

Readings for Sunday 2 July 2023

8am Holy Communion Rom. 6. 12-end Matt. 10. 40-end
Lectionary pp158-159

10am Holy Communion Rom. 6. 12-end Matt. 10. 40-end
Lectionary pp158-159

NO EVENING SERVICE

Readings for Sunday 9 July 2023

8am Holy Communion Rom. 7. 15-25a
Matt. 11. 16-19, 25-30
Lectionary pp161-162

10am All Age Communion Rom. 7. 15-25a
And Blessing Matt. 11. 16-19, 25-30
Lectionary pp161-162

NO EVENING SERVICE

PARISH REGISTER

Funeral

6 July 2023 – Alexandra Harper
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 July 2023 The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

THE COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
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



Photo courtesy of Nigel Hall

In line with other churches, with immediate effect there will be no Sunday evening services during the holiday season. The changes only apply to Sunday Evening Services.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES CONTINUE AS USUAL:

8am Holy Communion (said)
10am Holy Communion (sung)

WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES CONTINUE AS USUAL:

Holy Communion will still take place as usual in the Lady Chapel at 10am on Wednesdays.

Sunday Evening Services

Sunday Evening services will recommence with Evensong at 6pm on Sunday 17 September 2023.

LAST SUNDAY AT ST HILDEBURGH'S



Rev'd Richard has now completed his curacy at St Hildeburgh's and sadly will be moving on. To mark the occasion Revd Paul is pictured presenting him with some gifts and a card.

Our congregation went on to enjoy a buffet lunch in the Church Hall where glasses of Prosecco were raised in a toast of thanks to Revd Richard for all his help and support during the last three years.

We wish Revd Richard every blessing in his future ministry.

Photo courtesy of Jane Langley

'THANK YOU'



Photo courtesy of Jane Langley

Hello St Hildeburgh's, just a few lines to thank you for your generosity throughout my three years with you. The move to Hoylake was made even more strange due to Covid. Instead of standing in front of a congregation, I stood in an empty church taking part in a service that was being broadcast across the airways. Then when the church doors were opened again, I stood in front of a masked congregation. Not recognising anyone. We lived through strange times. But we came through them and here we are more or less back to normal, whatever that normal has become. Over my years with you I have encountered the famous Christmas Tree Festival and took up the reins, reasonably securely I hope, during Paul's enforced absence. (Well there was no thunderbolts in evidence during those months and the church is still standing!!)

Yes, times have been interesting during my spell at St. Hildeburgh's, but in truth during that time, I have encountered only encouragement, wisdom and a deep sense of love. In return I hope I have given you something to remember me by. I would hope it is the impetus to delve deeper into your faith, to ask questions and seek answers, but it just may be that I sometimes wear weird headgear, tell strange tales and eat chocolate biscuits and coffee and walnut cake.

As many of you know I'm too old for a parish placement so with Fran I am going to become PTO (Permission to Officiate), which allows us more freedom in our ministry. It will allow us to embark, with Bishop Julie's approval, on establishing an outreach programme to the LGBT+ community in New Brighton alongside the vicar of that Parish, starting with a service following New Brighton Pride, which is during the early part of August.

Following our holiday, thanks again to your generosity, I will be calling at Richer Sounds to buy the DAB+ radio unit I wanted for my Hi-Fi. Which means that every time I tune in to Ken Bruce on Greatest Hits, listen to 60's and 70's music on Boom Radio or enjoy the humour of Radio 4 Extra I will remember I'm only listening thanks to St. Hildeburgh's generosity.

Thank you again for the welcome you have given me during my time at St. Hildeburgh's and I hope that I will see you all again in the future.

Revd Richard

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



During last Sunday's Family Praise service Revd Paul and the congregation sang 'Happy Birthday' to Jessica.

Photo courtesy of Jane Langley

50/50 CLUB DRAW

The June draw for the 50/50 Club took place in the church hall after the Family Praise service on Sunday 25 June.

The winner of the June draw was Kate Rice with number 59.

Congratulations!

BACON BUTTIES



The Bacon Butties frying pan is taking a well earned break over the summer.

The last Bacon Butties will be served on
Tuesday 4 July
and will recommence on
Tuesday 1 August

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: STEPHANOTIS

149th in a series.

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

Stephanotis is perhaps best known as a winter houseplant but flowers naturally in summer. Whether flowering in winter or summer, the species widely available in Britain is *Stephanotis floribunda*, sometimes sold as *Stephanotis jasminoides*. It is an evergreen climber with heart-shaped, richly glossy leaves. Its twining stems grow 4m-5m (15ft) and flower from early summer to early autumn in the plant's natural habitat, tropical woodland in Madagascar (it is also known as the Madagascar jasmine).

In warm, sheltered situations stephanotis can be grown against a wall or along a trellis but prefers a temperature no lower than 15C (59F) so needs to be protected in winter with horticultural fleece or a similar covering. It also needs some shade because, as a woodland plant, it is susceptible to leaf burn from hot summer sunshine. With those hazards to consider, most people wisely keep stephanotis as a houseplant. Commercial growers restrict each plant's size artificially by confining it to a fairly small pot and training round a wire so the blossoms – white, waxy, star-shaped and fragrant – are concentrated in a tight display. Artificial light is used to bring the plant into bloom in winter.

Newly-bought plants in flower should be kept in a place that is draught-free, bright and airy, but not in direct sunlight, and preferably away from radiators. Once settled, stephanotis hate a change of position, especially after the flower buds have formed so the same side of the plant must face the light if the pot should be moved. Watering should ensure that the compost remains moist but not saturated and a half-strength liquid feed should be given with each watering.



Above: A coiled Stephanotis floribunda in a conservatory pot.

After flowering has finished, many people consider they have had their money's worth and throw the plant away but those with a conservatory or heated greenhouse – and time to spare – can try replanting into a larger pot, about 4cm (1.5in) wider and deeper, using a loam-based compost such as John Innes No 2, untangling the stems and training them towards the light. Misting regularly with tepid water in hot, dry conditions is beneficial and, as winter approaches, watering should be reduced. Plants that are well cared for should bloom the following summer. The flowers are carried on new growth so, if the old branches become too rampant, it is best to cut out some of them.

The plant takes its name from the Greek *stephanos*, meaning crown, and *otos*, ear, supposedly describing the individual flowers.

Golf is **O**pen To You!

in association with
Christians in Sport

You are invited to join in with a meeting to
explore:

***Making Faith & Sport
inclusive – Sharing the
lessons***

Date: Tuesday July 18th

Time: 10.45 am for 11am start

Venue: St Andrew's Church, West Kirby

Open To All and FREE!

For more information and to register your
interest, please contact Kate:
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