

## **Readings for this Sunday 26 June**

8am Holy Communion	Gal. 5.1, 13-25 Luke 9. 51-end Lectionary pp 484-485
10am Family Praise	Gal. 5.1, 13-25 Luke 9. 51-end Lectionary pp 484-485
6pm BCP Communion	Gal. 5.1, 13-25 Luke 9. 51-end Lectionary pp 484-485

## **Readings for next Sunday 3 July**

8am Holy Communion	Gal. 6. (1-6) 7-16 Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20 Lectionary pp 488-489
10am Holy Communion	Gal. 6. (1-6) 7-16 Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20 Lectionary pp 488-489
6pm Evensong	Gen. 29. 1-20 Mark 6. 7-29 Psalm 65

### **Parish Register**

#### **Baptism**

10am – Nancy Wynn Olive Kelsey

## **Weekly Beacon**



### **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 26 June 2022**

#### **THE COLLECT**

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are  
nothing worth;  
send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most  
excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever.

## PCC MEETING

A reminder to all PCC members that there will be a PCC meeting in church on Monday 27 June at 7pm

## WIRRAL FOODBANK

Thank you for your generous donations to the Wirral Foodbank which are much appreciated. Please continue to leave donations in the Vicarage porch for Revd Paul to take to the foodbank.



*Left:  
donations on  
their way to  
the foodbank  
last Monday  
morning.*



### **Calling all Christian Creatives!**

You're invited to come and hear about Art for the Soul Hoylake.

Art for the Soul Hoylake is a project led by Alice Price, a lay pioneer at St Hildeburgh's Church in Hoylake. At its heart is a desire to share God's love with others, and invite them to explore their spirituality through creativity. The dream is that a fresh expression of church may grow that uses creative practices to know and worship Jesus.

The project is relatively new, having started in the summer of 2021. Alice is looking for like-minded Christians who may like to join her on this adventure. Do you enjoy being creative? Do you have a heart for mission? Do you desire to help others to explore their spirituality? Come and hear about the journey so far and meet Alice. There will be an opportunity to engage in some mindful and prayerful art practices too if you wish.

All are welcome.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00-11.30am

St Hildeburgh's Church Centre,  
Stanley Rd, Hoylake, CH47 1HL

Contact Alice for more info  
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## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: ECHIUM**

### **109th in a series.**

***Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.***

Echiums produce the tallest flower stems I've ever seen – nearly 4m (13ft). The spectacular species that I spotted in New Zealand and later in the semi-Mediterranean climate on the south side of the Isle of Wight was *Echium pininana*, which had literally hundreds of blue flowers on each towering spike followed by long-lasting seedheads (pictured). That species loves those hospitable climates but is not fully hardy. However, it is a biennial and can be grown locally if sown in pots of loam-based compost in June, protected from frost with the compost fairly dry under glass over the winter, and planted out early the following June.

A less vertically spectacular species, from the Canary Islands, is *Echium wildpretii* (pictured), a mere 2m or so (7ft) tall but distinguished by its red flowers. For more manageable plants, though they are also more tender, *Echium candicans*, another biennial, sprouts magnificent blue spires 60cm-12cm (2ft-4ft) tall (pictured).

For less of a challenge, grow the native British viper's bugloss, *Echium vulgare*, also a biennial, with rich blue flowers but on bushier, branched stems reaching 30cm-60cm (2ft-3ft). They are not a common wild flower but can be seen blooming on undisturbed light soils, often near the coast – at Ainsdale and in the Lake District, for instance. Occasionally, white or pink blooms appear in the wild, a characteristic that has been exploited by plant breeders to produce more compact types, 45cm (18in) tall: a pale blue form, Blue Bedder, and a mixture of pink, purple, lilac and white flowers named Dwarf Hybrids. All can be treated like wallflowers and other familiar spring bedding – sown outdoors now and planted out in October. Protect the young growth from slugs. Other specially-bred kinds include *Echium plantagenum* Sugar 'n Spice, with pink and white flowers on 60cm (2ft) plants.



***Above left: Echium pininana seedheads.***

***Above right: Echium wildpretii***

***Left: Echium candicans.***

The name echium comes from the Greek *ekhion*, a reference to the seed cases which were taken to resemble snake's heads. The Ancient Greeks reasoned that the plant would deter snakes and that a decoction of the roots with wine could cure snake-bite.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2022

Would you like to contribute some home-made preserves to a stall at our Christmas Tree Festival this year? Jams, chutneys and other preserves are all welcome.

For more information please contact Carron Jones on 07771562652.

**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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