

## Readings for this Sunday 23 January

8am Holy Communion

AND

10am Holy Communion

1 Cor. 12. 12-31a

Luke 4. 14-21

6pm Evensong

1 Cor. 7. 17-24

Mark 1. 21-28

Psalm 33. 1-12

## Readings for next Sunday 30 January

8am Holy Communion

AND

10am Family Praise

AND

BCP Communion

Heb. 2. 14-end

Luke 2. 22-40

## Parish Register

### Baptisms

23 January at 11.45am - Connan Ernest Parker Joyce

30 January at 10am – Harriet Mary Williams

### Funeral

24 January – Anne Ryder

St Hildeburgh's at 2pm Burial at Grange Cemetery at 3pm

## Weekly Beacon



## **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 23 January 2022 The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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.

## St Hildeburgh's Guild

*Joyce Reade writes:*

Hello everyone,

I thought our church members would like an update on the Guild's work after two years of lockdown.

Due to Government restrictions, Revd Paul advised that we use artificial flowers in church so that we were not putting ourselves at risk by having to water fresh flowers twice a week. Brenda, our Treasurer, and I took turns to do this. (Carron, our Chair, works so her time is limited).

Our members are also responsible for cleaning all the brass crosses and candlesticks etc. Normally we would have organised a rota at our AGM but as this wasn't held I have cleaned them for the last two years (Chris Page, our Sacristan, tells me when I'm needed).

We also arrange for the white altar cloths to go to the laundry (when Chris has changed them). We are hoping to have an AGM in Lent this year (as we always did) for our present members and we would be very glad to welcome any new ones.

Joyce Reade, Honorary Secretary.

The Altar flowers this week were provided and arranged by Carron to celebrate her 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The Lady chapel flowers were donated by Mrs Wendy Robinson.

## VOYAGERS



Last Sunday our Voyagers looked at the story of what happened when Jesus went to a wedding and they ran out of wine! Here they show Revd Paul bookmarks they made during the morning which included the following words taken from Isaiah 30:15.

***" in returning and rest is your salvation,  
in quietness and trust is your strength"***

## LENT LUNCHES 2022



This year the Lent Lunches will be held here at St Hildeburgh's on the following Fridays:

Friday 18 March  
Friday 25 March  
Friday 1 April  
Friday 8 April

A short service of reflection will be held in church at 11.30am followed by a simple lunch of homemade soup and a bread roll in the Church Centre. Payment is by donation in aid of charity.

All are welcome.

**Don't Forget  
the Bacon!!**

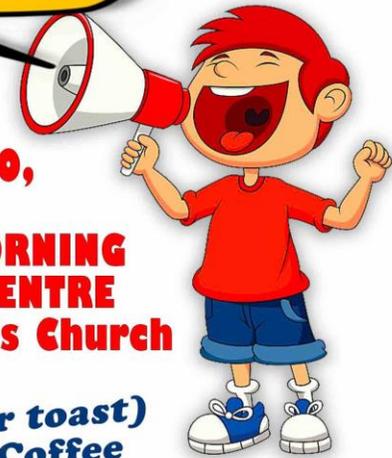
**Every TUESDAY  
from  
10.30am to 12.00,  
we have our  
BACON BUTTY MORNING  
in our CHURCH CENTRE  
at St Hildeburgh's Church  
in HoyLake**

**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?**



### St Hildeburgh's Tots Group

If you could spare some time on a Wednesday morning to help with our Tots Group please see Revd Paul.

## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: WINTER HEATHER** **87th in a series**

*Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.*

Heathers are among the most valuable winter-flowering plants once established in a suitable position. They are in fact evergreen shrubs. Not only are they exceptionally hardy but they produce prolific and long-lasting flowers and the foliage colours of different kinds make the bed attractive all year – and for many years. Heathers are easy to maintain, too. Just trim them lightly with garden shears once flowering has finished and apply a general fertiliser, ideally in liquid form.

Most winter or early spring flowering heathers are varieties of *Erica carnea*, which prefer a neutral or slightly acid soil but, unlike most summer-flowering heathers, tolerate some lime in the soil as long as it is well-drained. The name *erica* is thought to be derived from a Greek word to break – an infusion of the leaves was reputed to break bladder stones – while *carnea* describes the basic flower colour, flesh or deep pink. Winter heathers like a sunny position or very light shade. Too much shade will delay flowering and reduce the number of blooms noticeably. Water, feed and weed the plants regularly when they are young and they will soon spread so their foliage overlaps and smothers out weeds. The flowers, which extend the length of the upright stems, are numerous, small and bell-shaped in shades of white, pink, red or purple. Foliage varies from dark blue-green to lime green and bronze to red.

Among the most free-flowering are the Springwood series with rich green foliage. Springwood White (pictured) is especially vigorous and Springwood Pink has a trailing habit and blooms that turn darker with age. The foliage contrasts among winter heathers are wonderful. Westwood Yellow has very light leaves and pale pink flowers while Anne Sparkes produces dark golden foliage with bright bronze tips in spring and rosy-pink flowers turning pale purple. Vivelli has bronze leaves and pink flowers turning magenta and Foxhollow has delightful red-bronze foliage in winter then pink blooms. For a larger plant at the back of a heather bed, the hybrid *Erica x darleyensis* Kramer's Red (pictured), with dark green foliage and red-purple flowers, is excellent.



**Above: *Erica Springwood White***



**Right: *Erica x darleyensis Kramer's Red***

The most natural-looking *erica* displays develop in a bed or border in which rocks have first been set with one end partially buried in the soil and the other pointing upwards at around 45 degrees to create the impression of a natural outcrop. To propagate new plants, take cuttings in late summer. Heathers are fairly free of pests and diseases though root rot can attack in warm, wet conditions.

The largest selection of *Erica carnea* plants grows in the National Collection at the Royal Horticultural Society's Wisley Garden in Surrey, where there are some 18 species and more than 400 varieties.

# Check in & Chat Service

Since the onset of the Covid19 lockdown, Wirral Mind has responded by offering welfare telephone calls to those people who feel isolated, lonely, anxious and afraid due to being unable to access our services and others.

Our Check-in and Chat call operatives are on hand to provide practical and emotional support, for anything from accessing emergency food supplies and medicines to alleviating loneliness and isolation. We endeavour to ensure that people are getting the help they need during lockdown periods and beyond; we are especially concerned about reaching those people who may not be in contact with other services or social networks.



We have tried to target services to those struggling because of loss of employment, bereavement and social isolation derived from the pandemic.

Our ultimate aim is to encourage people to access services in person when it is safe to do so, until that can happen we have developed a range of digital workshops, training and peer support groups that will promote and encourage future social networks, reduce feelings of isolation and equip people with the skills and tools that will build resilience.

## To make a referral:

Please contact us on 0151 512 2200 or email [learning@wirralmind.org.uk](mailto:learning@wirralmind.org.uk)

Our phone lines are open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm



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