

Readings for this Sunday 28 February 2021
The Second Sunday of Lent



*Photo:
courtesy of Nigel Hall*

Parish Register

Funerals

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

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

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

10 March 2021 – George Crawford Hogg
St Hildeburgh's church at 1.30pm followed by burial at Allerton Cemetery

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's
The Parish Church of Hoylake
Sunday 28 February 2021
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The Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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

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.

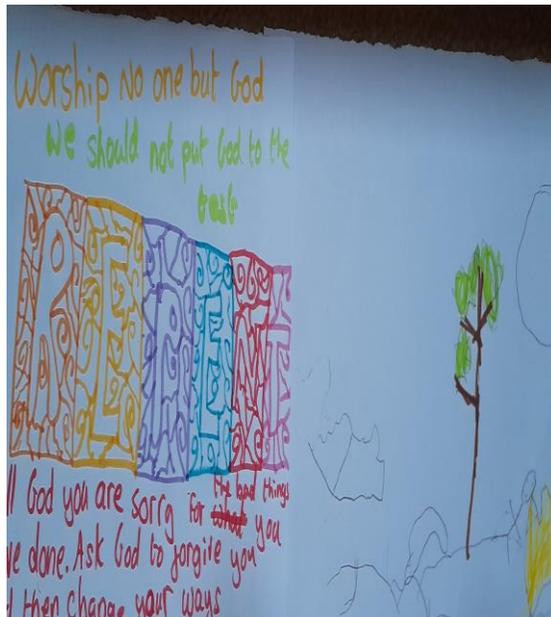
Wirral Foodbank

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 we read from Mark's Gospel about Jesus' baptism, his temptation in the desert, and the beginning of his ministry.

We thought about what it means to "repent" and "seek the kingdom" - choosing each day to move closer to God.



Vanessa and Lorna created their own art based on our reading. We prayed:

"Help us, during these days of Lent, to come close to you and listen to your voice. Give us strength to overcome the temptation to please ourselves and live life without you."

Love and prayers,
Christine

Lent Reflection



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

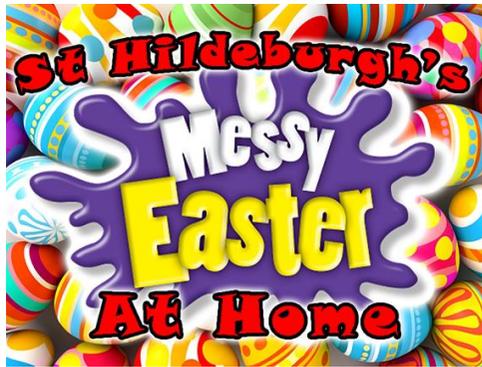
www.sthildeburgh.net

<https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh>

Twitter: [@sthildeburgh](https://twitter.com/sthildeburgh)

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



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

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



www.wirralmind.org.uk
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FLOWER OF THE WEEK: EARLY CLEMATIS **42nd in a series.**

Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.

CLEMATIS are most evident from spring to autumn. Less obvious – but all the more appreciated – are the early-flowering types. Some are exceptionally hardy. *Clematis alpina* (pictured), from the mountains of Europe and Asia, grows 2m-3m (6ft-10ft) tall, and opens pendulous, bell-shaped blossoms of blue or mauve from mid-spring. The variety 'Cyanea,' bred to withstand the Swedish winter, has deeper blue flowers and serrated, ferny leaves, while 'Constance' has purple-pink blooms and 'Pamela Jackman' has blue flowers with blue and cream anthers. One of the first to bloom is *Clematis cirrhosa*, an evergreen species from southern Europe which requires a warm wall to grow well. It climbs to some 3m (8ft-10ft) and produces cup-shaped cream flowers often flecked with red, from mid-winter.

The *cirrhosa* variety 'Balearica' is not so vigorous but has pretty cut-leaf foliage. 'Wisley Cream' has greenish-cream blooms, while one of my favourites, 'Freckles' (pictured) often bears its flowers from late autumn – creamy-pink blooms, heavily speckled red inside, contrasting with the long, yellow stamens. Another evergreen, *Clematis armandii*, has large oval leaves and white, long-lasting, almond-scented flowers, often continuing throughout frost and snow. It grows quickly to 3m-5m (10ft-15ft). *Clematis macropetala*, a deciduous species from Mongolia, is another tough customer with similar flowers and flowering time to *alpina*.

The word clematis seems to have come from the Greek *klema*, meaning "tendrils," with which, of course, the climbing species cling to their supports. Remember that when preparing a position for a new plant - fix wires or trellis into position making sure they are sturdy enough to hold the weight of a full-grown climber.



**Pictured left:
Clematis alpina.**

**Pictured below:
Clematis cirrhosa
'Freckles'.**



If planting against a wall or fence, select a position at least 45cm (18in) away from it. Immerse the roots, still in their container, in water for 20 minutes and, while the rootball is soaking, dig a hole 45cm deep and wide (18in x 18in).

In clay, dig a little deeper and place a layer of crocks or pebbles in the base to improve drainage, and also fork the sides and base. After removing the container, plant so the rootball is 6cm (2.5in) below the soil surface. Tie the stems with soft string to a cane training the plant towards its support and cover the root area with rocks or stone slabs to keep the roots cool. Water generously and continue to do so whenever the weather is dry for the first two years. Feed with a liquid plant food high in potash once a fortnight throughout the growing season.

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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