

Readings for Sunday 27 August 2023

8am Holy Communion Rom. 12. 1-8 Matt. 16. 13 – 20
Lectionary pp 184 - 185

10am Family Praise Rom. 12. 1-8 Matt. 16. 13 – 20
Lectionary pp 184 - 185

No evening service.

Readings for Sunday 3 September 2023

8am Holy Communion Rom. 12. 9-21 Mt. 16. 21-28
Lectionary pp 187-188

10am Healing Eucharist Rom. 12. 9-21 Mt. 16. 21-28
Lectionary pp 187-188

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES RECOMMENCE ON
SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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

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

Baptisms

27 August 2023 at 10am – Penelope Mae Painter and Frankie Walter Painter

Funeral

1 September 2023 – Mrs Sheila Lawson Ashton
Landican Crematorium at 3.30pm

Weekly Beacon



**News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 27 August 2023
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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.

LIFEBOAT SUNDAY – BBQ - 10 SEPTEMBER



Revd Paul and Revd Gillian will be hosting a BBQ in the Vicarage garden after the Lifeboat Service on Sunday 10 September.

If you would like to come, please add your name to the list at the back of church or contact Jill in the Church Office on 632 5339 sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

Tea/coffee will be provided but please bring your own drinks.

Payment is by donation on the day.

ST HILDEBURGH'S TOTS



We're up and running after our Summer break, on Wednesday 13th September at 10am.

If you're a parent, a Grandparent, or a carer with preschool age children, do come along. Refreshments are provided for children and grownups. Lots of toys and activities, singing and a story time.

ALL welcome. Come and have fun. St. Hildeburgh's Church Centre. Talk to Peter or Margaret if you want to know more!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the altar this week have been donated by Carron Jones in memory of her mother Mary Hutchinson.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: GLADIOLI

156th in a series.

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

Gladioli are well-known as plants with big, bold and colourful blooms with sword-shaped leaves – a characteristic which explains their name. *Gladiolus* comes from the Latin *gladius*, meaning “little sword,” and shares its origin with “gladiator.” Some gladiators in the Roman arenas were said to wear gladiolus corms around their necks for luck when fighting. Gladioli have also been known to as *xiphium*, from the Greek *xiphios* which also means “sword”.

The erect flower spikes bear funnel-shaped blooms which open upwards from the base, older flowers dying as new ones open. Depending on variety, flowering time ranges from early to late summer, and height varies from a few inches to a metre or more. The colour choice is impressively wide and includes many shades of red, pink, orange and yellow as well as white and even blue, as in the varieties Cote d’Azur and Blue Heaven. There are also bicolours, including the enormous Pink Flare (pictured), growing 1.3m (4ft 6in) tall; Happy Time (scarlet and ivory); and Little Darling (orange and yellow).

There are some 180 species which come from the Mediterranean, Middle East and Africa and are not fully hardy in Britain. More than 10,000 varieties have been developed and they are prized not only for gardens but also for floral art and shows. The largest, showiest kinds were admired by the flamboyant Dame Edna Everage, as depicted by Australian comedian Barry Humphries, who died this year.

Among the numerous fine varieties are Chloe, with rich orange blooms; Green Woodpecker, yellow with a green tinge and deep red spots in the throat; Prins Claus (pictured); and Carrara (pictured) – named from the Latin *carrariae*, meaning “quarries,” which gives a clue to the terrain where it is found naturally.

Gladiolus callianthus (pictured), once classified as *Acidanthera murielae*, was named for Muriel Erskine, whose husband collected the species in Ethiopia.

Gladioli generally like a sunny well-draining site – a damp situation can rot the corms. Drainage is especially important if corms are to overwinter in the ground successfully. Otherwise the corms are lifted, stored in frost-free conditions over winter and replanted in spring.



Top left: *Gladiolus Pink Flare*. Top right: *Gladiolus Prins Claus*.

Left: *Gladiolus Carrara*. Right: *Gladiolus callianthus*.

**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!

**TO COVER OUR COSTS THERE IS A MINIMUM
DONATION OF £1 FOR EACH BACON BUTTY**



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