

Readings for this Sunday 14 February 2021
The Sunday Next Before Lent

2 Cor. 4. 3-6
Mark 9. 2-9

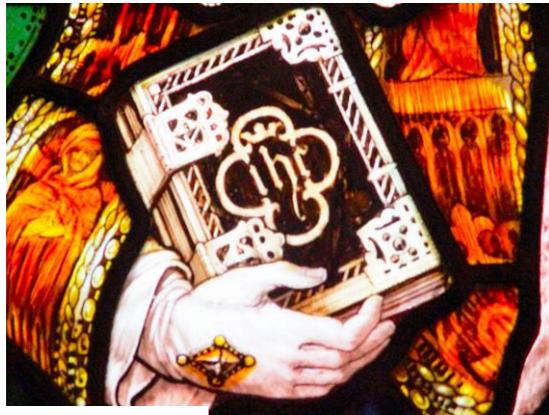


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Parish Register

Funerals

16 February 2021 - Dorothy Margaret Holden
Landican Crematorium South Chapel at 1.30pm

2 March 2021 – Sandra Irene Dowden
Landican Crematorium South Chapel at 2.30pm

3 March 2021 – John Kelly
St Hildeburgh's at 10.30am
Followed by burial at Frankby Cemetery

5 March 2021 – Alan Charles Pugh
Landican Crematorium at 12noon

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
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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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to the pandemic situation, services in church have been suspended for the time being until further notice. The church remains open for private individual prayer as follows:

Mondays to Thursdays and Sundays from 10am to 12 noon

The church is closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

Services are available to view on line on our website. Please visit our website for up to date information as the situation changes.

www.sthildeburgh.net and on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh>

You can also access our online services on a smart TV:

You need to have a modern/"smart" TV set - these all come with **YouTube** as a built in application

Turn on the TV and select the "**YouTube**" app

From the menu that appears when the YouTube app opens, using your remote control, click on the search option (the search menu icon usually looks like a magnifying glass)

Using the remote control, select the letters on screen to form the words "**St Hildeburgh**", then click on "Search"

All our videos will appear in a list - with the most recent service film first. Click on this film using your remote control -the video will play full screen on the TV

Saying Farewell to Bishop Keith

After 14 years in post, Bishop Keith Sinclair will retire on 7 March 2021. In a letter to the Diocese, Bishop Mark invites us all to prepare for Bishop Keith's retirement and to take part in plans for his farewell.

To read Bishop Mark's letter go to:

www.chester.anglican.org

Wirral Foodbank

Thank you for your donations of food which have now been delivered to the Foodbank. The work of the Foodbank continues and your donations are needed more than ever.

Please leave your donations in the porch at
The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake CH47 1HL.

Thank You!

VOYAGERS AT HOME

This week in Voyagers, Vanessa and Lorna chose to read the story of Noah's Ark. It reminded us that we are safe in God's keeping, just like Noah and his family and all the animals in the ark, and that God is making all things new.



We prayed,

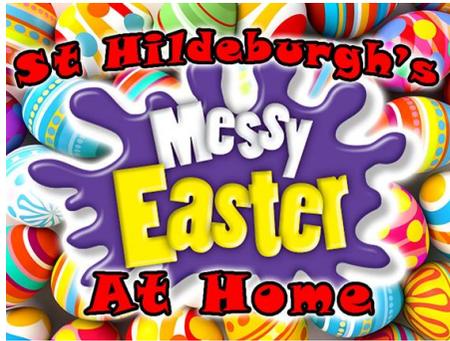
"God's own peace to the mountain,
God's own peace to the plain,
God's own paradise garden
Grow in the world again."

Afterwards we painted a big colourful ark and a rainbow.



Love and prayers,

Christine



EASTER MESSY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENT!

St. Hildeburgh's Parish Church is DELIGHTED to announce our MESSY CHURCH AT HOME EASTER SPECIAL. This totally cool mega extravaganza is open to everyone ... THIS MEANS YOU!

EASTER GOODY BAGS AND HOW TO GET THEM!

If you would like to take part collect one of our famed EASTER MESSY-CHURCH GOODY BAGS. If you would like them, please email the church using this special address: messy.church@sthildeburgh.org We will prepare your very own named bags safely in line with COVID guidance at least 72 hours before they are to be collected by families taking part. Pre ordered GOODY BAGS can be collected from St. Hildeburgh's Church Centre at prearranged dates and times, to avoid mingling with other folk taking part.

INSIDE THE BAGS!

Once we hear from you, we will email you a simple form that enable us to prepare EASTER MESSY-CHURCH GOODY BAGS that are suited to your very own children. These totally cool bags will contain some crafts and games to do, complete with everything you need to do them, some other activities including a quiz competition, with prizes, as well as an Easter story with stickers, and delicious Easter edibles!!

EASTER MESSY CHURCH AT HOME GOODY BAGS - FOR ALL!

We have missed our face to face Messy Church get togethers so much. As soon as we are able to meet safely for MESSY CHURCH at St. Hildeburgh's, we will let you know. In the meantime, we look forward to hearing from you for your GOODY BAG - each child gets one of their own. If you don't have a computer or email access, let your teacher know or contact the church office and we will contact you in some other way. Tell your friends too but make sure you LET US KNOW IN ADVANCE. We don't want anyone to miss out!!

Looking forward to your email,
Peter Ham and Jane Langley (Messy Church Leaders).

Chester Diocesan News



The February edition of CDN is now available to download from www.chester.anglican.org

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: STREPTOCARPUS **40th in a series.**

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

IN the chilly weather dominating at present, it is timely to turn to an indoor plant, streptocarpus – “strep” for short in horticultural jargon. The first was introduced to Britain in 1826 and, although new hybrids were quickly developed, it took these delightful houseplants until the late 20th century to achieve anything like the popularity they deserve. The kinds from which modern hybrids are produced come from the Drakensburg Mountains of South Africa and have foliage similar to primroses, hence their misleading nickname of Cape primroses. In fact they belong to the Gesneriad family which includes African violets (saintpaulias). The name streptocarpus comes from Greek *streptos* and *karpos*, meaning twisted fruit.



Streptocarpus Crystal Beauty.

In the 1980s, amateur enthusiast Rex Dibley left his job as a teacher in north Wales and founded Dibley's Nurseries at Llanelidan, near Ruthin, a family firm breeding and selling streps and other tender plants.

The firm has exhibited at Chelsea Flower Show for around 40 years and won a prestigious gold medal almost every time. The choice of streps is immense. Plants have numerous flowers produced repeatedly and a dazzling array of colours – white and shades of red, pink, blue and purple often with throats in white or yellow and deep veins of a contrasting colour. There is even a primrose-yellow kind, Alissa. The varieties Crystal Ice, white with deep purple veins, and Crystal Beauty, pale blue with similar veins (pictured) will flower all year round in ideal conditions.

Other outstanding varieties include Bristols Black Bird in deep, intense purple; Awena, palest pink with bright pink markings emerging from a yellow throat (pictured);



Streptocarpus Awena.

Blushing Bride, white double flowers with a hint of pink; Midnight Flame, deep scarlet with a velvety appearance; Myfanwy, white with rose-pink veins from a pale yellow throat (pictured); and Falling Stars, with huge numbers of dainty flowers in blue with a white throat.



Streptocarpus Myfanwy.

The plants need a minimum temperature of 10C (50F), and bright light, though not full sun in summer. Allow the compost almost to dry out before watering and feed with a half-strength, high-potash liquid fertiliser at each watering from March to October.

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)

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