

Readings for Sunday 2 April 2023

8am Holy Communion Phil. 2. 5-11 Matt. 26. 14-27 end
Lectionary pp70

10am Holy Communion Phil. 2. 5-11 Matt. 26. 14-27 end
Lectionary pp70

6pm Evensong Isa. 5. 1-7
Matt. 21. 33-end Psalm 80

Readings for Sunday 9 April 2023

8am Holy Communion Acts 10. 34-43 John 20. 1-18
Lectionary pp 114-115

10am Holy Communion Acts 10. 34-43 John 20. 1-18
Lectionary pp 114-115

No evening service

PARISH REGISTER

Funerals

3 April 2023 – Jean Elizabeth Jenkins. Landican Crematorium at 2pm

13 April 2023 – James David Pimblett. St Hildeburgh's at 11.30am
Landican Crematorium at 12.30pm

Weekly Beacon



**News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 2 April 2023
The Sixth Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday**

THE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.

CONFIRMATIONS AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

A service of confirmation will take place at St Hildeburgh's on 28 June and preparation will be done during a 6 week confirmation course.

For more details, please contact Revd Paul on 632 3897.

LENT LUNCHES 2023

The £400 raised from our recent Lent Lunches will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Turkish/Syrian Earthquake appeal. Thank you for your donations.

'THANK YOU'

A big 'Thank You' from Holy Trinity school for the donations of school uniforms - this has helped enormously.

ST HILDEBURGH'S TOTS GROUP

Please note that St Hildeburgh's Tots Group has been paused for the Easter Holidays. The next session will take place as usual on Wednesday 19 April.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2023

The APCM will take place in church on Sunday 30 April 2023 at 11am - after the 10am service. There will be a meeting of the PCC immediately afterwards – this meeting will also be held in church.

ST HILDEBURGH'S ELECTORAL ROLL

Members of the church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which this year will be held in church on Sunday 30 April at 11am. If you would like to join the roll, please contact our Electoral Roll Officer Roy Auld on 0151 632 0586 for further details.

LAST SUNDAY AT STHILDEBURGH'S

Celebrating March birthdays.



St. Hildeburgh's Easter Hamper Fundraiser



Please try and support our Easter fundraiser.
1st prize...Large rabbit hamper
2nd prize...Small rabbit hamper

Tickets £1 per strip with monies being split between church and the Turkish/Syrian Earthquake appeal.
See me, Liz Ardus for tickets and any information.

Many thanks. Liz.



Hi, my name is Tom Lang and one of my life goals was to run a marathon before I was 50, I didn't quite make that goal. However, at 50 years old I am running the London Marathon 2023 for RDA. Please help me reach my target of £2,000 for this amazing charity.

RDA is a charity whose horses help and benefit the lives of over 25,000 disabled children and adults. With fun activities like horse riding and carriage driving, we provide therapy, fitness, and skills development – all supported by 18,000 amazing volunteers and qualified coaches at nearly 500 RDA centres all over the UK.

RDA is an inclusive and diverse organisation. We welcome clients with physical and learning disabilities and autism, and there are no age restrictions. Through our network of member groups, RDA is at work in every corner of the UK, in our cities and remote rural areas, bringing the therapy, achievement and fun of horses to as many people as we can.



<https://2023tcs londonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/thomas-lang>

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: A NECKLACE, A ZEBRA AND A SHRIMP.

137th in a series.

Text by Peter Surridge.

Three curious houseplants this week...

TRAILING BEAD PLANT, *Senecio rowleyanus* (pictured), from south-west Africa, is an unusual hanging plant, hard to find in garden centres but very easy to propagate. It grows quickly, producing long stems covered with succulent globular leaves, like a necklace of green pearls. These will dangle 90cm (3ft) or more but can be pruned back. In ideal conditions the plant will produce curious flowers in winter or spring, little white “shaving brushes” with chocolate tips to the “bristles” on slender, upturned stems. It likes a gritty compost, not too rich, with bright light and a steady temperature all year and a minimum 10C (50F) in winter. For best results, the compost should almost dry out before watering in winter. In spring and summer plants should be fed fortnightly with a half-strength liquid general fertiliser.

ZEBRA PLANT *Aphelandra squarrosa* (pictured) is known as the zebra plant because of the bold ivory-white veins on deep green leaves. It comes from Brazil, grows 30cm (1ft) tall in a pot and produces prominent spikes of yellow bracts in summer. It flourishes in bright light at room temperature but needs a few weeks in a cooler place (13C – 55F) after flowering. It is essential to keep the compost wet and give a liquid fertiliser weekly during spring and summer and also important to maintain humidity by misting and keeping the plant on a tray of moist gravel. Zebra plants need very little water in winter. Every spring it should be pruned severely, leaving only a few leaves, then repotted in a rich, gritty compost.

SHRIMP PLANT, *Justicia brandegeana* (formerly *Beloperone guttata*), is a small, evergreen shrub from Mexico. Its nickname comes from the pretty but odd-looking bracts, russet and greenish-yellow, borne from March to December. *Justicia* was named after James Justice, an 18th-century Scottish horticulturalist, while *brandegeana* comes from Townsend Brandege, an American botanist. The plant will grow to 90cm (3ft) tall if transplanted into progressively larger pots but can be kept around 30cm (1ft) by pinching out the growing tips regularly. It is best kept at around 18C (64F) with a winter minimum of 8C (45F), watered copiously from March to November but little in winter, fed from May to September and potted on when necessary into a soil-based compost.



Above left: *Senecio rowleyanus*. Above right: *Aphelandra squarrosa*.

St Hildeburgh's Guild

We held our AGM on Monday 20 when we arranged for the whole year who would provide and arrange altar flowers, who would clean the brasses and who would look after the white linen laundering. We will be holding our coffee morning on Saturday 20 May to raise funds for our Easter, Harvest and Christmas flowers. Please try to support us on that date. Also, if anyone would like to donate the Altar flowers on a special date please contact Joyce Reade on 632 2163. Joyce Reade Hon. Sec

PLANTS PLEASE!

The popular annual coffee morning and sale held by St Hildeburgh's Guild will be staged again on Saturday, May 20, and, as usual, there will be a Plants and Gardens stall selling a wide range of gardening requisites. So now is the time to prepare donations: plants of any kind – indoor or outdoor flowers, root divisions of perennials, vegetable or herb plants, tools or equipment. (No gardening books, thank you.) Please notify Peter Surridge on 632-5507 or 07778-517759 if you have any donations and he will call and collect. More about the coffee morning will appear in the Weekly Beacon.

EASTER SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Sunday 2 April – Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion
6pm Evensong

Thursday 6 April – Maundy Thursday

6pm Holy Communion

Friday 7 April – Good Friday

1.30pm Stations of the Cross

Sunday 9 April – Easter Day

8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion

No evening service

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