

Readings for Sunday 29 October 2023

8am Holy Communion	Col. 3. 12-17 Matt. 24. 30-35 Lectionary pp 216-217
10am Family Praise	Col. 3. 12-17 Matt. 24. 30-35 Lectionary pp 216-217
6pm BCP Communion	Col. 3. 12-17 Matt. 24. 30-35 Lectionary pp 216-217

Readings for Sunday 5 November 2023

8am Holy Communion	1 John 3. 1-3 Mt. 5. 1-12 Lectionary pp220-221
10am Holy Communion	1 John 3. 1-3 Mt. 5. 1-12 Lectionary pp220-221
4pm Service for the Departed	Special Readings

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 29 October 2023 The Last Sunday After Trinity – Bible Sunday

THE COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

ALL SOULS SERVICE

The All Souls Service will take place on Sunday 5 November at 4pm. The service will be followed by tea and coffee in the Church Centre.

If you would like the name of a departed loved one read out during the service, please add their name to the list at the back of church or contact Jill in the Church Office on 0151 632 5339
sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer each Tuesday and Thursday
at 9.15am in the Lady Chapel.

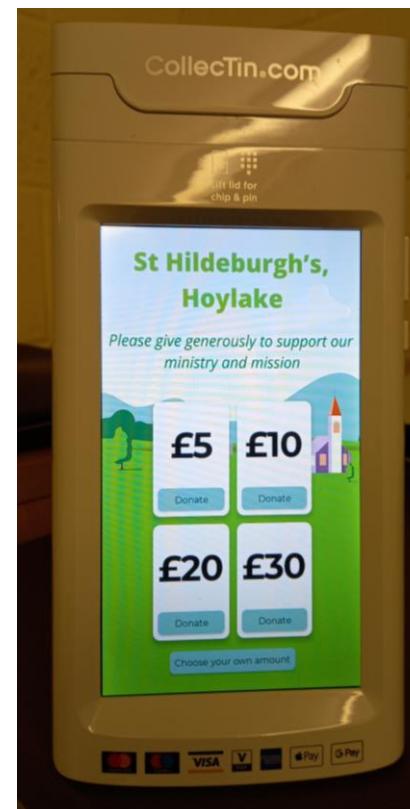
PRAYER VIGIL AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Our Prayer Vigil is on **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.

OPEN WORSHIP - EVERY SECOND SUNDAY AT 6PM IN THE CHURCH HALL

Music, singing, readings, discussions as well as tea and coffee all happen in our Church Hall **every second Sunday at 6pm**. If you haven't been to Open Worship why not give it a try - bring along a friend or neighbour.
There is a different topic to discuss each month

A NEW WAY TO DONATE TO ST HILDEBURGH'S



St Hildeburgh's is one of 50 churches in Chester Diocese to be awarded a Collectin card payment machine. Unlike our other card machines, the Collectin machine allows us to claim back tax under the Gift Aid scheme for donations of £30 and under.

Its easy to use – just tap the screen to select the amount you wish to donate and swipe your card across the top of the machine.

50 / 50 CLUB

Dear all,

Thank you so much for your support over the last couple of years with the 50/50 draw, over this time it has raised £1000 for church funds. I have decided though that it has run its course and the last draw will be at the end of October.

However, to round off 2023 I thought it may be nice to have a pre-Christmas draw. Keep the numbers you have or pay for more if you want @ £2 per number with all the money going into the prize pot.

I will have my book with me on Sunday, and each week after so come and see me, with your wallets and purses to be in with a chance. Preferably cash for this please as it will make it easier for me to manage.

Good Luck everyone and thanks again for past support. Regards. Liz Arduş

WIRRAL ORCHESTRA

Saturday 11th November 7.30pm
St Hildeburgh's church
Wirral Orchestra concert.
Remembrance concert

Neill Jackson writes:

We will be marking Remembrance Day with music from the young English composer George Butterworth who died during WWI with his Banks of Green Willow, music from Walton's Henry V and the Last Post. The second half shall be a last night of the Proms affair with Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance Marches, film music from the Great Escape and Parry's Jerusalem.

Tickets will go on sale in the shops on Oct 16th but can be ordered by emailing nejvla@hotmail.com

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).

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
ST HILDEBURGH'S STALLS**



Jane Langley writes:

Could people please consider donating to both St Hildeburgh's Stalls. One stall will be homemade food products, cakes, biscuits, marmalade, chutney etc. The other will be gifts.

