

Readings for this Sunday 14 March 2021
The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

2 Cor 1. 3-7
Luke 2. 33-45



Photo: courtesy of Nigel Hall

Parish Register

Funerals

24 March 2021 – Ann Irene Stephens
Landican Crematorium South Chapel at 2.30pm

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 14 March 2021
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

The Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – CHURCH SERVICES

Unless the situation regarding the pandemic changes, Revd Paul will be re-opening the church for services starting with a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 14 March at 10am.

Thereafter, unless the situation changes, there will be a service of Holy Communion in church at 10am each Sunday.

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 marked with an 'X' – the other chairs have been socially distanced in accordance with instructions. This is for everyone's safety in the current pandemic.

The church remains open for individual private prayer Monday to Thursday from 10am to 12 noon and also on Sundays after the 10am service until 12 noon.

Face coverings must be worn in church at all times
Please use the hand gel provided

A Gentle Lenten Journey for 2021

This Lent the Diocese of Chester, led by the diocesan Environment Forum, is inviting you to join in with a Lenten journey.

Leading the way are 40 individuals from around our Diocese who will each reflect on God's word and God's world. They will delve into scripture and share inspiring personal stories about the small ways in which they are moved to cherish the gift of life.

To find out more visit www.chester.anglican./lent

St Hildeburgh's Lent Reflection

A Lent Reflection from St Hildeburgh's is available to view on the following platforms:

www.sthildeburgh.net
<https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh>
Twitter: @sthildeburgh

SIDESPERSONS, READERS AND INTERCESSORS

Unless the situation changes, the new rota for sidespersons, readers and intercessors will start from Sunday 4 July.

The rota will be sent to those involved nearer the time.

VOYAGERS AT HOME



Lord God thank you for loving us even when we turn away from you.

We are grateful for your constant care and concern.

Though we feel unworthy of your great love, we thank you that through our weakness you give us strength and in our wanderings you show us the way.



This week in Voyagers we continued looking at Jesus's parables, with the story of the lost sheep. It reminded us that we are never beyond the reach of God's love and care, even when we make mistakes and get things wrong.

"Through our weakness you give us strength and in our wanderings you show us the way."

Love and prayers,
Christine

23rd March
National Day of Reflection
Reflect • Support • Hope

Take a minute's silence at 12 noon on 23 March to show your support for the millions of people who are bereaved and take a moment to connect with someone.

Scan this QR code to light a candle online



Church Website



www.sthildeburgh.net

God of Love,

As we think about all that has changed this year,
help us to trust that you are always with us.

As we remember those who have died,
help us to trust they are at peace with you.

As we reach out to others with kindness and care,
may hope shine out in every heart and home.

Amen

National Day of
Reflection
23 March

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ORDER YOUR MESSY CHURCH EASTER SPECIAL GOODY BAGS.

If you know any primary aged children who might like one of our GOODY BAGS for Easter, please contact us on:

messy.church@sthildeburgh.org

We will have time to prepare them before the Easter holidays. They will be COVID safe and with the child's age and gender in mind. No charge.

Each bag will contain crafts, games, activities, and an Easter story, as well as some tasty Easter Edibles!

For more information contact our Messy Church coordinators, Peter Ham or Jane Langley or phone/text 07444884879.

Thank-you to all those who have offered to put the GOODY BAGS together.

Many thanks.
Peter and Jane

WEEKLY LENT DEVOTIONALS



Each week, throughout March, Revd Richard Skinner and Peter Ham will be giving a Lent Devotional reflection, as we approach, and prepare for, Easter. These 4 devotions will be available as videos, from Wednesday each week, online, on the Church website, Facebook page, Twitter page and also on YouTube, for those that have these facilities. If you don't have online access, a printed script or email of each Devotion can be obtained by calling or leaving a message for Peter on 07444884879.

As we approach one of the most important festivals in the Christian year, let us remember the death and resurrection of the Son of God: Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus. God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 3; 16.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: DAFFODIL **44th in a series.**

Text by Peter SurrIDGE.

WHEN the first daffodils flower each year, it is a major landmark, like the first cuckoo. Daffodils have made that impression on people for around 2,300 years. That was when the Greeks were growing them and producing lists of the different species. Probably only roses compare with them in the long-term popularity stakes.

Daffodils, with large trumpets, and narcissi, with small cups, all belong to the same genus, *Narcissus*. They bloom from February to May, depending on variety and the weather, are ideal for cutting and come up year after year. Those with huge, vivid yellow blooms have been popular ever since 'King Alfred,' as the first really significant yellow trumpet daffodil, caused a sensation when it was launched in 1899. Bulbs sold for £10 each, an astronomical figure at the time.

Wordsworth's "host of golden daffodils" referred to the native wild *Narcissus pseudonarcissus*, also known as lobularis or Lent lily. They are small, 15cm-22cm (6in-9in) tall, with a yellow trumpet and cream petals. The "hosts", growing by Ullswater in the Lake District, are considerably reduced and have been under threat from colonies of cultivated daffodils, presumably planted by well-meaning but misguided folk. The National Trust instigated a programme of moving the invasive bulbs to another site. The other well-known British narcissus, the Tenby daffodil – a Welsh national emblem – is *Narcissus obvallaris*, which is of similar size to the Lent lily but with golden trumpet and petals. Although slow to establish, both of these eventually naturalise effectively and thrive beside water. They are not grown widely now so there's a good conservationist reason for planting them.



**Above: Long-lasting daffodil
'February Gold.'**



Right: Contrasting colours of 'Jetfire.'

In any case, when choosing daffodils for the garden, avoid automatically selecting varieties with huge yellow flowers because they are often damaged in windy situations and also more desirable kinds are available. These include 'February Gold' (pictured), with rich yellow, long-flowering blooms; the hoop-petticoat daffodil, *Narcissus bulbocodium*, all yellow, with a large conical cup and minute petals, and only 10cm-20cm (4in-8in) tall; and *Narcissus cyclamineus* with a long, slender trumpet and petals swept back so they point in the opposite direction. The variety 'Jetfire' (pictured) has yellow petals contrasting attractively with its bright orange trumpet. Jonquils are generally yellow, have several small heads to each stem and are sweetly scented. Last to flower, usually in May, are the Poeticus types such as 'Pheasant Eye.' Other divisions include Tazzeta, tender narcissi such as 'Paper White,' grown for indoor display in pots, and multi-headed 'Triandrus,' good for borders or pots. There are two kinds I find weird – double-flowered, in which the trumpet shape is spoiled by being stuffed with petals, and split-corona, which have been specially selected for the freakish malformation of their cups. Not in my backyard!

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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