



## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2023



*Photo courtesy of Nigel Hall*

The Annual Parochial Church meeting will take place in the church hall 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 the church hall.

## LAST SUNDAY AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Our Voyagers spent the morning thinking about the way in which God is everywhere and reflected this by making paper eggs with messages inside.



*Photo courtesy of Jane Langley*

## Don't fall for a scam!

PSCO Julia Metcalf will be here on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 2pm**. She will be talking about the latest scams and giving advice to prevent you becoming a victim of fraud.

If you can't make it or would rather speak to Julia privately, please let Revd Paul know.  
You can also email her on [0256@merseyside.police.uk](mailto:0256@merseyside.police.uk)

**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?**



## **JUST THREE WEEKS UNTIL GUILD'S FLORAL FUND-RAISER!**

Spring is here and that means St Hildeburgh's Guild coffee morning and sale will soon be delighting churchgoers and visitors alike – *in just three weeks' time*. The event is always a really cheerful and friendly occasion with a vibrant array of stalls: cakes, gifts, plants, raffle and many more. Proceeds will help to pay for St Hildeburgh's floral displays at Christmas, Easter and Harvest.

**The date: Saturday, May 20.**

**The time: 10am-12noon.**

**The place: St Hildeburgh's Church Centre.**

Please give donations, however large or small (or cash!), for these stalls may be brought to the Church Centre between 6pm-7pm on Friday, May 19.

**HOMEMADE GOODIES** – cakes, pies, jam, pickles and any homemade edibles.

**TOILETRIES and UNWANTED GIFTS.**

**ORNAMENTS and COLLECTIBLES** – Decorative china and glass, curios, valuables and collectibles of any kind.

**RAFFLE** – Consumables such as wine and chocolates as well as any attractive items suitable for prizes.

**Admission to the coffee morning will cost £2, to include unlimited coffee or tea and biscuits.**

Contributions for the *PLANTS AND GARDENS* stall will be appreciated in advance – plants of any kind: indoor or outdoor flowers, vegetables and herbs; tools or equipment. Please notify Peter Surrige on 632-5507 or 07778-517759 if you have any donations and he will call and collect from you in advance. Peter will also be available to answer gardening queries.

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE, COME ALONG, ENJOY YOURSELF**

**AND SPEND SOME MONEY!**

## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: CEANOTHUS.**

### **141st in a series.**

*Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.*

Ceanothus originate from North and Central America with most of the 55 species being found in the south western United States – explaining the shrub's nickname California lilac. The flower heads may be reminiscent of lilac but in fact ceanothus are members of the buckthorn family. They were named ceanothus after the Greek *kyanothos*, meaning a spiny plant, though the connection is difficult to detect since the popular garden varieties are not thorny. The frothy flowers of most kinds are a true blue, unusual in flowering shrubs, ranging from pale hues to rich, deep shades. Most bloom in spring but a few types flower in summer or early autumn. Some are evergreen.

The most attractive and reliable evergreen kinds include: Concha (pictured), a dense shrubs with arching branches reaching 3m (10ft), on which dark red flower buds open to reveal deep blue blossoms in May; Burkwoodii, a bushy shrub, 1.5m tall and 1.8m wide (5ft x 6ft) which bears bright, mid-blue flowers from late summer to autumn; Cascade, which grows to 3.6m (12ft) and bears masses of powder-blue flowers in May and June on long arching branches which are easily trained against a wall; and Puget Blue, with sage green foliage and deep azure flowers from April to June on a shrub over 2m tall x 1.2m wide (7ft x 4ft). The variety Pin Cushion (pictured) is ideal for a small space, growing to 2m x 2m (6ft x 6ft).

There are a few white-flowered varieties including Millerton Point which produces honey-scented blossoms in spring on upright growth to 3m x 2m (10ft x 6ft), and Snow Flurries, also fragrant and of similar size but with the advantage of blooming into July.

Ceanothus need sun, good drainage and a sheltered position, growing well against a south or west facing wall. They prefer to be planted in spring and dislike root disturbance so the younger a shrub is when planted, the better it will grow. Most like seaside gardens but they can be seared by really cold winds. They also object to soil which is too limey though, if the leaves show symptoms of chlorosis – yellow veins caused by high lime content – Sequestrene watered around the shrub regularly can help. There are a few white-flowered varieties including Millerton Point which produces honey-scented blossoms in spring on upright growth to 3m x 2m (10ft x 6ft), and Snow Flurries, also fragrant and of similar size but with the advantage of blooming into July. Pruning to retain the shrubs' shape is best carried out lightly after flowering.



***Above left: Mature Ceanothus Concha overhanging a pond.***

***Above right: Ceanothus Concha blooms.***

***Left: Ceanothus Pin Cushion.***

## CONFIRMATIONS AT ST HILDEBURGH'S



A service of confirmation for adults and children 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.

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