Please speak to either Kate Rice or Carron Jones before making/buying anything so that they can advise you beforehand.

Thank you.

Jane

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL TOMBOLA PRIZES

We also need prizes for our Tombola stall. If you have small new items which would be suitable for Tombola prizes, please give them to Liz Arduis or Sue Chapman.

Please do not leave items in church or the church hall. Thank you.



ST HILDEBURGH'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP

Could you spare an hour or so to help with our Christmas Tree Festival this year?

We need people on the entrance table, to help with the refreshments, and on stalls in the church hall.

This is the main fundraiser of our church year, so your help is vital to make it a success.

If you would like to help, please add your name to the sign-up list at the back of church.

OR

contact Jill in the Church Office on 0151 632 5339
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Thank you



FLOWER OF THE WEEK: MIXED BULBS.

163rd in a series.

Text by Peter Surridge.

THIS series has generally featured one kind of flower at a time but, for a change, this week's focus is on mixed spring bulbs for planting now that are not only bright and beautiful but also unusual. There is a sparkling succession, from snowdrops and winter aconites in January, through crocuses and dwarf irises in February to daffodils then tulips into March and April. The pictures here show just two of the many dazzling mixtures which can be planted.

WINTER IRISES such as *Iris reticulata* have large flowers, 5cm-10cm (2in-4in) wide, on short stems in lovely colours - ranging from pale blue to deep purple with yellow or orange markings - with sweet scent. Good varieties include Cantab, pale blue, 'Harmony,' large and dark blue, 'Katharine Hodgson,' pale blue stripes and yellow markings, 'J.S. Dijt,' deep purple with orange markings and a good scent, and 'Harmony,' royal blue with a yellow mark.

The best types of CROCUS look good in beds, rockeries and lawns. Hardy and reliable early-flowering species are the golden-orange *Crocus ancyrensis*, lilac-blue *Crocus tommasinianus* and *Crocus chrysanthus*, which vary from cream to deep yellow. There are many attractive hybrids such as Gypsy Girl, which has large yellow flowers with feathered purple stripes on the outside, and Princess Beatrix – obviously Dutch, like many of the hybrids – clear blue kind with a yellow base.

Among blue spring bulb-flowers, GRAPE HYACINTHS may lack the charm of bluebells and the style and scent of true hyacinths but for sheer aquamarine impact, when grown in large groups, they are really striking. The best species is *Muscari armeniacum* which blooms in February and March. The blooms form a conical 20cm (8in) spike packed with tiny blue tubular bells with a white edge to the mouth. These flower clusters resemble an inverted bunch of miniature grapes, hence the common name.

The foliage dies down completely over the summer and can look untidy so they are best planted in pots which can be moved after blooming or among later-flowering herbaceous perennials that will draw attention away from the unsightly, dying leaves. The variety Agaei has very bright blooms and Blue Spike has densely-packed double flowers.



Above left: Scarlet tulips with rich blue grape hyacinths. Above right: Dwarf golden daffodils with deep purple crocuses.

When choosing DAFFODILS, look for the delightful smaller species which are dainty and intriguing at the fronts of borders or in rock gardens, patio pots and window boxes. There's the hoop-petticoat daffodil, *Narcissus bulbocodium*, with a large conical cup and tiny petals, on 10cm-20cm (4in-8in) stems. *Narcissus cyclamineus* has a long, slender trumpet with petals swept back so they point in the opposite direction. Good varieties bred from this include February Gold, Peeping Tom and Jack Snipe, which has a yellow trumpet and white petals.

TULIPS are among the world's most varied and spectacular flowers. There are more than 100 species and thousands of varieties in numerous shapes and virtually every colour except pure blue. For gardening purposes, they are classified in 15 groups, principally based on flower shape and season, such as 'single early', 'double late' and 'fringed.' Among the many striking varieties – best planted in late October or November – are China Pink, a lily-flowered type with intense pink blooms; World's Favourite, which has huge flowers of brilliant tangerine with golden edging; Carnaval de Nice, with double, peony-like blooms, white flecked with crimson; Spring Green, ivory white with green feathering; Gavota, with pointed, outward-inclined petals of rich maroon edged in cream; and Blue Parrot, with frilly petals of mauve with hints of blue. Species tulips such as *Tulipa tarda*, with yellow star-like flowers, are smaller and less spectacular but can be effective in a rock garden or mixed container.

**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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