

Readings for this Sunday
20 December 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Romans 16. 25-end
Luke 1. 26-38



Parish Register

Wedding

23 December – Gregory Osborne and Helen Turnbull-Ross

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 20 December 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Church Services

Rev'd Paul will be conducting a service of Holy Communion on Sundays at 10am unless the situation changes.

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>

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 12noon and also on Sundays from 10am to 12noon.

Please note face coverings must be worn in church at all times.

Christmas Services at St Hildeburgh's

**DUE TO THE ONGOING PANDEMIC,
NUMBERS IN CHURCH ARE
RESTRICTED**

**PLEASE COME EARLY TO ALL
SERVICES TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

20 December at 4pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
24 December at 11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
25 December at 8am	Holy Communion
25 December at 10am	Family Communion
THERE ARE NO SERVICES ON SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER	

Church will be open on Sunday 27 December for private prayer only from 10am to 12 noon.

Due to Coronavirus restrictions the Christingle Service and the Crib Service will not take place this year.



*A happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year to everyone
From: Revd Paul, Revd John, Revd Richard and the Ministry Team*

'Advent Journey with the Magi'

The last of our Advent course evenings takes place on Zoom this Wednesday 23 December at 7pm for about half an hour.

To join the meeting please click on this link:

Time: Dec 23, 2020 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77290012217?pwd=MW1QMH I5VXVrSzI6KytTdWs2TktFUT09>

Meeting ID: 772 9001 2217

Passcode: zR180c



Planned Giving Weekly and Monthly Envelopes

Further to the previous item in the Beacon, the Custodian will now deliver the boxes of envelopes to the home address of every person as collection from Church is restricted due to Covid regulations.

Please read the information included within each envelope and confirm receipt by contacting the Custodian, George Dafnis, on 632 5927.

Meanwhile thank you for your support, and having regard to all the current circumstances, enjoy the celebration of Christmas with us at St.Hildeburghs.

George Dafnis. Custodian.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

In accordance with national guidelines, Christmas cards, cards or any other correspondence must not be left at the back of church for collection by other people.

In the present pandemic situation this poses a serious risk as to transmission of Coronavirus.

Voyagers at Home

This week in Voyagers we lit our third advent candle (not long to go now!)



We read the story of John the Baptist, and learned that Advent is a time for getting ready to welcome Jesus in our lives. Our reading from 1 Thessalonians 5 showed us some of the habits that help us get ready- pray always, be thankful, hold on to what is good, and be joyful because God is always at work in and around us.

Love and prayers,
Christine

Thank You to 'Kid's Planet'

A big 'Thank You' to 'Kid's Planet' nursery for their generous donation to St Hildeburgh's fundraising.

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!

MESSY CHRISTMAS NATIVITY



Christmas is such a special time and although things are different this year, we can still gather and celebrate the birth of a very special baby... a baby who changed the world! This Messy Church at home session focuses on the true meaning of Christmas and explores the theme of God's gift to us in Jesus.

***Thanks be to God for his gift that is too wonderful to describe!
2 Corinthians 9:15 (ERV)***

Activity

Try this collage activity. The nativity scene will be great to have as a decoration over your mantelpiece or on your wall. Read through the nativity story in your bible to remind yourself of what to include in your work of art. Here are some materials ideas. If you can't get exactly these materials, just see what you can find around the house instead!

Nativity collage

You will need: paper or card; egg boxes; coloured pens or crayons; glue; different materials from your home or garden.

Create the wonderful Nativity picture or model using different materials! Gather materials from around the home, and enjoy a nature hunt outside to find natural items such as sticks, stones, soil and leaves. Draw, colour and stick to make your messy Nativity collage.

Talk about all the different people, animals, textures and smells in the Nativity story. Can you imagine what it must have been like in the stable?



Talk together about how perfectly messy the Nativity story is and how from it, we received the best gift ever in Jesus.



FLOWERS OF THE WEEK: CHRISTMAS HOUSEPLANTS

32nd in a series.

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

Houseplants are especially welcome at Christmas. They bring longer-lasting brightness than cut flowers and often a breath of spring perfume. Huge numbers of houseplants are sold at this time of year as Christmas gifts or simply to cheer up the home as the days shorten. Most houseplants originate from exotic climates which take some care to recreate in our homes. Their requirements – of light, temperature, water and humidity – vary from species to species so do not group them together in a place that might suit some but not others.

CYCLAMEN. These are not easy to keep well but it can be done. They need plenty of light, especially in winter, and a maximum 18C (65F). Water into the dish, not on to the compost. Give a general purpose liquid feed fortnightly during growth and flowering. In spring lay the pot on its side and when the tuber has dried out store it in a cool, light place. In autumn, repot using a rich potting compost.

HYACINTH and NARCISSUS (Daffodil). The indoor flowering life of hyacinths and other potted bulbs depends on how cool you can keep them. If they are displayed in a warm room during the day, their life can be prolonged by moving them to a cool porch or shed each night. Keep the compost moist. After flowering, you can plant the bulbs in the garden.

POINSETTIA. While the bracts remain, keep the plant in very bright light and water only when the compost is nearly dry, using water with the chill off it. To produce those beautiful red bracts again next winter, poinsettias need year-round care plus precise periods of darkness (see number 26 in this series for details).

AZALEA. Use compost, water and fertiliser which are all free of lime. So use peat or a good-quality peat substitute and a plant food formulated for acid-loving plants. The plant likes bright light, a temperature of only 7C-13C (45F-55F) and regular watering. Do not feed when in flower as that can cause the blooms to drop. In early summer, sink the pot in a peat-lined hole in the garden and keep watering and feeding. Take it back indoors in September.

STREPTOCARPUS (Cape primrose) and SAINTPAULIA (African violet). Bright light is needed but not direct sunshine and 21C (70F) is ideal. 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. Avoid getting moisture on the leaves or stems because it can invite a fatal fungus. Well-kept streptocarpus

CHRISTMAS CACTUS. This is one of the easiest and most rewarding houseplants to grow as long as a bright, warm spot is available all year. Water thoroughly when the compost is nearly dry, again giving a half-strength feed each time.



***Fragrance for winter –
don't let hyacinths dry out.***



***In a bright spot –
Christmas cactus.***

FOUR MORE TIPS 1. Do not water too much or too often. It is better to let any houseplant compost get a little too dry, even to let the plant wilt before watering, than to overwater. 2. If a plant is not flourishing, check whether it prefers cooler conditions, or to be moved out of a draught, or given more light. 3. Look after the leaves. Keep them clean so they can breathe and make the most of the light. When necessary, dust them with a soft brush. Sponge shiny foliage with tepid water. Using a fine spray, mist plants which favour humid conditions, such as gardenias, to counteract the dry air of centrally heated rooms. 4. Do not leave a plant on the windowsill after drawing the curtains at night. The overnight temperature between curtain and window can be much too low.



Pictured left:

***All-year
flowering –
streptocarpus
Gold Rose.***

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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/

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