

Readings for Sunday 28 January 2024

8am Holy Communion	Heb. 2. 14-end Luke 2. 22-40 Lectionary pp 34-35
10am Family Praise	Heb. 2. 14-end Luke 2. 22-40 Lectionary pp 34-35
6pm BCP Communion	Heb. 2. 14-end Luke 2. 22-40 Lectionary pp 34-35

Readings for Sunday 4 February 2024

8am Holy Communion	Col. 1. 15-20 John 1. 1-14 Lectionary p258
10am Holy Communion	Col. 1. 15-20 John 1. 1-14 Lectionary p258
6pm Evensong	Gen. 2. 4b-end Luke 8. 22-35 Psalm 65

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Funeral

5 February 2024 - Ruth Smith
Landican Crematorium at 11.30am

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 28 January 2024 The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

THE COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

PCC Report - Monday 22 January 2024



St Hildeburgh's Parochial Church Council (our church's decision-making body) met on Monday 22 January 2024. The following, is a brief summary of what was discussed at the meeting:

Safeguarding

Peter Ham, our Parish Safeguarding Office (PSO), presented a report and alerted members to the fact that those members of the church with leadership and other positions must have a DBS check, and undertake some online training. This matter is now getting pressing.

Financial Position

Our finances are in a satisfactory state. However, weekly planned given has fallen substantially since the period of Covid.

Admission of Children to Communion at School

Rev Paul raised the matter of whether baptised but unconfirmed children, aged seven and upwards, should be admitted to communion, when Holy Communion takes place at school. There was discussion. It was resolved that Rev Paul will explore this as an option.

Brickwork

The bricks on the west end of the church are very seriously damaged by weathering. The PCC resolved to have the brickwork repaired by a stonemasonry company that has submitted the best quote. The work will be overseen by our church architect. We now need to gain permissions from the church/diocesan authorities for the work to be undertaken.

Organ

From not working at all, the organ is now working very well indeed following work on its motor and the organ's electrical System.

Church Central Heating

The central heating in church has received attention: Air locks have been dealt with the system topped up with more water.

Tree Survey/Matters

A tree survey was undertaken last summer to ensure that all the trees in the church grounds are in a safe condition. One case for concern was a Scots pine with a split trunk near the entrance of the car park. This tree has now been braced and secured. All the other trees are in a satisfactory condition.

Volunteers Needed!

The church needs more volunteers! This is across a range of our activities with the Christmas Tree Festival being a key example. Please do consider whether you could be involved. The future of a number of our activities depends on volunteers coming forward.

Nigel Hall

OTHER SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S



Photo courtesy of Nigel Hall

MORNING PRAYER

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.15am in the Lady Chapel.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Every Wednesday at 10am in the Lady Chapel.

PRAYER VIGIL AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 6.30pm.

Reflective music and prayer in an atmosphere of calm – an opportunity to take some time out of the busyness of the day.

Prayerful Art Sessions

What is a Prayerful Art session like?

Our sessions begin with a friendly chat before Alice introduces the week's theme. Recent themes have been: joy, journey, light and darkness.

We might spend a little time talking about the theme in order to spark some inspiration. Alice also provides the group with simple ideas that you could choose to follow if you wish. All the equipment is provided (pens, pencils, paint, paper etc), and Alice is around to offer any support or help you may like. Each person decides how they want to respond to the theme creatively, there are no right or wrong answers. We then spend the remainder of the session creating our projects, relaxing and sharing together.

What do you create?

We create all sorts of things. Check out the noticeboard in the church hall for some examples. What we create is less important than the process of actually creating it. The group exists to provide a space to reflect and pray, and to do this creatively.

Often we might not like the picture we've created, but we've enjoyed revisiting a memory or reflecting on an experience, and that is more important.

Do I need to be good at art?

No! This isn't about being able to draw or being good at art. You can respond to the theme however you wish, so that could be with words and doodles.

Do I have to attend every week?

No, come to as many sessions as you would like. The beauty of doing a different theme each week is that it doesn't matter whether you come to one week or every week.

Come and try a session. We meet 2-3.30pm on Thursday afternoons in the church hall.

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.

SAFEGUARDING - A POCKET GUIDE

Please find at the back of Church, fresh copies of the Church of England's leaflet, "Safeguarding - a pocket guide." They give a brief but very helpful guide to help if you have any safeguarding concerns as well as dos and don'ts. On the back of the leaflets are the revised safeguarding contact numbers within the church, the Diocese and the Council. Please limit yourself to one leaflet per household and keep it somewhere prominent.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Peter Ham (Parish Safeguarding Officer).

ST HILDEBURGH'S CHURCH HOLIDAY 2024

Final arrangements are in hand for our Church Holiday at Thornleigh Christian Hotel, Grange Over Sands, Cumbria and as such we need final numbers to be in place.

We would be arriving after 3pm on Monday 29 April and leaving after breakfast on Friday 3 May. The accommodation is on a Dinner, Bed and Breakfast basis - lunch and packed lunches are available at extra cost. All rooms are ensuite.

The cost of our stay is £432 per person.

Although Morning Prayer and Compline will be available during our stay this is optional - there will be no formal 'workshop' meetings as in previous years. Transport will be shared between those with cars who are willing to give people lifts.

If you would like to come, please contact:

Revd Paul on 632 3897

or Nigel Hall at www.sthildeburgh.net

or Jill in the Church Office on 632 5339 or email sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME BY
SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 2024**

Thank you

Wirral Chamber Concert Series
96th Season 2023-24



Simply Quartet

Haydn: String Quartet in B flat major, Op 33 No 4
Bartók: String Quartet No 4 in C major, Sz 91
Webern: Langsamer Satz
Beethoven: String Quartet No 16 in F major, Op 135



Monday 29 January 2024 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
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