Readings for this Sunday 8 August 2021
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity
Ephesians 4. 1-16  John 6. 24-35

Parish Register
Baptisms
15 August at 10am – Eve Rose Croft
Freddie George French
15 August at 12 noon - Kaila Wilde

Weekly Beacon
News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 8 August 2021
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect
Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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.

Art work courtesy of St Hildeburgh’s Voyagers
**Services at St Hildeburgh’s**

**Sundays**
- 8am Holy Communion
- 10am Holy Communion

**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.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The service for the first Sunday of the month is available to view on our website www.sthildeburgh.net Facebook https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh or you can view the service on a smart TV.

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**‘HOPE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES’ BOOKLET**

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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
Neill Jackson writes:

Hello,

The Wirral Orchestra held our first Summer Proms concerts outside St Hildeburgh's on Wednesday 21st July on a gloriously balmy evening.

We have another Wednesday evening event coming up on 11 August:

Wed 11th August - Wirral Orchestra - full range from traditional folk music to Mahler and Joplin.

There shall be two short concerts each evening at 6.30pm and 8pm. They are very informal concerts of about 40 minutes.

You are welcome to sit on the grass or bring a chair and for those who can only attend if a chair is available, we can provide a chair. As we are using the car park to play in, we had a drop off zone outside the church for those who need it. To allow more people to feel comfortable we are limiting numbers and socially distancing.

There are no tickets, but you must book a place by emailing your name, how many places you would like and the time and date of which concerts you would like to attend - nevlam@hotmail.com. For those unable to email you may call 07981 152 344 and leave your name and number and the other details. Email is easier as I can inform those people if we need to postpone because of the weather.

All our concerts are in aid of Clatterbridge Cancer Charity and so donations are welcome and we have a Facebook page for Wirral Orchestra where you can find a link to our just giving page.

We hope to see some of you for our next event.

Neill

PS The car park has been renamed 'The Gardens' for these events.
FLOWER OF THE WEEK: HONEYSUCKLE

64th in a series

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge

Which is the “queen of climbing plants”? Is it the rose, the clematis or perhaps the honeysuckle? As far as their British pedigree is concerned, all started as wild plants – as Rosa canina, dog and sweet-briar roses; Clematis vitalba, old man’s beard, and Lonicera periclymenum, the woodbine or common honeysuckle. Climbing roses cannot reasonably claim to be regally superior because, lovely though they may be, they are heavily outnumbered by non-climbing roses. The term Queen of Climbers is freely used by clematis fanciers but, though their enthusiasm is understandable, I reckon honeysuckle has a stronger claim to the throne.

First, of those three original hedgerow scramblers, the woodbine would have been most readily recognisable alongside the array of species and varieties available today. The flowers of old man’s beard, though pretty and lightly scented, are barely significant and the plant gets its nickname because the fluffy seedheads are its most prominent feature. Secondly, honeysuckle is much easier to grow well, especially in the North. Finally, honeysuckles, if two or three kinds are chosen carefully, will release their fragrance for up to nine months of the year. Those mentioned below are some of the best. All are reliably hardy and have tubular flowers curving upwards, with delicate lips and prominent anthers. Many thrive whatever direction they face – even north – and most can be trained to cover a wall quickly while excess growth can be controlled easily by pruning once or twice a year. Lonicera periclymenum grows vigorously to 7m (22ft), twining round any support it encounters and producing clusters of very sweet-scented cream and red flowers in summer, followed by red berries. Excellent selections from this species include Belgica or Early Dutch with pink and red blooms; Graham Thomas, with long-lasting white flowers turning yellow; the striking Serotina or Late Dutch (pictured), cream with dark red streaks, from July to September; Heaven Scent, very fragrant, July and August; and Munster, pink and cream from June to August.

Lonicera x americana (pictured), vigorous and favoured for training as a tall pillar, flowers very freely from summer into autumn, producing yellow flowers with dark red flushes. The Italian honeysuckle, Lonicera caprifolium, has very fragrant, cream flowers flushed with pink. For even brighter flowers, though generally less scent, look for Lonicera x brownii Dropmore Scarlet, a hybrid that grows to 4m (13ft) and has scarlet blooms with a golden mouth in summer, or Lonicera sempervirens, a similar type with downward-pointing flowers.

To extend the flowering season, plant the evergreen Japanese honeysuckle, Lonicera japonica (pictured). This bears fragrant, cream-coloured flowers in the leaf joints from late spring to autumn and even winter in mild seasons.

Above: Long-flowering Japanese honeysuckle

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Flower of the Week - continued

Above: Good for a pillar, Lonicera americana.

Right: Striking cream and dark-red of Late Dutch honeysuckle

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