

## **Readings for this Sunday 12 December 2021**

8am Holy Communion and Phil. 4. 4-7  
10am Holy Communion Luke 3. 7-18

6pm Open Worship

## **Readings for next Sunday 19 December 2021**

8am Holy Communion and Heb. 10. 5-10  
10am Holy Communion Luke 1. 39-45 (46-55)

4pm Nine Lessons and Carols **Special readings**

### **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>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh>

### **Parish Register**

#### **Funerals**

17 December – Margaret Triggs  
St Hildeburgh's 10.30am. Burial at Frankby Cemetery 11.30am

21 December – Jean Woods  
St Hildeburgh's 1.30pm Landican Crematorium 2.30pm

## **Weekly Beacon**



### **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake The Third Sunday of Advent 12 December 2021**

#### **The Collect**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Wirral String Orchestra

The Wirral Orchestra have their Christmas Concert on Wednesday 15th December, 7.30pm at St Hildeburgh's. It will include many festive works:

Leroy Anderson Suite of Carols  
Boyce Symphony No. 2  
Tchaikovsky Melodrama from the Snow Queen  
Vivaldi music from Winter  
Brahms A rose breaks into bloom  
Hungarian Dance No. 5  
Bach Anna Magdalena Suite  
Corelli music from Christmas Concerto

There are no tickets but you must book places to attend  
- [nejvla@hotmail.com](mailto:nejvla@hotmail.com) or call 07981 152 344.

Donations will go to the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity. All our events are social distanced and masks will be required. Go to the link:

<https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/donate/a056900001v3XdvAAE>

If you are having difficulty typing all that there is a link on the Wirral Orchestra Facebook page. If you are able to let me know (your name, I don't need to know the amount) Clatterbridge can tally it with the Orchestra's total which so far this year is about £3000 and as a total to all charities £33,0000

We look forward to seeing some of you on Wednesday 15th Dec.

Neill Jackson

## CHRISTMAS AT ST HILDEBURGH'S



<b>Sunday 19 December:</b>	4pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
<b>Christmas Eve 24 December :</b>	4pm 11.30pm	Children's Christmas Service Holy Communion
<b>Christmas Day 25 December:</b>	8am 10am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 26 December:</b>	9am	Holy Communion

**No 6pm service on 19 December, Christmas Day or Boxing Day.**

## **Messy Church: A Terrific Day!**



We had a terrific day of Christmas Messy Church at St Hildeburgh's last Saturday (4 December). We were joined by nearly ninety people – children and adults, with a good number coming to St Hildeburgh's for the very first time. There were games, craft activities, lively worship, and ending with a hot meal for all! Many and sincere thanks to all who worked so hard to make the day such a

### **WHITE GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

The White Gift Aid Envelopes are available in Church and can be used at all the services held at St. Hildeburgh's. If you are a tax payer you can maximise your contribution by an extra 25 pence for every pound donated, thus increasing the financial benefit to the Church. Planned Giving Schemes are available in various forms and a Tax Claim is made on an Annual basis recovering the Gift Aid element of all donations. The regular Plate Collections each week could be increased should White Envelopes be used and a Name and Post Code entered on the front. Weekly, Monthly Planned Giving Envelopes and Bankers Order forms are available from the Custodian, George Dafnis - 0151 632 5927 - and all Schemes commence, as ever, on the first Sunday in the New Year.

George Dafnis, Custodian

## **Christingle Magic!**

It was wonderful to welcome a good-sized congregation of children and adults to our Christingle Service at St Hildeburgh's last Sunday.



We sang worship songs and carols, heard the Good News of Jesus coming into the world, and all received a Christingle orange. It was a truly joyful occasion.

Many thanks to all who helped with the service - especially the makers of the Christingle oranges.



## FLOWER OF THE WEEK: SINNINGIA

### 82nd in a series

**Text by Peter Surridge.**

Sinningia, often named gloxinia, is one of those houseplants that brings an immediate touch of class to any room or conservatory at any time, but especially at this time of year when there is little colour to be seen in the garden. The scalloped leaves have a velvety surface and a reddish underside while the flowers, bell-shaped with frilled edges, come in white and several shades of pink and purple. The variety Switzerland has crimson flowers with a white edge, Waterloo has bright scarlet blooms and Mont Blanc is pure white. The flowers are large in comparison with the plant, which is compact, reaching a maximum of 30cm (1ft) tall.

Botanically, these plants are *Sinningia speciosa*, a tuberous perennial from Brazil, though the forms sold as houseplants are hybrids. Care is required to keep sinningias in prime condition. They like strong light but not direct midday sun in spring or summer. High humidity is needed but the leaves must not be mist-sprayed. However, the pot can be displayed in a bowl or tray of pea gravel kept permanently moist. The temperature should be around 21C (70F) in summer and should not drop below 15C (60F) in winter. Keep the compost on the dry side, watering into the dish in which the pot stands and giving a half-strength feed at each watering from February to September. Use tepid water and never let it splash on to the leaves, stems or crown of the root. Drain off excess water a few minutes after watering. Reduce as the plant dies back after flowering. Let the tuber dry out for winter and report in spring.

Sinningias can be propagated from leaf cuttings taken in summer. They are fairly free from pests and diseases though can be disfigured, especially in summer, by aphids or thrips – a minute, black insect which sucks sap, leaving tiny rice-like marks or stippling and, in extreme cases, causes deformed growth of mature plants. Proprietary treatments are available.

Other sinningias suitable for a bright, warm situation indoors include *Sinningia cardinalis*, which has blood-red tubular flowers, and the lovely *Sinningia regina*, also known as Cinderella slippers, 35cm (14in) tall with trumpet-shaped blooms of rich purple with a yellow band. A miniature form, *Sinningia pusilla*, produces tubular, lilac blooms for much of the year in ideal conditions.



**Left:**  
**Touch of class – pink and white forms of sinningia.**

Sinningia is named for Wilhelm Sinning, head gardener at Bonn University in the 19th century. The true gloxinias, tender perennials, take their title from Benjamin Gloxin, an 18th-century French botanist who was active some 100 years earlier. Both kinds are gesneriads, related to the African violet, so anyone who grows those well has every chance with sinningias.



### **FLOWERS**

**The flowers at the altar this week were arranged by St Hildeburgh's Guild member Evon Pleavin.**

# 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](mailto:learning@wirralmind.org.uk)

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



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