

Readings for this Sunday 2 October

8am Holy Communion	2 Tim. 1. 1-14 Luke 17. 5-10 Lectionary pp 530-531
10am Holy Communion	2 Tim. 1. 1-14 Luke 17. 5-10 Lectionary pp 530-531
6pm Evensong	Neh. 5. 1-13 John chapter 9 Psalm 142

Readings for next Sunday 9 October

8am Holy Communion	2 Tim. 2. 8-15 Luke 17. 11-19 Lectionary pp 533-534
10am Holy Communion	2 Tim. 2. 8-15 Luke 17. 11-19 Lectionary pp 533-534
6pm Open Worship	To be chosen

Parish Register

Funerals

12 October - Dennis Head.
Landican Crematorium at 10am

13 October – Pauline Hoatson.
Landican Crematorium at 12.30pm

14 October – Alan Reddington.
St Hildeburgh's at 11.30am
Landican Crematorium at 12.30pm

Weekly Beacon



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THE COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do;
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

A WARM SPACE



On Friday 21 October we are starting a new initiative for the community. Every Friday between 10am and 2pm the Church Centre will be open as a warm space to meet, chat, have a hot drink and perhaps read the paper or a book, knit or another craft (please bring your own).

Jane Langley will be making homemade hearty soup, and sandwiches will also be available. All free of charge or by donation.

This is for all ages including young families.

This will be a warm space for the community – a welcoming hub to help people cope with the challenges of the economic crisis in which we all find ourselves.

Please support this initiative and promote it amongst the community of Hoylake.

LAST SUNDAY AT ST HILDEBURGH'S



Celebrating September birthdays during the Harvest Service last Sunday.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We are looking for small items to give as Tombola prizes.

If you think you can help with this appeal, please leave your prizes at the back of church.

Thank you.



FLOWER OF THE WEEK: HIBISCUS **122nd in a series**

Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.

Hibiscus tend to be associated with more equable climates than ours, even allowing for global warming. However, some hibiscus are tough enough to be grown outdoors in Britain. *Hibiscus syriacus*, which will tolerate several degrees of frost, is the most reliable. It grows into an erect shrub up to 3m tall and 2m wide (10ft x 6.6ft) in ideal conditions and produces trumpet-shaped flowers 6cm (2.5in) wide, dark pink with a red centre, yellow anthers and white stamens. Some 30 varieties have been bred from this species, often with larger flowers, in various colours (pictured). Some of the best are Blue Bird (pictured), which has bright blue blossoms with red centres; Diana, with huge white flowers up to 12cm (5in) across; Lady Stanley, double white blooms flushed with pink; Red Heart, white with a red centre; and Woodbridge, rich pink with a dark pink centre.

Another large species is *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*, which becomes a large shrub or small tree. Many varieties have been bred in colours ranging from white, through orange to crimson, such as the variety Scarlet Giant (pictured), which has remarkably long red stamens bearing yellow anthers. But there's a snag – it demands a minimum temperature of 10C (50F) to flourish.

Not all hibiscus grow as large as the two species mentioned above. *Hibiscus trionum*, the overlooked 'flower of an hour', can be treated as a half-hardy annual, growing quickly from a spring sowing with protection to a 60cm (2ft) specimen which can be planted out in May. In sheltered situations seeds can be sown in April where they to flower and thinned to 30cm (1ft) apart. The plants produce numerous short-lived flowers from mid-summer to early autumn, 8cm (3in) across, cream with a chocolate centre and purple stamens. They are followed by unusual bladder-shaped seed pods. It is an excellent and unusual plant for the border or containers. Good varieties include Simply Love.



Top Left: *Hibiscus syriacus* in mixed colours.

Top Right: *Hibiscus syriacus* Blue Bird.

Left: *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* Scarlet Giant.



Both species of hibiscus mentioned thrive in well-drained soil and flower best in sunny situations. They are fairly free of pests and diseases though greenfly and powdery mildew can be a problem. Hibiscus is a member of the mallow family. Indeed, its name is Greek for mallow. *Hibiscus syriacus* originates not from Syria but from China and India.

**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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