Lectionary pp125-26  
6pm BCP Communion Acts 2. 42 – end John 10. 1-10

### PARISH REGISTER

#### Baptism

30 April 2023 at 10am – Lily French

#### Funeral

11 May 2023 – Cheryl Armitage  
St Hildeburgh's at 11am Landican Crematorium at 12.30pm

## Weekly Beacon



### **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 23 April 2023 The Third Sunday of Easter**

#### 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.

## VICAR'S TWO PENCE WORTH



It's really not easy being patient, especially when the patient is me! My recent knee operation has been a long and drawn-out process. The hardest thing of all was keeping going when things didn't quite go to plan if it wasn't for the love and support of friends and family I am sure it would have been even tougher.

What do we do when we find ourselves in uncharted and unexpected territory? I thought I would share with you what helped me in the hope that it may help others. Looking to scripture has been both helpful and has reminded me of the one thing we need more than anything else and that is hope.

Isaiah 43:1-3

*Those famous and well-loved words from Isaiah "Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name you are mine" and he goes on to speak of walking through the waters and the fire and even then, being with us. This is powerful scripture to hold on to in times of difficulty and darkness, doubt and sorrow. God is with us no matter what is going on and he is never going to leave us, because he had called us by name and we are his.*

Knowing that we are his, knowing that we are part of his plan, knowing and believing that we are loved is the only antidote we need to doubt and suffering. The Christian message of hope given to us by Jesus Christ is right in the middle of our suffering and he who loves us and knows us will redeem all suffering. So we must all find patience not only to bear our difficulties but also find patience to bear with one another.

*Colossians 3:12-14 <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

The most important part of these verses comes at the end and speaks of love which is the one thing that overcomes all our difficulties and differences if we can only find the humility to accept it.

In love we find hope we find patience to keep going when the path is hard, nothing is stronger, nothing is more powerful than the healing love of our maker.

I will leave you with this verse from Psalm 147:3 *"He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds." The Good News: No matter the source of our heartbreak, is that God can repair all our wounds.*

Your friend,

Rev Paul.

*Photo courtesy of Nigel Hall*

## **CONFIRMATIONS AT ST HILDEBURGH'S**

A service of confirmation for adults and children will take place at St Hildeburgh's on 28 June and preparation will be done during a 6 week confirmation course.

For more details, please contact Revd Paul on 632 3897.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2023**

The APCM will take place in church on Sunday 30 April 2023 at 11am - after the 10am service.

There will be a meeting of the PCC immediately afterwards – this meeting will also be held in church.

## **Last Sunday at St Hildeburgh's**

Our Voyagers discuss their work with Revd Richard



Our gospel reading was taken from John's gospel (chapter 20 verses 19 to the end) describing what happened when Jesus appeared to the disciple Thomas and invited him to put his hand into his pierced side.



*Photo courtesy of Jane Langley*

## **JUST FOUR WEEKS UNTIL GUILD'S FLORAL FUND-RAISER!**

Spring is here and that means St Hildeburgh's Guild coffee morning and sale will soon be delighting churchgoers and visitors alike – *in just four weeks' time*. The event is always a really cheerful and friendly occasion with a vibrant array of stalls: cakes, gifts, plants, raffle and many more. Proceeds will help to pay for St Hildeburgh's floral displays at Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

***The date: Saturday, May 20***

***The time: 10am-12noon***

***The place: St Hildeburgh's Church Centre***

Please give donations, however large or small (or cash!), for the various stalls...**PLANTS AND GARDENS** – plants of any kind: indoor or outdoor flowers, vegetables and herbs; tools or equipment. Please notify Peter Surrige on 632-5507 or 07778-517759 if you have any donations and he will call and collect from you in advance. Peter will also be available to answer gardening queries.

Contributions for the following stalls may be brought to the Church Centre between 6pm-7pm on Friday, May 19. **HOMEMADE GOODIES** – cakes, pies, jam, pickles and any homemade edibles. **TOILETRIES and UNWANTED GIFTS.** **ORNAMENTS and COLLECTIBLES** – Decorative china and glass, curios, valuables and collectibles of any kind. **RAFFLE** – Consumables such as wine and chocolates as well as any attractive items suitable for prizes.

Admission to the coffee morning will cost £2, to include *unlimited* coffee or tea and biscuits.

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE, COME ALONG, ENJOY YOURSELF AND SPEND SOME MONEY!**



***Some scenes from last year's Guild coffee morning.***





## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: LILAC**

### **140th in a series.**

***Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.***

The lilac is so familiar in spring that its common name has been applied to a colour – a pale, pinkish purple – but these are species and varieties with blossoms ranging from white through cream to pink mauve, pale blue, magenta and deep purple, borne in cone-shaped clusters of numerous tube-shaped blooms. The popularity of these deciduous shrubs and small trees is largely due to their ease of cultivation and the fragrance of the flowers.

Lilacs are native to an area from south-east Europe to eastern Asia but are hardy in Britain, though new growth might be damaged by frosts. Their botanical name is *syringa*, a term sometimes misapplied to *philadelphus*, itself often called orange blossom. The name *syringa* comes from the Greek *syrinx*, meaning a pipe or tube, and referring to the hollow branches of *Syringa vulgaris*, the common lilac (pictured), which is the parent of most varieties grown in gardens. The word “syringe” comes from the same source.

In ideal conditions, lilacs can grow to 7m (22ft) in height and spread and are sometimes grown as specimen trees in a lawn. More often they are cultivated as shrubs in a border where they can be pruned in late winter to control size and shape. Blooms are generally produced on wood formed the previous year so some incipient flowers must be sacrificed when pruning.



**Above:** *Syringa vulgaris*.

**Right:** *Syringa vulgaris* Andenken an Ludwig Späth.

Excellent varieties of *Syringa vulgaris* include Charles X, with deep pink blooms; Madame Lemoine, white; Primrose, pale yellow; Charles Joly, purple; Andenken an Ludwig Späth, purple-red (pictured); Congo, purplish lilac; and Firmament, light blue. Among other fine kinds are *Syringa hyacinthiflora* Blue Hyacinth, lilac-blue; *Syringa pubescens microphylla*, lilac-pink, which often produces a second flush of blooms in autumn; and *Syringa x persica* (Persian lilac), a smaller shrub growing to 2m (6ft) and bearing numerous small heads of exceptionally fragrant, pale purple 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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