**Weekly Beacon**

News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 7 November 2021

The Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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**Monthly Video Reflection**

We have launched a new video resource at St Hildeburgh's. Each month, we will be releasing a short video reflection online. The video is available on both our website and Facebook page. The links are:

Website: [https://www.sthildeburgh.net/reflection.html](https://www.sthildeburgh.net/reflection.html)
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh](https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh)

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**Parish Register**

**Funerals**
9 November - Margaret Browning
St Hildeburgh's at 11.30am. Landican Crematorium at 12.30pm

29 November – Anthony George Coburn
St Hildeburgh's at 11am Landican Crematorium at 12noon

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**Readings for this Sunday 7 November 2021**

8am and 10am service  
Heb. 9. 24-end  
Mark 1. 14-20

6pm Evensong  
Isa. 10. 33-11.9  
John 14. 1-29  
Psalm 46

**Readings for next Sunday 14 November 2021**

8am service and  
Heb. 10. 11-14 (15-18) 19-25  
Mark 13. 1-8

10.50am service of Remembrance

6pm  Open Worship readings to be chosen
CAKE SALES

As many of you are aware, St Hildeburgh’s needs to recommence fundraising. With that in mind it has been decided to have regular cake sales. These will not take place as they have previously. Due to restrictions, we will be asking for your cake orders to be selected from a list – these 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 are: Victoria sponge, Lemon, Chocolate, Coffee and Walnut, Millionaire’s shortbread. A small number of cupcakes will be available after the Sunday service for purchase to enjoy with your cuppa.

DON’T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS CAKE!

To raise more funds for St Hildeburgh’s, Jane is now taking orders for Christmas Cakes. There are two sizes – a small 4 inch cake or an 8 inch family size cake. **For all cake orders please contact Jane on 07743090210.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Pictured last Sunday – St Hildeburgh’s church family, led by Revd Paul, sing ‘Happy Birthday’ to Betty Edwards.*

*Betty celebrated her 91st birthday during October.*

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CHRISTMAS MEAL

We will be holding a three course Christmas Meal in the Church Centre on Friday 10 December at 7pm with entertainment and a raffle. Tickets are £20 per person.

Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own drinks.

If you would like to come please add your name to the list at the back of church or contact the Church office on 632 5339 sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com

Please also indicate any dietary requirements.

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?
Liz Ardus writes:

Hello everyone

I am proposing to start a 50/50 club at church, as I did at Holy Trinity School many years ago. This will be a small monthly fundraiser for church. The object is to sell 100 numbers @ £1 per month, payable in one go for the year (£12) preferably in cash but cheques accepted made out to Hoylake PCC. Each month a draw will take place, probably after family service, and the winning person will get £50 and St Hildeburgh’s £50. If we can’t sell all 100 numbers then it will just be ½ of whatever amount we have reached ie £30 &£30 if only 60 sold. Anyone can join and have more than one number for an additional £12. You will keep the same number/s for the whole year. I do hope you will support this.

I am available on 632 3544 if anyone wishes me to call me about collecting subscriptions / discuss the scheme. You will need to speak your name on the phone as I have Sky Shield which blocks cold calls. After that I will either answer or you can leave a message and I will get back to you.

If possible, I would like the first draw to be end of November so please contact me as soon as you can or catch me at 10am service on Sundays.

Thanks for reading

Liz Ardus
FLOWER OF THE WEEK: AUTUMN COLOURS
77th in a series

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

The focus this week is not on flowers but on some of the shrubs and trees which sit quietly in the background for much of the year then suddenly demand attention when their berries or leaves change to vivid hues in autumn. To concentrate on three of them, there’s the Boston ivy, *Parthenocissus tricuspidata*, often mistaken for the Virginia creeper, *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*, but arguably producing a better autumn display; the winged spindle, *Euonymus alatus*; and Cotoneaster horizontalis, sometimes called the fishbone cotoneaster because of the pattern of its branches.

The Boston Ivy is especially useful where ground space in the garden is limited and the plant’s habit of spreading upwards quickly brings beauty to otherwise boring fences and walls, whatever the aspect. In large gardens, this plant may be grown through a large tree, adding interest to the trunk and branches. The leaves are a pleasant green throughout spring and summer, then produce dazzling shades of purple, red, yellow, orange and bronze. My photos show some of the colour variations on the same plant at the same time.

The Winged Spindle exhibits equally striking colour – like a “burning bush.” A dense, deciduous shrub, this euonymus turns brilliant dark red in autumn. It adds a vibrant, warm feel to the shrub border and is outstanding as a specimen grown in a prime position in the garden. As well as beautiful foliage, the winged spindle also produces decorative fruits in autumn and winter. These are almost spherical in shape and reddish purple in colour. This plant achieves an approximate height of 2m (6ft 6in) and a spread of 3m (10ft). There is also a smaller variety, *Euonymus alatus Compactus*, which reaches a height of 1m (3ft 3in). These thrive in most garden soils in full sun or light shade.

Cotoneaster Horizontalis has berries in shades of red and purple and sometimes red or bronze leaves in autumn and winter. As I mentioned earlier in this series, cotoneasters are nothing to do with cotton or Easter. The name, from Latin, does not tell us much, merely that some species resemble quince. However, it rolls off the tongue nicely, being pronounced c’ Own-ee-Aster with the first ‘o’ silent and the emphases on the second ‘o’ and the ‘a’. These three plants do, of course, also produce flowers, however inconspicuous. The cotoneaster does best by opening numerous pink flower buds in spring or early summer to reveal small white, scented blooms which are attractive to bees and other insects.

ANOTHER CHANCE TO RESTORE CHURCH WOODLAND

Many thanks to the volunteers who turned out last weekend and worked unflaggingly on the first stage of restoring the beauty of our church grounds and woodland walks. The second stint will take place all day this Saturday, November 13, with the main sessions from 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm. Please come and help for one of those sessions. If you can, please bring sturdy gloves, secateurs, saws, rakes, forks, spades, wheelbarrows and brooms. We will aim to tidy up the car park later in the day provided we have enough volunteers, in time for Remembrance Sunday. More details are available from Peter Surridge on 07778-517759 or 632-5507.
COMMUNITY SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH

The next Soup and Sandwich lunch will be held in our Church Centre on Monday 8 November.

Starting at 12 noon, the lunch consists of homemade soup, a selection of freshly made sandwiches and a dessert. Tea and coffee are also served. Payment is by donation.

If you haven’t been before please come along and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Christine Isaacson

Diana Ellem, Christine’s daughter, has contacted Revd Paul to advise that Christine passed away peacefully on Monday 25 October in hospital in Sydney at the age of 91.

Please remember Christine’s family in your prayers.

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