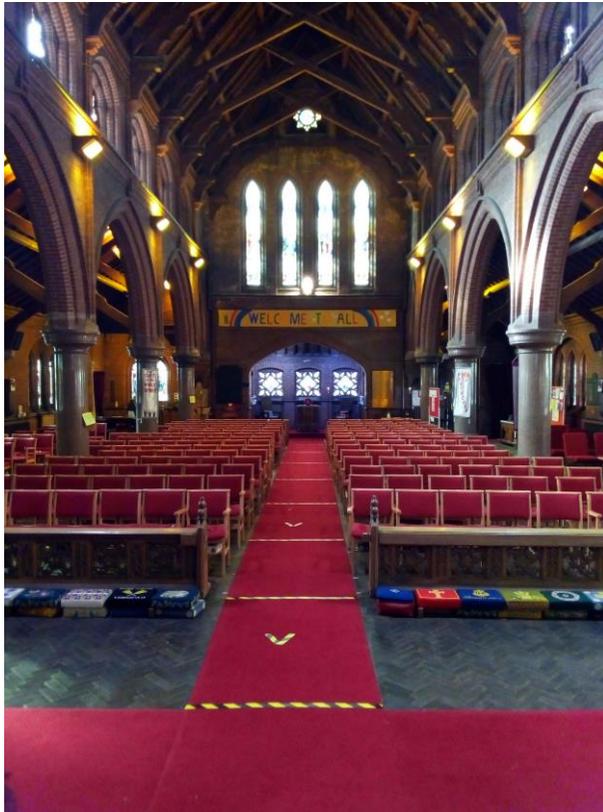


Readings for this Sunday 24 January 2021
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Rev. 19. 6-10
John 2. 1-11



Parish Register

There are no entries in the Parish Register this week.

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 24 January 2021
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

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

You can also access our online services on a smart TV

SEE OPPOSITE PAGE ...



If you are coming for individual private prayer please use the sanitiser and remember that face coverings must be worn in church at all times.

Please check our website www.sthildeburgh.net for up to date information as the situation changes

Scams

Please be aware that there are a lot of scams around at the moment including some purporting to come via Revd Paul's email address. Revd Paul's emails have not been compromised.

If you should receive such an email please do not respond to it – if you are unsure please phone Revd Paul on 0151 632 3897.

St Hildeburgh's on a smart TV

To 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, and the video will play full screen on the TV

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)

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.

Urgently Needed Items:

Tinned meat
tinned vegetables
tinned fruit
custard
tinned fish

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

Thank You!

Morrisons Stores, Wirral

Morrisons Stores Wirral have started taking orders for their doorstep deliveries for the vulnerable (high risk) and elderly at their new purpose-built call centres. To see the list of essential items go to www.morrisons.co.uk/doorstepdeliveries/vulnerable

Make your choice from the essential items on the list then phone **0345 611 6111** and select option 5.

VOYAGERS AT HOME

This Sunday in Voyagers we learned about some of Jesus' disciples, Philip and Nathanael.



The story taught us that we all have a part to play in sharing Jesus with the world around us, through the things we say and the things we do.

It also reminds us to keep our eyes and minds and hearts open for God's presence. No place is too ordinary and no person too unimportant for God to be at work through them!

We finished by making some mini books showing Nathanael, first under his fig tree, then as one of the disciples.



Love and prayers,

Christine

BEACON BITES!

Peter Ham writes:

Well, we are firmly into our 3rd Lockdown. However, we are encouraged to take a daily walk as we are able. Should you decide to take a stroll along the prom here in Hoylake, you will almost certainly come across these 4; two of our largest and two of our smaller shore birds. Today's selection should be close enough to spot without binoculars.

Opposite from top left, clockwise we have the ever-increasing Little Egret, the most common of the 3 former Mediterranean egrets now found on Wirral coasts. Yellow feet and a black bill mark this beauty out.

Next is our own common Grey Heron. A much larger relation of the Egret; it is more tolerant of people and feeds on any small prey it can find.

Third we have the year round resident and tiny Ringed Plover. These little beauties are often found foraging on the grassy areas of the shore, South West of the Lifeboat station. I love their "Bandana" like black eye band.

