

Readings for Sunday 11 February 2024

8am Holy Communion	2 Cor. 4. 3-6 Mark 9. 2-9 Lectionary p260
10am All Age Communion & Blessing	2 Cor. 4. 3-6 Mark 9. 2-9 Lectionary p260
6pm Open Worship	Readings to be chosen.

Readings for Ash Wednesday 14 February 2024

10am Holy Communion	2 Cor. 5. 20b – 6.10 Matthew 6. 1-6, 16-21 Lectionary pp 51-52
6pm Holy Communion with ashes	2 Cor. 5. 20b – 6.10 Matthew 6. 1-6, 16-21 Lectionary pp 51-52

Readings for Sunday 18 February 2024

8am Holy Communion	1 Peter. 3. 18-end Mark 1. 9-15 Lectionary pp261-262
10am Holy Communion	1 Peter. 3. 18-end Mark 1. 9-15 Lectionary pp261-262
6pm Evensong	Gen. 2. 15-17, 3. 1-7 Luke 13. 31-end Psalm 119 (17-32)

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 11 February 2024 The Sunday next before Lent

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

**OPEN WORSHIP – ‘JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT’
SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY AT 6PM
IN THE CHURCH HALL**

Music, singing, readings, discussions as well as tea and coffee all happen in our Church Hall on the second Sunday of the month at 6pm.

If you haven't been to Open Worship before why not give it a try - bring along a friend or neighbour.

There is a different topic to discuss each month – this time the theme is ‘Journeying through Lent’.

The evenings are led by members of the Ministry Team.

Come and join us – everyone is welcome.

CHURCH HOLIDAY

Due to circumstances beyond our control unfortunately the Church Holiday planned for April 2024 will not be going ahead.

Our Church Treasurer, Lytton Goodwin, will be in contact with those who have already paid to arrange reimbursement.

Revd Paul is very sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused.

‘SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING’

On Monday 19 February Revd Paul will conduct a Service of Thanksgiving for carers, care home residents, their families and friends.

The service will take place in church at 2.15pm and will be followed by tea/coffee and homemade scones in the church hall.

All are welcome.

COMMUNION IN THE COMMUNITY

Revd Paul will be conducting a service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity school on Tuesday 13 February at 2.30pm.

All are welcome to come and join staff and pupils in the school hall.

LENT REFLECTIONS



During Lent, Revd Paul and the Ministry Team will be hosting a series of Lent Reflection Afternoons.

**Meetings will be held at the Vicarage
at 2pm on the following Mondays:**

4 March. 11 March. 18 March

All are welcome.

LENT LUNCHES



This year the Lent Lunches will be held at St John's Church, Birkenhead Road, Meols on the following Fridays:

23 February

1 March

8 March

15 March

22 March

A short service of reflection will be held in St John's church at **11.30am** followed by a simple lunch of homemade soup and bread in the Church Centre. Donations are in aid of charity.

All are welcome.

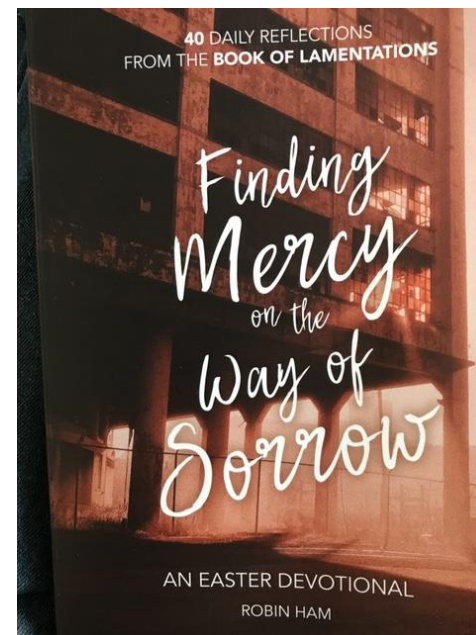
**ASH WEDNESDAY - 14 FEBRUARY
SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S**



10am Holy Communion

6pm Holy Communion with ashes

**LENT DEVOTIONAL –
FINDING MERCY ON THE WAY OF SORROW**



A couple of years ago, several of you found the Advent Devotional based on the book of Ruth, by Robin Ham, very helpful. This year Robin has written a Lent devotional based on the Book of Lamentations (see front cover photo)- "Finding Mercy on the Way of Sorrow", published by "10offthose". It will take you through Lent up to Easter on a daily basis, with readings, reflections and prayers, as well as a free Spotify musical daily playlist. They are only £1 each and at 130 pages, it is good value and hopefully very supportive and helpful.

If you would like to reserve a copy, please let Peter Ham know. Copies will also be available at the back of church. You might like to buy one for someone you know too.

ST BRIGID OF IRELAND



Christine Walker writes:

February begins with the feast day of St Brigid of Kildare, one of the patron saints of Ireland.

Brigid lived around 451 – 525 AD. The child of an Irish chieftain and a slave woman, she became a Christian under the influence of St Patrick and founded the renowned Abbey at Kildare, as well as several other convents. She was known as a patron of learning and the arts, and had great influence on the Church in Ireland.

Brigid seems to have experienced hardship and challenges in her early years, and was a friend of the vulnerable and oppressed. She is remembered for her work of healing, resisting slavery and forced marriage, and supporting those without status for influence. Many stories tell of her generosity and hospitality, and her habit of giving away whatever she had whenever she encountered someone in need. Sometimes she got into trouble for giving away other people's things!

Brigid's cross is one of the symbols of Ireland; she is said to have woven a cross from straw when telling the story of the crucifixion, and these simple crosses are still made and hung in homes today.

Prayer of St Brigid:

*I would like the angels of heaven to be among us,
I would like an abundance of peace,
I would like full vessels of charity,
I would like rich treasures of mercy,
I would like cheerfulness to preside over all,*

WEEKDAY SERVICES AT ST HILDEBURGH'S



MORNING PRAYER

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9.15am in the Lady Chapel.

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Every Wednesday at 10am in the Lady Chapel.

PRAYER VIGIL AT ST HILDEBURGH'S

Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 6.30pm.

PARISH REGISTER

There are no entries in the Parish Register this week.

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).

Wirral Chamber Concert Series
96th Season 2023-24



Resol Quartet

Mozart: String Quartet No 19 in C major, K465,
Dissonance

Henriëtte Bosmans: String Quartet

Shostakovich: String Quartet No 3 in F major, Op 73



Monday 26 February 2024 at 7.30pm
at St Hildeburgh's Church, Hoylake CH47 1HL
(corner of Stanley Road and King's Gap)

Tickets - £18; Students - £5; 15 years and younger - Free
Available at the door on the evening of the concert

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