

## **Readings for Sunday 24 September 2023**

8am Holy Communion	Philippians 1. 21-20 Mt. 20. 1-16 Lectionary pp 197-198
<b>10am Family Praise and Harvest</b>	Philippians 1. 21-20 Mt. 20. 1-16 Lectionary pp 197-198
6pm BCP Communion	Philippians 1. 21-20 Mt. 20. 1-16

## **Readings for Sunday 1 October 2023**

8am Holy Communion	Philippians 2. 1-13 Mt. 21. 23-32 Lectionary pp200-201
10am Holy Communion	Philippians 2. 1-13 Mt. 21. 23-32 Lectionary pp200-201
6pm Evensong	1 John 2. 22-end Mark 9. 38-end Psalm 132

## **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.

## **PARISH REGISTER**

There are no entries in the Parish Register this week.

## **Weekly Beacon**

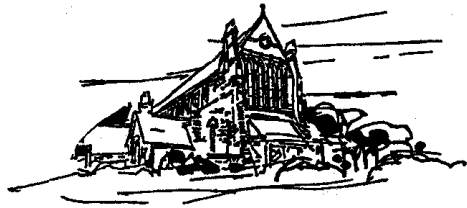


## **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 24 September 2023 The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

### **THE COLLECT**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers  
of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;  
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.

## **PCC Report**



### ***Nigel Hall writes:***

St Hildeburgh's Parochial Church Council (our church's decision-making body) met on Monday 18 September. It was felt that a regular, brief summary of what takes place at the meetings would be informative to readers of the *Weekly Beacon*.

### **Safeguarding**

Peter Ham, our Parish Safeguarding Office (PSO) presented a report and alerted members to the fact that he is placing notices with his contact details around the church. Parishioners with safeguarding concerns can therefore contact Peter easily.

### **Financial Position**

Our finances are in a satisfactory state. Lytton Godwin (Treasurer) is resolving a problem whereby our energy supplier repeatedly applies the incorrect rate of VAT to our bills.

### **Golf Prayer Labyrinth**

During the recent Golf Open, we held our golf prayer labyrinth. Although fewer people attended than last time (due to the golf's ticketing policy), it was much appreciated by those who came.

### **Surveys: Trees, Electrics & Disability**

Several surveys of the church and grounds have taken place. The tree survey suggests that the trees are in a generally good condition, however, one pine tree has a split trunk and this will be braced by our tree surgeon. The electrics in church are in a satisfactory condition. Some work needs to be carried out for people living with disabilities/wheelchair users: For instance, improvements to the path around the Church Centre are in hand.

### **Brickwork**

The bricks on the west end of the church are very seriously damaged by weathering. The PCC resolved to have the brickwork repaired.

### **Concrete: Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)**

Parishioners may be aware of the problems occurring in public buildings because of a concrete construction method called 'RAAC'. Following a visit from our Church Architect, we can confirm that none of this type of concrete exists in either the church or Church Centre.

### **Nesting Boxes for Swifts**

The local population of swifts is in serious decline, in large part due to the loss of nesting sites. St Hildeburgh's has been offered (free) several boxes with free installation around the church. The PCC resolved to accept the offer and have the nesting boxes erected.

## **ST HILDEBURGH'S HARVEST FAMILY PRAISE SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER AT 10AM**



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

### **50 / 50 CLUB**

*Liz Ardu* 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, excluding Oct 1st, 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 Ardu

### **ST HILDEBURGH'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2023 TOMBOLA PRIZES**

Although it may seem a bit early to be thinking about our Christmas Tree Festival, we will need prizes for our Tombola stall. If you have small new items which would be suitable for Tombola prizes, please give them to Liz Ardu or Sue Chapman. Please do not leave the items in church or in the church hall. Thank you.

### **APPEAL FOR DONATIONS**

*Alice Price* writes:

Cate from St Luke's has asked if we would be able to ask for donations of sanitary pads (not tampons) for the asylum seekers. People can either give them to me or drop them off at St Luke's church. Thanks. Alice

## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: SALPIGLOSSIS.**

### **159th in a series.**

***Text and photograph by Peter SurrIDGE.***

SALPIGLOSSIS are not widely grown although they are among the most colourful plants in late summer and autumn with flowers in a wide range of vivid hues. The blooms are trumpet-shaped with five tongue-like petals, explaining the name, which comes from the Greek *salpinx*, for trumpet, and *glossa*, for tongue, and giving rise to the common name Painted Tongue. The lack of salpiglossis's popularity is probably due to two issues – they are generally grown from seed, while many other bright bedding plants are readily available as plugs or young plants which are easier to cultivate, and they can be attacked by aphids and diseases such as grey mould and root rot. However, anyone prepared to take care with their cultivation is rewarded with long-lasting brilliance at a time when most other summer blooms are fading. Some types are also suitable for cutting. They also make eye-catching houseplants, flowering at different times of year depending on when the seeds are sown.

The varieties grown in gardens have been bred or selected from *Salpiglossis sinuata* which comes from rocky slopes and screes high in the Andes mountains of Argentina and Peru. They therefore need a bright position, good drainage to reduce the risk of moulds and rots and fairly rich soil for the best display. Some tend to grow in a straggly fashion so are best supported with short, twiggy sticks. Flowering can be prolonged by removing the dying blooms.

The best kinds, which can reach 30cm (12in) in height and 60cm (24in) in spread, include: the Casino Series, with veined blooms of yellow, orange, red, blue and purple; Black Trumpets, which are actually deep crimson with darker veins; the very striking Superbissima Mix in various colours, each with an explosion-like show of golden flame markings on the upper petals; the Little Friends mixture (pictured), in paler colours than some but with the golden-flame patterns on many of the flowers; and Kew Blue, velvety purple and heavily veined.



***Above: Salpiglossis Little Friends.***

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers have been donated in memory of Hilda (Dolly) Shipman on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death aged 101 with love from her granddaughter Kate McLoughlin (of Oxford).

Wirral Chamber Concert Series  
96th Season 2023-24



## Marsyas Trio (flute, cello and piano)

Haydn: *Trio No 29 in G major, Hob.XV:15*  
Lili Boulanger: *Nocturne for Flute and Piano*  
Martinů: *Trio for Flute, Cello and Piano, H.300*  
Debussy: *Cello Sonata, L.135*  
Carl Maria von Weber: *Trio in g minor, Op 63*



**Monday 25 September 2023 at 7.30pm**  
**at St Hildeburgh's Church, Hoylake CH47 1HL**  
(corner of Stanley Road and King's Gap)

Tickets - £18; Students - £5; 15 years and younger - Free  
Available at the door on the evening of the concert

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