

## **Readings for Sunday 29 January 2023**

8am Holy Communion	1Cor. 1. 18-end John 2. 1-11 Lectionary pp34-35
10am Family Praise	1Cor. 1. 18-end John 2. 1-11 Lectionary pp34-35
6pm BCP Communion	1Cor. 1. 18-end John 2. 1-11 Lectionary pp34-35

## **Readings for Sunday 5 February 2023**

8am Holy Communion	1 Cor. 2. 1-12 (13 – end) Matt. 5. 13-20
10am Holy Communion	1 Cor. 2. 1-12 (13 – end) Matt. 5. 13-20
6pm Evensong	Eph. 4. 17-end Mark 1. 29-39 Psalm 4

### **PARISH REGISTER**

#### **Funerals**

6 February 2023 – Nancy Hughes  
Landican Crematorium at 10am

13 February 2023 – Rosemary Kelly Wisaham  
St Hildeburgh's at 10.30am Landican Crematorium at 11.30am

## **Weekly Beacon**



### **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake**

**Sunday 29 January 2023  
The Third Sunday Before Lent**

#### **THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found;  
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.

## **Vicar's Two pence January 2023**

It's been some time since I managed to write my vicar's two pence! Having survived having a new knee and the unexpected complications that followed, it's only now I can see the end in sight, although it will be some time before I am fully fit.

Spending time away from Church has been hard, not seeing everyone and being able to lead the services and just join in with the activities going on.

However thanks must go to those who have carried on the ministry of the church and especially our outreach and community work. I am reminded of the words from Hebrews 1. 6:10 "*God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.*"

*Continually serving others is a form of expressing our faith in and to God. When we start to grow weary in our serving, we can be reenergized in our commitment by knowing that he sees us and he will not forget.*

Inevitably while I have been off sick the church has had to scale down some activities but hopefully we can get back to doing everything as before and I am looking forward to getting fully involved again.

The Christmas tree festival was wonderfully run and organised by the wardens and volunteers. It was a real privilege to just spend a short time with them when the Bishop came and I know she was very impressed.

I am also looking forward to restarting prayers for the Ukraine in the coming weeks as we support our brothers and sisters in this terrible conflict.

It will be the King's coronation in May so no doubt we will be celebrating in some special way so watch this space!

In July we have the Open Golf and we will again put out the golf prayer labyrinth - a reflective journey of prayer based on the Open.

All of these activities will need volunteers so be ready!!

The big concern for us and many other Christian communities is the terrible legacy of Covid, sadly numbers in church have decreased and somehow we all need to take responsibility and act. Over the next few months I would ask you to pray about this and what we might do to increase our numbers. One of the ways perhaps is to start seriously thinking about who each of us could encourage to come to church.

Perhaps it's someone who hasn't been since Covid or someone new.

Doing nothing is not an option, we have to go out and show people what it means to be a Christian. It's true many find it hard to speak about faith, about Jesus but remember it is the good news we share, the good news of Jesus Christ.

In these times of austerity many need our love and support, many are hungry and many people can't even afford to switch on the heating. What better place to offer than the church - a warm and friendly place where Christ is at the centre of all we do. In the weeks ahead may we all pull together to make a difference both at church and in our community and grow in faith and love.

I will finish with the words from Galatians 5:22-23. *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

Your friend, Rev Paul.

## **CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?**

Revd Paul is appealing for your help with the provision of new school uniforms for refugee children. As the uniforms need to be in several different sizes it would be helpful if cash donations could be given to purchase the uniforms.

If you would like to donate by cheque, please make it payable to Hoylake PCC. Please write the reference 'School Uniforms' on the back of your cheque.

OR

To donate by BACS through the banking system the details you will need are:

Bank: HSBC  
Sort Code: 40 25 08  
Account Number: 20445800  
Name of Account: Hoylake PCC  
Reference: 'School Uniforms'

To donate in cash or by using the card machines in church please speak with the wardens.

For further information please contact the church office on 0151 632 5339 [sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com](mailto:sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com)

*Thank you.*

## **LENT AT ST HILDEBURGH'S**



## **LENT LUNCHES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S**

A short service in church will be followed by a simple lunch of homemade soup and bread in our church hall. The church service will begin at 11.30am and lunch will be served at 12noon. The dates are as follows:

**Fridays – 3 March. 10 March. 17 March. 24 March.**

## **LENT REFLECTION EVENINGS AT ST HILDEBURGH'S**

These evenings will be led by Revd Richard and will be held in the Lady Chapel at 6.30pm on the following dates:

**Tuesdays – 28 February. 7 March. 14 March. 21 March**

Each session will last approximately an hour and is a time to step out of the busyness of the everyday as we travel together through Lent.

# **SHARING FOOD AND WARMTH**

## **in Hoylake and Meols**

### EVERYDAY

**Warm Space** – every morning, St Luke's Church opens its space as a warm place to be. Hot drinks available. 9am-12noon.

### MONDAYS

**Honesty Café** – lunch is offered at St John's Church. 11.30am-1.30pm.

### TUESDAYS

**Bacon Butties** – enjoy a hot drink and a bacon buttie or two at St Hildeburgh's Church. 10.30am-12noon.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Coffee Morning** – enjoy a hot drink and access the Store 4 All (food and essentials) at St Luke's Church. 10am-12noon.

**Coffee Afternoon** – enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits at St Andrews URC Meols, 1.30pm-3.30pm

### THURSDAYS

**Bacon Butties** – enjoy a hot drink and a bacon buttie or two at St John's Church. 10.30am-12noon.

**Community Shop** – food and essentials are available from The Life Tree community shop at Quirky Café. 10am-4pm.

**Community Lunch** – lunch is offered on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, 12noon-2pm at St Luke's. Book by calling 632 4986.

**Coffee and Cake** – enjoy a hot drink and a piece of cake at Hoylake Evangelical Church, 2pm-4pm from Dec to Feb.

### FRIDAYS

**Food and Friends** – enjoy a soup lunch and a time to chat and meet new people at St Luke's Church. 12noon-2pm.

### SATURDAYS

**Community Shop** – food and essentials are available from The Life Tree community shop at Quirky Café. 1pm-4pm.

Bread is available from Quirky Café when it's open. (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9am-4pm)

If you are not able to access the Community Shop when the Quirky Café is open, pop a note with your contact details into the post box outside the Quirky Café and someone will be in touch to ensure you get the food you need.

All are welcome to share food and warmth at any of these places. They're all offered on a 'pay if you can' basis and are run by volunteers.

St Luke's Church – Market Street, Hoylake

St John's Church – Birkenhead Road, Meols

St Hildeburgh's Church – The King's Gap, Hoylake

St Andrews URC – Greenwood Road, Meols

Quirky Café – 124E Market Street, Hoylake

Hoylake Evangelical Church – 3-5 Birkenhead Road, Hoylake

**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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