

## **Readings for Sunday 23 July 2023**

10am Holy Communion                      Rom 8. 12 – 25  
    Matt. 13. 24-30, 36-43  
    Lectionary pp168-169

*No 8am or 6pm services today*

## **Readings for Sunday 30 July 2023**

8am Holy Communion                      Rom. 8. 26 – 39  
    Matt. 13. 31-33, 44-52  
    Lectionary pp171-172

10am Family Praise                      Rom. 8. 26 – 39  
    Matt. 13. 31-33, 44-52  
    Lectionary pp171-172

*No 6pm service today*

### **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 23 July 2023 The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

### **THE COLLECT**

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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.

## **SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S**

Please note the changes to our services.

### **SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES**

10am Holy Communion (sung)

8am Sunday services will start again on 30 July 2023.

### **SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES**

Sunday Evening services will recommence on  
Sunday 17 September 2023.

## **CAR PARKING DURING THE OPEN GOLF**

Just a reminder that parking will prove very difficult over the next two Sundays – 16 and 23 July. Please note that parking is not available in the church car park.

## **THANKSGIVING SERVICE IN CHURCH**

You are invited to join us here at St Hildeburgh's church for a Thanksgiving Service for care home residents, their families and friends and all who care or are cared for.

The service in church will take place on

Monday 31 July at 2.15pm

followed by tea/coffee and a selection of scones and cakes in the Church Hall.

**All are welcome**

## **NEW 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](mailto: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.

# **ST HILDEBURGH'S GOLF PRAYER LABRYNTH**



Wednesday 19 July  
to  
Sunday 23 July  
2023

10am to 4pm

All Welcome!

No Charge

*(but donations welcome)*



***Nigel Hall writes:***

Join us at St Hildeburgh's Parish Church in Hoylake during the Open Golf Championship for our special 'Golf Prayer Labyrinth' inside the church.

Take a meditative and prayerful walk from station to station (greens) - each with a theme in common to both life and golf.

On Sunday 23 July at 10am there will be a special service of Holy Communion around the labyrinth.

## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: ASTILBE.** **152nd in a series.**

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

THE feathery flowers of astilbes, grouped in a lightly shaded border, create an unusual and striking display in midsummer with elegant spires bearing thousands of tiny long-lasting blooms in shades of red, pink, purple or white. The fern-like leaves are attractive, too, though some are quite dull, which is thought to give rise to the plant's name – astilbe comes from the Greek *astilbos*, meaning "without brightness." There are several species which come from moist situations on riversides, in woodland and in mountain clefts in North America and south-east Asia. Their height varies from a few inches to a metre.

The best tall kinds include *Astilbe* Amethyst, flowering in early summer, on plumes a metre tall; *Astilbe chinensis* and the many hybrids bred from this species, most reaching about 60cm (2ft), one of which is pictured; *Astilbe* Fanal (pictured), with long-lasting crimson blooms; *Astilbe* Venus, taller with bright pink flowers; with and several German-bred varieties of medium height, around 45cm (18in) such as Federsee (deep pink), Irrlicht (white with dark, purplish-green foliage), Koblenz (salmon-pink), and Purpurlanze (Purple Lance), much taller at 1.2m (4ft), vigorous and tolerant of drier conditions than most with rich purple-red blooms. *Astilbe* Sprite is tall with pale-pink flowers on delicate, weeping stems.

There are also several forms only a few inches tall suitable for waterside positions, among them Bronze Elegance, pinkish-red; Gnome, pink with reddish-green foliage; and Perkeo, deep pink.

Holehird Garden, near Windermere, which holds a National Collection of Astilbes (pictured) and of Hydrangeas, as well as many other fine flower displays, is well worth visiting.



***Left: A rose-pink variety of Astilbe chinensis.***

***Below right: Astilbe fanal.***



***Below: Part of the National Collection of Astilbes at Holehird Gardens near Windermere.***



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*Thank you.*

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