Lastly is the very common and fearless Turnstone. Often seen right on the edge of the shore, these bold little creatures chisel away at shellfish found under stones or clumps of seaweed. So intent of getting their meal are they, that they will let you approach quite close. In the Spring they turn a beautiful marmalade colour!



MESSY CHURCH AT HOME



Peter Ham writes:

A MESSY CHURCH AT HOME LOVE LETTER!

You will need: square pieces of paper; pens. Make an origami heart that unfolds like a window. Here is one to copy. There are lots of fun ones on YouTube too!

Open the front and write inside a short message about love. Choose one of the phrases from one of Paul's letters about love:

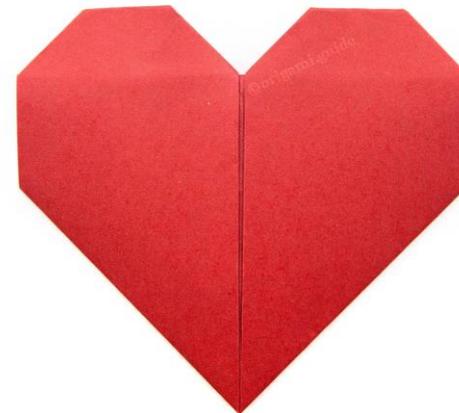
- Love is patient, love is kind
- Love does not envy
- Love does not boast
- Love is not proud
- Love does not dishonour others
- Love is not self-seeking
- Love is not easily angered
- Love keeps no record of wrongs

(Adapted from 1 Corinthians 13:4–8, 13)

- Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth
- Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres
- Love never fails
- And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Talk about why you chose that particular phrase out of all of them. If you had a message written on the inside of you (like a word in a stick of seaside rock), what would you like that message to be?

If Jesus had a message written on the inside of him, what do you imagine it would be?



FLOWER OF THE WEEK: CORNUS

37th in a series

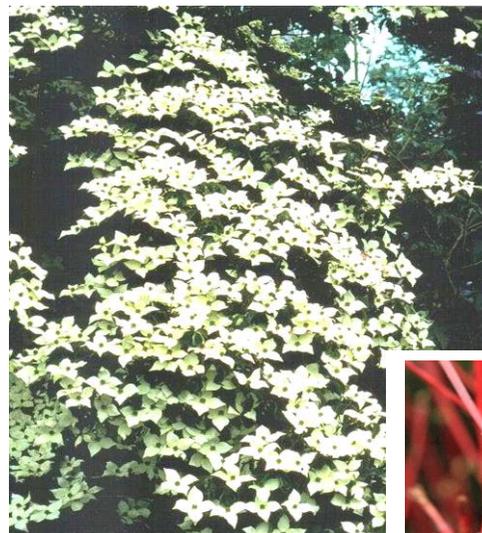
Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

The garden – indeed the natural world at large - can seem dormant at this time of year. This impression is intensified during periods of hard frost when water runs under a crust of ice and the ground itself is sealed shut. At these times, there are dogwoods to dazzle us, not with a “flower of the week” but with stunning stems, bringing colour and interest to the garden when it is most needed.

The botanical name for dogwood is *Cornus*. There are many species of shrubs and small trees grown for a wide range of attractions: overall shape, leaf colour in both summer and autumn, long-lasting flowers – though they are bracts, strictly speaking – generally in shades of cream, white or red, and interesting fruits. But in winter dogwoods are valued for their brightly coloured young stems.

Two varieties of *Cornus alba*, the crimson-stemmed ‘Sibirica’ (pictured) and ‘Elegantissima’, with plum-red shoots, are outstanding. The autumnal foliage of ‘Sibirica’ often becomes tinged with red and orange. ‘Elegantissima’ produces attractive leaves in spring which are edged and splashed with white before taking on a pinkish tinge in autumn. *Cornus alba* ‘Kesselringii’ sprouts dark purple shoots while *Cornus stolonifera* ‘Flaviramea’ produces bright greenish-yellow stems.

These dogwoods are rampant, hardy shrubs which quickly regrow new shoots however hard they are pruned. That is a clue to achieving the best winter colour. The youngest growth gives the most vivid colour, so the key to success lies in cutting back this year’s colourful stems while they’re still looking brilliant – in March. If this seems a pity, console yourself with the thought that they’ll look as good, if not better in the coming winter. For the fullest display cut the stems back to within 2.5cm (1in) of their base. For a more restrained show, prune to 30cm-60cm (1ft-2ft) from the ground. As well as helping to ensure more stunning stems next winter, pruning also keeps the plants under control.



