

Readings for this Sunday 27 March

8am Holy Communion	2 Cor. 3. 12-4.2 Luke 9. 28-36 (37-43a) Lectionary pp 416-417
10am Family Praise	2 Cor. 3. 12-4.2 Luke 9. 28-36 (37-43a) Lectionary pp 416-417
6pm BCP Communion	2 Cor. 3. 12-4.2 Luke 9. 28-36 (37-43a)

Readings for next Sunday 3 April

8am Holy Communion	Phil 3. 4b-13 John 12. 1-8 Lectionary p.427
10am Holy Communion	Phil 3. 4b-13 John 12. 1-8 Lectionary p.427
6pm Evensong	2 Chron. 35. 1-6, 10-16 Luke 22. 1-13 Psalm 35

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 27 March 2022 The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

THE COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose son Jesus Christ the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself;
strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal;
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.

PRAYER VIGIL AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Revd Paul will be holding a Prayer Vigil in church every Tuesday evening from 6pm to 6.30pm. All are welcome.

LENT REFLECTIONS AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

During Lent, Revd Richard will be hosting a series of reflection evenings in the Lady Chapel. Meetings will be held at 6.30pm on the following Tuesday evenings: 29 March, 5 April and 12 April. All are welcome.

LENT LUNCHES 2022

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

FUNDRAISING AT ST HILDEBURGH'S CAKES BAKED TO ORDER!

Following the success of her baking to order fundraiser last year, Jane Langley will be recommencing baking from this week. Jane can bake any cake but she has suggested the following: chocolate, Victoria sponge, lemon drizzle, and coffee and walnut cake. To order please speak with Jane.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The APCM will be held at 11am on Sunday 1 May 2022 in church. This will be followed by a meeting of the PCC.

Church groups

Please send your annual reports to the Church Office on sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com by Monday 25 April 2022. Thank you.

St Hildeburgh's Electoral Roll

The annual review of our Electoral Roll is being compiled in time for our APCM.

If you would like your name added to the Electoral Roll please contact the Electoral Roll Officer Roy Auld on 632 0586 or Jill in the Church Office: 632 5339 or email on www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

Roy will also be available to speak with at all the services in church this Sunday.

**FAMILY PRAISE AT STHILDEBURGH'S
MOTHERING SUNDAY 27 MARCH AT 10AM**



**At 10.00am on the Last Sunday in the month,
we have a service of 'Family Praise'.**

**This is an informal service that aims to cater for
all ages, there are lively worship songs and lots
of activities for children.**

**The service is followed by refreshments in the
Church Hall.**

**It would be great to see you there this Sunday
and if you know someone who would like to
come why not bring them along?**

All are welcome.

COFFEE MORNING IS BACK – PLEASE CONTRIBUTE

With the easing of Covid restrictions, the popular annual coffee morning and sale held by St Hildeburgh's Guild will be staged again this spring, the first for three years. This is always a really cheerful and friendly occasion with a vibrant array of stalls – cakes, gifts, plants, tombola and many more. So now is the time to prepare donations for the *PLANTS AND GARDENS* stall...plants of any kind: indoor or outdoor flowers, vegetables and herbs; tools, gardening books or equipment. Please notify Peter Surridge on 632-5507 or 07778-517759 if you have any donations and he will call and collect.

In the coming weeks, the Guild will appreciate contributions for one or more of the other stalls: *HOMEMADE GOODIES* (cakes, pies, jam, pickles and any homemade foods); *TOILETRIES and UNWANTED GIFTS*; *RAFFLE*; *QUALITY BYGONES* (decorative china and glass, genuine curios, valuables and collectibles of any kind).

St Hildeburgh's wonderful floral arrangements at Harvest, Christmas and Easter are among the finest in the deanery but they cost many hundreds of pounds which is raised chiefly at this coffee morning. Admission will cost £2, to include unlimited coffee or tea and biscuits, and the event will be held...

...in the Church Centre on Saturday, May 21, from 10.30am-12noon.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE !

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: PERIWINKLE.

96th in a series.

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

Some plants are so obliging that we take them for granted and will often overlook them while searching the garden centres for exotica that cost twice as much and perform half as well. High on my list of these horticultural heroes comes an extremely flexible friend. The lesser periwinkle, *Vinca minor*, an effective ground-cover plant and an attractive trailer for pots and hanging baskets. Its slender stems are clothed in shapely oval leaves of glossy dark green all year while its five-petalled flowers of blue, purple or white stud the stems for almost as long, often starting in the depths of winter. Its botanical name is a tribute to the flexibility of its stems. They were used by the Romans to make wreaths and the name comes from the Latin *vincio*, to bind around.

My favourite periwinkle is one with bicoloured leaves, *Variegata*, which has sky-blue flowers and foliage that is greenish-gold in bud then opens to become dark green, margined and splashed with cream. Other excellent kinds are *Alba Variegata*, with yellow margins and white flowers, *Purpurea*, a green-leaved type with maroon-purple flowers, and *Multiplex*, with double purple blossoms. Other good varieties of lesser periwinkle include *La Grave*, which has green leaves and lavender-blue flowers, *Caerulea Plena* with double, sky-blue flowers, and *Bowles' White* which has white flowers, pink in bud.

Vinca minor Variegata will grow where little else would thrive in dry shade and it quickly covers the ground, though the lighter markings will not be as prominent as they would in sunshine. Some years ago I planted a few roots in sandy soil in a seaside garden exposed to fierce, salty gales and, within a couple of years, they created the perfect carpet – it looked good and never needed vacuuming.



Left: Recently planted lesser periwinkle, *Vinca minor Variegata*.

Below: Close-up showing variegated foliage.



Weeds had no chance. The only care needed by periwinkles such as these is occasional pruning to remove any dead stems and keep the vigorous shoots from rooting into any adjoining lawn. A periwinkle carpet can be under-planted (at the time of planting) with bulbs such as the small, hardy daffodil *February Gold*, which will find their way through the 5cm (2in) *Variegata* carpet easily.

The greater periwinkle, *Vinca major*, should be planted with care because it can become invasive. The shoots arch to a height of 45cm (18in) or more as they spread. The flowers are larger and often darker violet-blue. There is a *Variegata* form with cream margins and *Maculata* has cream splashes in the centre of the leaf.

Periwinkles, which come from the Mediterranean region, are sub-shrubs that will live virtually for ever because the stems root as they spread, effectively making a new plant each time. They are trouble-free outdoors though subject to red spider mite if grown in indoor containers.

Villiers Quartet

St Hildeburgh's Church, Hoylake
28th March 2022, 7:30PM



Mendelssohn: Quartet in A minor, Op. 13
Eleanor Alberga: String Quartet No.2
Robert Fokkens: *Spinning, Weaving*
Dvořák: Quartet in A flat Major, Op. 105

Free to attend. Donations welcome.
Booking required:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/274156679007>

Hoylake Chamber Concert Society

<https://chamberconcert.co.uk/>

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