

**Readings for this Sunday 3 October 2021**  
**The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Heb. 1. 1-4: 2,5 – 12    Mark 10. 2-16

**Readings for next Sunday 10 October 2021**

Heb. 4. 12-end    Mark 10. 17-31

**Parish Register**

**Funeral**

4 October – Audrey Mavis McArdle  
St Hildeburgh's at 1.30pm  
Grange Cemetery at 2.30pm

**Wedding**

5 October at 12.30pm – Vlad Borsan and Annie O'Toole

**Baptism**

17 October at 11.45am – Cooper Chester Croker

**Weekly Beacon**



**News from St Hildeburgh's**  
**The Parish Church of Hoylake**  
**Sunday 3 October 2021**  
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**The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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.

## HARVEST FLOWERS



*Just some of the lovely floral  
arrangements created by members  
of StHildeburgh's Guild.*



## **BACON BUTTIES**

Bacon Butties are being served again every Tuesday in our Church Hall from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Come and join Rev'd Paul and the team for Bacon Butties and a cup of tea or coffee. Social distancing will be in place. There's no charge but donations are always welcome.

## **SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S**

### **Sunday 3 October**

8am Holy Communion  
10am Holy Communion  
6pm Evensong

### **Wednesdays**

10am Holy Communion

The church is open for individual private prayer Mondays to Thursdays 10am to 12 noon and Sundays after the 10am service until 12 noon. Please wear a face mask in church. Thank you

## **WIRRAL FOODBANK**

The Wirral Foodbank provides a vital service supporting people in the community. Your response to Revd Paul's appeal for donations has been outstanding but the work of the foodbank continues.

If you would like to donate, please leave your bags of food in the Vicarage porch at 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake CH47 1HL.

*Thank you.*

## **LIFTS-TO-CHURCH ARE BACK**

St Hildeburgh's lifts-to-church service had been running for 11 years until the first Covid-19 lockdown and had taken no fewer than 40 passengers to church. Now, with the lifting of restrictions, we are back in business.

Worshippers who have transport or mobility difficulties in getting to the 10am Sunday service will be welcome to book a lift with our team of volunteer drivers.

Anyone who is prepared to give a lift about once a month (or anyone who needs a lift) is asked to contact Peter Surridge on 632-5507 / 07778-517759 / peter.surridge@talktalk.net.

## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: ACANTHUS**

### **72nd in a series**

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

Broad herbaceous borders demand dramatic planting and few herbaceous plants can equal bear's breeches or acanthus for architectural presence. They have huge, shapely leaves, deeply divided, and tall spikes of contrasting flowers and bracts lasting many weeks. But don't plant one unless you have plenty of space – if they like your soil, they will spread – and be absolutely sure you have chosen the right location because the roots run very deep and digging them up can pose problems.

Most species of acanthus originate from the Mediterranean area, where the Greeks named them *akanthos*, referring to the spikes on the leaves and on the bracts of some kinds, and decorated the capitals at the tops of their classical columns with carvings of acanthus leaves. The popular name of bear's breeches is thought to be a sanitised version of bear's breech, suggested by the soft, hairy leaves of some species resembling a bear's back legs or rump.

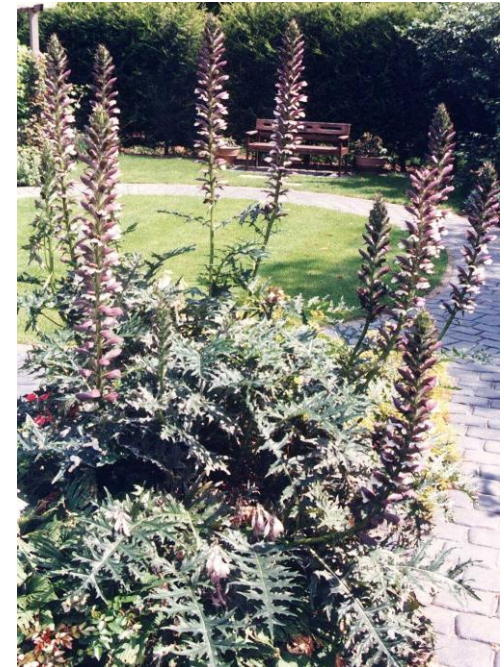
Two hardy species are most likely to be seen in garden centres. First, *Acanthus mollis*, which grows glossy foliage up to 90cm (3ft) long and produces numerous spikes 1.5m (5ft) tall covered with white flowers and smoky purple bracts in late summer. A single plant can grow 90cm across. In a sheltered position, the foliage can last well into winter if the weather is mild. Secondly, *Acanthus spinosus*, which differs from *A. mollis* chiefly in flowering period, which is from late spring to mid-summer, and in variability. The usual form has deeply-cut arching leaves of similar length, and similar sized flower spikes, though the flowers are perhaps purer white and the bracts more red-purple. However, there are variations, some smaller, with grey-green leaves or with white-edged foliage.

Less common hardy species are *Acanthus latifolius*, with broad, less divided leaves up to 1.2m (4ft) long; *Acanthus hirsutus*, a dwarf form from Turkey only 30cm (1ft) or so tall with yellowish-green flowers and bracts; and *Acanthus hungaricus*, from the Balkans, around 1m (3ft 3in) tall with purple bracts and white or pale pink flowers.

Acanthus are easily propagated by root division in autumn. They are rarely troubled by pests but are susceptible to unsightly mildew, which can be controlled by spraying.



***Above: Acanthus mollis.***



***Right: Acanthus spinosus.***



Together

A well-produced, accessible booklet, 'Hope in Uncertain Times' has been written as a resource for churches.

Free copies are available at the back of church. If there are no copies left, please contact Jill in the Church Office (0151 632 5339 or email on [www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com](mailto:www.sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com)

## WIRRAL FESTIVAL OF FIRSTS AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

One of eighteen Wirral churches on the Art Trail, St Hildeburgh's will be hosting Wirral Festival of Firsts during the weekend 2 to 3 October.

The exhibition at St Hildeburgh's is open:

Saturday 2 October from 10am to 4pm

Sunday 3 October from 12noon to 4pm.

Leaflets giving details of the other Wirral churches on the Art Trail are available at the back of church and in the Church Centre.

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