

## **Readings for this Sunday 31 July**

8am Holy Communion                      Col. 3. 1-11   Luke 12. 13-21  
Lectionary pp 501-502

10am Family Praise                      Col. 3. 1-11 Luke 12. 13-21  
Lectionary pp 501-502

**No evening service**

## **Readings for next Sunday 7 August**

8am Holy Communion                      Heb. 11. 1-3, 8-16  
Lectionary pp 505-506

10am Holy Communion                      Heb. 11. 1-3, 8-16  
Lectionary pp 505-506

**No evening service**

## **Parish Register**

### **Baptisms**

31 July 2022 at 10am – Anabelle Julie Cullen

31 July 2022 at 11.45am Freddie Joseph Albert Lavin

## **Weekly Beacon**



## **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 31 July 2022**

### **THE COLLECT**

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things;  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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.

### SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Please note that evening services are not being held at St Hildeburgh's for the rest of the summer. All evening services will recommence on 4 September.

### PRAYER VIGIL IN CHURCH

Revd Paul is conducting a Prayer Vigil each Tuesday evening from 6pm until 6.30pm. If you haven't been before please come along and take some time out of the busyness of the everyday. A time to sit quietly in the beautiful surroundings of our church. Listen to some contemplative music and perhaps light a candle.

Everyone is welcome.

### CAKE SALES

Not only can you buy delicious homemade cakes to enjoy with your cuppa after our 10am Sunday services, but did you know that you can also order cakes direct from Jane? Cakes can be anything from 4 inch to 8 inch whole cakes – cupcakes can be ordered as well. These cakes can be purchased with a donation towards church funds. The varieties available include: Victoria sponge, Lemon, Chocolate, Coffee and Walnut, Millionaire's shortbread, Lemon Drizzle.

For all cake orders please contact Jane on 07743090210.

**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?***



## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: GERANIUM** **113th in a series**

***Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.***

The true geranium is a hardy, perennial, long-flowering border plant, not to be confused with the popular pelargonium, often wrongly called geranium, which fills pots indoors and out, summer borders and hanging baskets with clusters of red, white or pink blossoms. Although both are members of the broad geranium family, the species correctly known as geranium is different in several significant ways for gardeners. It is less spectacular but more delicate in appearance, includes blue and purple varieties, tolerates shade and requires little care and attention. I will focus on pelargoniums next week.

It is over 200 years since a French magistrate by the grandiose name of Charles-Louis L'Heritier de Brutelle decided that not all geraniums are hardy plants and convinced the world that the tender pelargoniums are different. The name geranium comes from *geranos*, the Greek word for the crane, which refers to the long, beak-like seedpod and which gives the plant its common name of cranesbill. At the last count there were well over 600 species and varieties of geraniums on nursery lists in Britain and virtually all of them are perfectly hardy. There are small, mat-forming geraniums for the herbaceous border edge, graceful upright kinds for farther back in the border, ground-cover types, scrambling varieties, and tiny forms for the rock garden. The flowers range from 6mm (0.5in) to 5cm (2in) across and they come in a whole rainbow of colours, from white, pink and magenta to blue, mauve, deep purple-blue and the deep black-cerise of the superb *Geranium sinensis* – flowers that are often suffused with darker veins which apparently act as guidelines to direct pollinating insects towards the nectar at the flower's centre. One of the best ground-cover species is *Geranium clarkei* and its Kashmir series of varieties, Blue, Pink, Purple and White. They grow 50cm-60cm (20in-24in) tall and spread indefinitely, flowering throughout summer.



**Above left:**  
***Geranium***  
***cinereum Rothbury***  
***Gem.***



**Left:**  
***Geranium***  
***Eureka***  
***Blue***



**Above right:**  
***Geranium***  
***sanguineum Pink***  
***Pouffe.***

Depending on species, hardy geraniums can be anywhere from a few inches to a couple of feet or more tall. Those that make excellent border plants include: *Geranium sanguineum* which grows 15cm-30cm (6in-12in) tall as a long-lived clump-forming perennial, ideal for partially sunny places; *Geranium macrorrhizum*, a ground-cover type that looks great in the front of a flower border, or its variety Czakor with larger, darker pink flowers; *Geranium cinereum* Rothbury Gem (pictured), which forms dense cushions of grey-green leaves to 12cm (4in) high, spreading to 30cm (12in), flowers earlier than most; varieties of the bloody cranesbill, *Geranium sanguineum*, including Pink Pouffe (pictured); *Geranium endressii* Wargrave Pink; *Geranium wallichianum* Buxton's Variety, which has white-edged, china-blue flowers and beautifully mottled leaves; and Eureka Blue (pictured), a vigorous plant with deeply lobed leaves

## **LOOKING AFTER POT PLANTS IN HOT WEATHER**

*Peter Surridge writes:*



Move pot plants into shade if possible, otherwise sprinkle the leaves liberally with cool water. When you water, do not let water stand their trays/saucers for long.

Many outdoor pot plants, such as pelargoniums, are from exotic climes and can withstand a period of drought. If the pot has dried out, especially clay pots, plunge it for an hour or two in a bucket of water, then let it drain thoroughly.

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