

Readings for Sunday 5 November 2023

8am Holy Communion	1 John 3. 1-3 Mt. 5. 1-12 Lectionary pp220-221
10am Holy Communion	1 John 3. 1-3 Mt. 5. 1-12 Lectionary pp220-221
4pm Service for the Departed	Special Readings

Readings for Sunday 12 November 2023

8am Holy Communion	1 Thes. 4. 13-18 Mt. 25. 1-13 Lectionary pp226 -227
10.50am Service of Remembrance	1 Thes. 4. 13-18 Mt. 25. 1-13 Lectionary pp226 -227
6pm Open Worship	Special Readings

PARISH REGISTER

There are no entries in the Parish Register this week.

FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week have been donated by Bob Whitfield in memory of his wife Pauline.

Weekly Beacon



**News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 5 November 2023
Fourth Sunday Before Advent - All Saints Sunday**

THE COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
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

ALL SOULS SERVICE

The All Souls Service will take place on Sunday 5 November at 4pm. The service will be followed by tea and coffee in the Church Centre.

If you would like the name of a departed loved one read out during the service, please add their name to the list at the back of church or contact Jill in the Church Office on 0151 632 5339 sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

OPEN WORSHIP 12 NOVEMBER AT 6PM IN THE CHURCH HALL

Music, singing, readings, discussions as well as tea and coffee all happen in our Church Hall **every second Sunday at 6pm**. If you haven't been to Open Worship why not give it a try - bring along a friend or neighbour.

MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer each Tuesday and Thursday at 9.15am in the Lady Chapel.

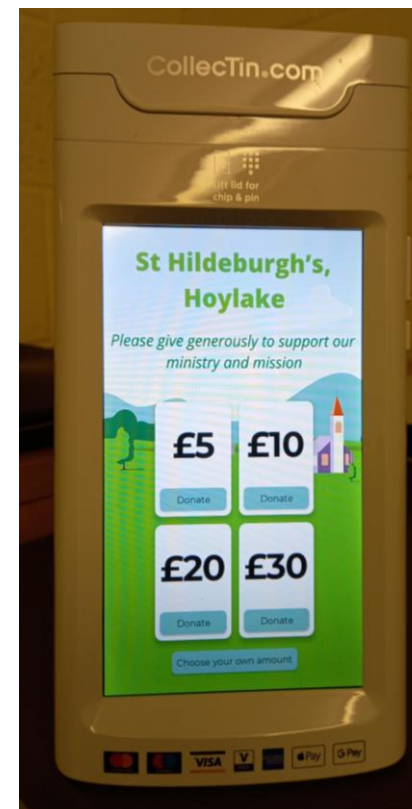
PRAYER VIGIL AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Our Prayer Vigil is on **Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 6.30pm**. Reflective music and prayer in an atmosphere of calm – an opportunity to take some time out of the busyness of the day.

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A NEW WAY TO DONATE TO ST HILDEBURGH'S



St Hildeburgh's is one of 50 churches in Chester Diocese to be awarded a Collectin card payment machine. Unlike our other card machines, the Collectin machine allows us to claim back tax under the Gift Aid scheme for donations of £30 and under.

Its easy to use – just tap the screen to select the amount you wish to donate and swipe your card across the top of the machine.

50 / 50 CLUB

Dear all,

Thank you so much for your support over the last couple of years with the 50/50 draw, over this time it has raised £1000 for church funds. I have decided though that it has run its course and the last draw will be at the end of October. **The winner of the October draw was Viv Nash who wins £52.50 with number 32.**

To round off 2023 I thought it may be nice to have a pre-Christmas draw. Keep the numbers you have or pay for more if you want @ £2 per number with all the money going into the prize pot. I will have my book with me on Sunday, and each week after so come and see me, with your wallets and purses to be in with a chance. Preferably cash for this please as it will make it easier for me to manage.

Good Luck everyone and thanks again for past support. Regards. Liz Arduş

WIRRAL ORCHESTRA

Saturday 11th November 7.30pm
St Hildeburgh's church
Wirral Orchestra concert.
Remembrance concert

Neill Jackson writes:

We will be marking Remembrance Day with music from the young English composer George Butterworth who died during WWI with his Banks of Green Willow, music from Walton's Henry V and the Last Post. The second half shall be a last night of the Proms affair with Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance Marches, film music from the Great Escape and Parry's Jerusalem.

Tickets will go on sale in the shops on Oct 16th but can be ordered by emailing nejvla@hotmail.com

LAST SUNDAY AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

***Three members
of our
congregation
celebrated their
birthdays in
October.***



PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER (PSO) - PETER HAM

Peter Ham writes:

In the event of a safeguarding concern, you can contact him by phone: 07444884879 or by email: safeguarding@sthildeburgh.org
If you hold a Safeguarding information card or leaflet, please alter the phone number of the PSO accordingly. Other contact phone numbers including those of the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and the Local Authority Safeguarding numbers for children and adults, remain the same. Please remember that safeguarding requires all of us to be vigilant.

