

Readings for this Sunday 11 April 2021
The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4. 32-35
John 20. 19 - end



Parish Register

There are no entries in the Parish Register this week

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 11 April 2021
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The Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – CHURCH SERVICES

Unless the situation changes, Revd Paul will be conducting a service of Holy Communion each Sunday at 10am.

If you feel unable to come to church the Sunday service will still be available to view on line on our website

www.sthildeburgh.net and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh> or you can view the service on a smart TV.

Please DO NOT sit on the chairs with tape on the seats - the other chairs have been socially distanced in accordance with instructions. This is for everyone's safety in the current pandemic.

Face coverings must be worn in church at all times

Please use the hand gel provided

INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER IN CHURCH

The church is open for individual private prayer Mondays to Thursdays 10am to 12 noon and Sundays after the 10am service until 12 noon.

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 make a donation please leave your bags of food in the Vicarage porch at 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake CH47 1HL. Thank you.



The April edition of CDN is now available to download from:

www.chester.anglican.org

Citizens Advice Wirral

Citizens Advice Wirral are pleased to continue to deliver information and advice to Wirral residents.

Our **Ask Us Wirral information and advice** service is being delivered by phone or email and includes specialist benefits, debt and housing advice.

To access Ask Us Wirral phone **0300 33 00 111** Please note the phone lines are likely to be busy and you may need to leave a message and our team can get back to you. If you can't get through on our local number, you can try national Citizens Advice number **03444 111 444**

You can also fill out our **webform** www.askuswirral.org.uk/enquiry-webform/

For **Information** about sick pay, your rights if you are off sick, self-isolating or home working and other useful information about what Coronavirus what it means to you go to www.citizensadvice.org.uk/health/coronavirus-what-it-means-for-you/

If you have now become unemployed or are self-employed but your income has dropped, please call our Help to Claim team on **0800 144 8 444**

Wirral Foodbank Vouchers

If you need **Foodbank** Vouchers, please contact Citizens Advice **Wirral** on 0808 278 7848 or **Wirral** Council 0151 666 5050 (selecting option 1)

MESSY CHURCH EASTER GOODY BAGS – A HUGE THANK YOU

Many thanks to the many of you who contributed to our Messy Church Goody Bags (see photo) by cutting, pasting, writing, sorting and drawing. We are so grateful to a wonderful team of faithful volunteers who serve God in their ministry to young people and their families in Hoylake. The bags contained a mix of Easter crafts, edibles and a short child-friendly leaflets describing the Easter story of hope, new life and resurrection. We hope to have other Messy Church events like this in the future and if restrictions are lifted, to have an outdoor Summer picnic with Messy Church style activities and worship sometime in July. Watch this space and pray that it can go ahead safely.

Thank you once again.

Peter Ham and Jane Langley (Messy Church leaders)



FLOWER OF THE WEEK: FLOWERING CHERRY

48th in a series

Text by Peter Surridge.

The flowers of ornamental cherry trees in streets and gardens are always prominent in spring, mostly in vivid shades of pink which, in some cases, soon look washed-out and turn into a brown mush. However, they include some of the most elegant spring-flowering trees with white or rich reddish blossoms. Many have colourful foliage, both when the leaves are young and again in autumn. As an added bonus, older trees often develop attractive bark. These trees are all *Prunus* – the generic name for plums, cherries, peaches and nectarines, whether grown for fruit or ornament. Native British *Prunus* species include wild cherry, bird cherry and blackthorn or sloe, which is prominent in hedgerows at present because of its numerous small white flowers on leafless branches.

Worldwide there are more than 200 species and numerous varieties, of which the most popular have been bred in Japan. To choose a tree is like entering a minefield of tongue-twisters but the key decisions to be made concern flower colour – is it really what you want to admire year after year? – and the specimen's ultimate height and spread – will it grow too big for its position? Some favourites among the enormous range of choices are *Prunus* Kiku-shidare-zakura, a graceful pendulous variety, also known as Cheal's Weeping (pictured), a 3m (10ft) tree with bronze young foliage and bright pink flowers; and *Prunus* Shogetsu (pictured), a larger tree to 5m (15ft) tall and 8m (25ft) wide with frilly pink and white blossoms and foliage which turns orange and red in autumn.

The hybrid species *Prunus x subhirtella* (pictured) has given rise to many varieties with blooms in different forms and colours. In some the flowers appear late in the year, before the leaves. Others flower intermittently from November to March while still others burst into blossom in January or February.



Graceful...Cheal's Weeping



Winter-flowering...Prunus x subhirtella

The variety Autumnalis is one of the most reliable and earliest to flower, from October in some years, with small, white blooms, sometimes tinged pink, continuing into late winter. Three closely-related kinds have pink flowers, Autumnalis Rosea, Pendula Rosea, with weeping branches, and Pendula Rosea Plena, weeping with clusters of semi-double, rose-pink blossoms.



Frilly flowers...Prunus Shogetsu

Check in & Chat Service

Since the onset of the Covid19 lockdown, Wirral Mind has responded by offering welfare telephone calls to those people who feel isolated, lonely, anxious and afraid due to being unable to access our services and others.

Our Check-in and Chat call operatives are on hand to provide practical and emotional support, for anything from accessing emergency food supplies and medicines to alleviating loneliness and isolation. We endeavour to ensure that people are getting the help they need during lockdown periods and beyond; we are especially concerned about reaching those people who may not be in contact with other services or social networks.

We have tried to target services to those struggling because of loss of employment, bereavement and social isolation derived from the pandemic.



Our ultimate aim is to encourage people to access services in person when it is safe to do so, until that can happen we have developed a range of digital workshops, training and peer support groups that will promote and encourage future social networks, reduce feelings of isolation and equip people with the skills and tools that will build resilience.

To make a referral:

Please contact us on 0151 512 2200 or email learning@wirralmind.org.uk

Our phone lines are open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm



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