

Readings for this Sunday 16 January

8am Holy Communion
AND
10am Healing Eucharist

1 Cor. 12. 1-11
John 2. 1-11

6pm Evensong

Eph. 4. 1-16
John 1. 29-42
Psalm 96

Readings for next Sunday 23 January

8am Holy Communion
AND
10am Holy Communion

1 Cor. 12. 12-31a
Luke 4. 14-21

6pm Evensong

1 Cor. 7. 17-24
Mark 1. 21-28
Psalm 33. 1-12

Parish Register

Baptisms

23 January at 11.45am - Connan Ernest Parker Joyce
30 January at 10am – Harriet Mary Williams

Funerals

19 January – Roger Stephen Higham
Landican Crematorium at 12 noon

24 January – Anne Ryder
St Hildeburgh's at 2pm Burial at Grange Cemetery at 3pm

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 16 January 2022 The Second Sunday of Epiphany

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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.

**Don't Forget
the Bacon!!**

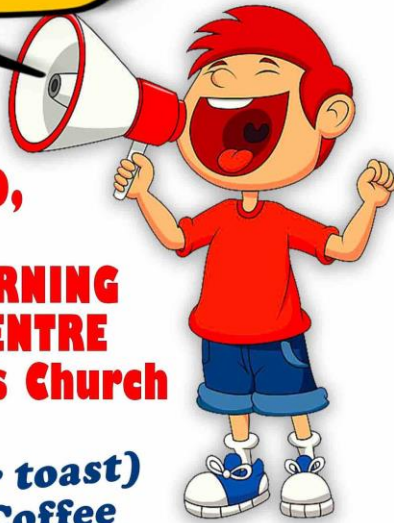
**Every TUESDAY
from
10.30am to 12.00,
we have our
BACON BUTTY MORNING
in our CHURCH CENTRE
at St Hildeburgh's Church
in HoyLake**

**Bacon Butties (or toast)
a cup of Tea or Coffee
& a great chance to chat**

ALL are Welcome!

NO CHARGE (but donations welcome)

... see you on Tuesday?



THANK YOU

A big 'Thank You' from Revd Paul and Revd Gillian for the many cards and good wishes received over Christmas.

Coffee After Sunday Service



Don't forget you can now enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the Church Centre after the 10am Sunday Service.

St Hildeburgh's Tots

If you think you could spare some time on a Wednesday morning to help with St Hildeburgh's Tots group in our Church Centre please have a word with Revd Paul.

FLOWER OF THE WEEK: SARCOCCCA

86th in a series

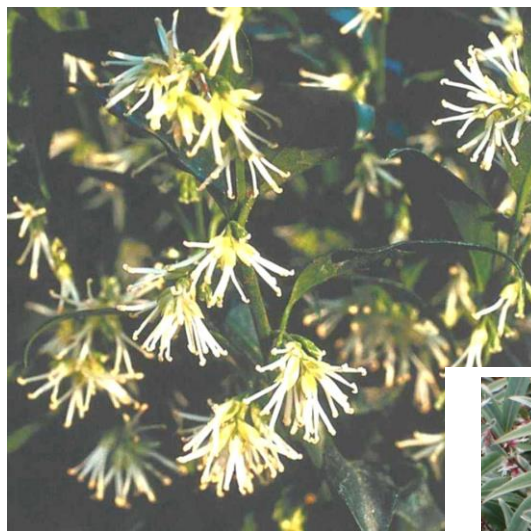
Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

Scents from flowers in winter and early spring are as delightful as they are unexpected. Coming from delicate flowers that are often partially hidden by shrubby vegetation, they give pleasure every day. The best known winter-flowering scented shrubs are probably mahonia, viburnum and daphne but sarcococca, also known as Christmas box or sweet box, is a genus of evergreen shrubs that is naturally adapted to shaded and woodland conditions so is ideal for the sort of shrubby shelter described above.

Three species, all from China, are hardy enough to withstand anything an English winter is likely to throw at them. All are dense shrubs with handsome, glossy leaves, similar in shape to those of the laurel but smaller, and long, elegant flowers in fragrant clusters followed by fleshy, shiny, blue-black berries. It is this feature that gives the plant its name – from the Greek words *sarkos* for flesh and *kokkos* for berry.

Sarcococca humilis (pictured) is a dwarf shrub growing only 60cm (2ft) tall that spreads by suckers to form clumps of erect shoots. White, pink-tinged flowers open in winter and the fruits are blue-black. *Sarcococca hookeriana* (pictured) is larger, up to 1.5m tall and 1.8m across (5ft x 6ft). The flowers are white and the berries dark blue-black. The variety Purple Stem has tints of purplish-pink on the young shoots and pink-tinged flowers. *Sarcococca confusa* grows larger still, up to 2m (6ft 6in) but does not spread so widely. The blossoms are especially fragrant and the berries large and black.

Two other species, which may not tolerate severe winter weather or prolonged frost, are *Sarcococca ruscifolia*, a 90cm (3ft) species with creamy-white flowers and dark red berries, and *Sarcococca saligna*, of similar height but spreading more rampantly, with unscented greenish-white flowers and purple fruits.



Left:
Sarcococca humilis.

Below:
Sarcococca hookeriana.



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THUMBING A LIFT?

For the first time since it was introduced in 2009, St Hildeburgh's lifts-to-church service has no current passengers.

Our volunteer drivers give lifts to any worshippers with transport or mobility problems, taking them to and from the 10am Sunday service. Pick-ups can be arranged for anyone living within a few miles of the church or even very close. Anyone who needs a lift is asked to notify Peter Surridge on 632-5507 or 07778-517759, or email peter.surridge@talktalk.net

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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