SAFEGUARDING - A POCKET GUIDE

Please find at the back of Church, fresh copies of the Church of England's leaflet, "Safeguarding - a pocket guide." They give a brief but very helpful guide to help if you have any safeguarding concerns as well as dos and don'ts. On the back of the leaflets are the revised safeguarding contact numbers within the church, the Diocese and the Council. Please limit yourself to one leaflet per household and keep it somewhere prominent. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. Peter Ham (Parish Safeguarding Officer).

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
ST HILDEBURGH'S STALLS**



Jane Langley writes:

Could people please consider donating to both St Hildeburgh's Stalls. One stall will be homemade food products, cakes, biscuits, marmalade, chutney etc. The other will be gifts.

Please speak to either Kate Rice or Carron Jones before making/buying anything so that they can advise you beforehand.

Thank you.

Jane

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL TOMBOLA PRIZES

We also need prizes for our Tombola stall. If you have small new items which would be suitable for Tombola prizes, please give them to Liz Arduis or Sue Chapman.

Please do not leave items in church or the church hall. Thank you.



ST HILDEBURGH'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER TO SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP

Could you spare an hour or so to help with our Christmas Tree Festival this year?

We need people on the entrance table, to help with the refreshments, and on stalls in the church hall.

This is the main fundraiser of our church year, so your help is vital to make it a success.

If you would like to help, please add your name to the sign-up list at the back of church.

OR

contact Jill in the Church Office on 0151 632 5339
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Thank you



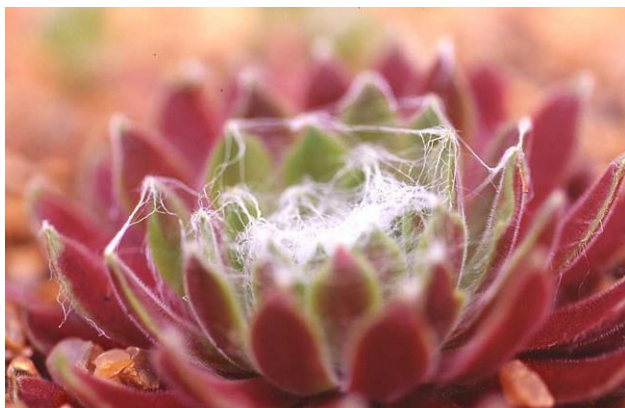
FLOWER OF THE WEEK: SEMPERVIVUM. 164TH IN A SERIES.

Text by Peter Surridge.

THE sempervivum or houseleek actually flowers in summer but earns this autumn spot because it is generally grown for the unusual, sometimes colourful, foliage which is attractive for much of the year. Sempervivums are succulents from mountainous regions of Europe and Asia so will flourish in well-drained situations where most other plants will not – in wall crevices, rockeries and scree beds. They produce rosettes of thick, pointed leaves from which prominent stems emerge which bear star-shaped flowers of purple, red, yellow or white. Each rosette dies after blooming but new rosettes are formed so that plants spread from 30cm-50cm (12in-20in) depending on species, of which there are about 40.

The foliage of some species is covered in a network of fine hairs resembling a spider's web. Good examples are *Sempervivum arachnoideum*, the cobweb houseleek, which has green and red leaves and pale reddish-pink flowers; and *Sempervivum* Kramer's Spinrad (pictured) – Spinrad is German for spinning wheel – with similarly coloured foliage and rich orange-pink blooms. *Sempervivum tectorum* (pictured) has blue-green leaves which become dark red and maroon flowers. *Sempervivum montanum* has dull green leaves and red-purple flowers. *Sempervivum ciliosum*, which has hairy, bowl-shaped rosettes and yellow flowers tinged with green, is sensitive to cold, wet weather so is best kept under glass in winter. Many hybrids have been bred, including *Sempervivum* Commander Hay which has deep red leaves with green tips and greenish-red flowers.

Most sempervivums are fully hardy but make interesting and healthy houseplants as long as they are not over-watered – they do best in clay pots, rather than plastic. The name sempervivum reflects the plant's reliable evergreen nature, coming from the Latin *semper* meaning "always" and *vivus* for "living." However, that is not why they are nicknamed "houseleek", a term which probably referred originally to their reputation for protecting thatched cottages from lightning. *Sempervivum tectorum* gives a clue – *tectorum* is Latin for "of roofs." This and other sempervivum species continue to thrive on the roofs of cottages and farm outbuildings. I have seen them spreading to impressive sizes, on slate roofs in particular, in south-west England.



Far left: Sempervivum Kramer's Spinrad.

Left: Sempervivum tectorum.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK...

...is taking a winter break. Look out for its return next year.

**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!

**TO COVER OUR COSTS THERE IS A MINIMUM
DONATION OF £1 FOR EACH BACON BUTTY**



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