Left:
***Cornus kousa* ‘China Girl’**



Right:
***Defying winter – the
scarlet stems of Cornus
alba* ‘Sibirica.’**

After removing so much of the vigorous growing material, it is critical to give the plants plenty of general fertiliser sprinkled round the base during mild weather in winter or early spring. Top this off with a layer of well-rotted manure or garden compost to add more nutrient and also help to maintain the moist, cool soil conditions that dogwoods prefer. If manure or garden compost are not available, use chipped bark. Although dogwoods grow best in dampish soil, they are tolerant of a wide range of conditions.

Other dogwood species, such as *Cornus kousa* ‘China Girl’ (pictured) are grown for their spectacular summer displays of bracts surrounding the insignificant flowers. These should generally only be pruned lightly in autumn or winter.

Domestic Abuse – Helplines and Information

Here you will find information about where and how to report domestic abuse and get help.

Phone the Police

If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police.

If you are in danger and unable to talk on the phone, call 999 and listen to the questions from the operator and if possible, respond by coughing or tapping the head set.

If prompted, press 55 to [Make Yourself Heard](#) and this will transfer your call to the police. (NB Pressing 55 only works on mobiles and does not allow police to track your location.)

When 999 calls are made from landlines, information about your location should be automatically available to the call handlers to help provide a response.

Seek help

Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline, run by Refuge

0808 200 0247

www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

Live Fear Free helpline (Wales)

0808 80 10 800

www.livefearfree.gov.wales

Men's Advice Line

0808 801 0327

www.mensadvice.org.uk

Rape Crisis (England and Wales)

0808 802 9999

www.rapecrisis.org.uk

Respect phoneline

0808 802 4040

www.respectphoneline.org.uk

Galop (for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people)

0800 999 5428

www.galop.org.uk

Scotland's Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline

0800 027 1234

sdafmh.org.uk

Scottish Women's Aid

0131 226 6606

www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk

Women's Aid Federation (Northern Ireland)

0800 917 1414

www.womensaidni.org

Karma Nirvana

[Karma Nirvana](#) runs a national honour-based abuse helpline.

Telephone: 0800 5999 247

Email: support@karmanirvana.org.uk

Chayn

[Chayn](#) provides online help and resources in a number of languages about identifying manipulative situations and how friends can support those being abused.

Imkaan

[Imkaan](#) are a women's organisation addressing violence against black and minority women and girls.

Southall Black Sisters

[Southall Black Sisters](#) offer advocacy and information to Asian and Afro-Caribbean women suffering abuse.

Stay Safe East

[Stay Safe East](#) provides advocacy and support services to disabled victims and survivors of abuse.

SignHealth

[SignHealth](#) provides domestic abuse service support for deaf people in British Sign Language (BSL).

Telephone: 020 3947 2601

Email: da@signhealth.org.uk

Shelter

[Shelter](#) provide free confidential information, support and legal advice on all housing and homelessness issues.

Sexual Assault Referral Centres

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Support for children and young people

NSPCC

Telephone: 0808 800 5000

Email: help@nspcc.org.uk

Childline

Telephone: 0800 1111

Support if you think you may be an abuser

[Respect](#) is an anonymous and confidential helpline for men and women who are harming their partners and families. The helpline also takes calls from (ex)partners, friends and relatives who are concerned about perpetrators.

Telephone: 0808 802 4040

Support for employers

Employers' Initiative on Domestic Abuse

The [Employers' Initiative on Domestic Abuse](#) website provides resources to support employers including an [employers' toolkit](#)

Business in the Community

[Business in the Community](#) publish a toolkit with information for employers.

Live Chat Services

IDAS

The service will now run from 3 pm – 6 pm Monday – Friday. Additionally, the team will run a chat dedicated to answering questions from professionals, agencies and workers from 10 am – 12 noon on weekdays.

<https://www.idas.org.uk/extra-live-chat-services/>

Women's Aid

This service runs on Monday to Friday from 10am – 2pm

<https://chat.womensaid.org.uk/>

This information is also available on our website

<https://www.sthildeburgh.net/news.html>

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