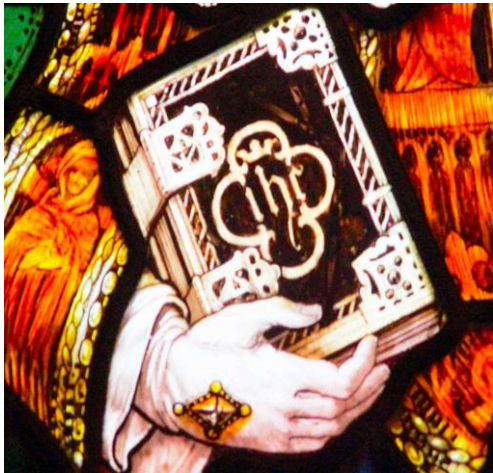


**Readings for this Sunday 3 January 2021**  
**The Epiphany**

Eph. 1. 3-14  
John 1 (1-9) 10-18



*Photo courtesy of Nigel Hall*

**Parish Register**

**Funerals**

11 January – Julian James Triggs  
St Hildeburgh's at 1.30pm Landican Crematorium at 2.30pm

14 January – Lorna Frances Brunskill  
St Hildeburgh's at 1pm Rake Lane cemetery at 2pm

**Weekly Beacon**



**News from St Hildeburgh's**  
**The Parish Church of Hoylake**  
**Sunday 3 January 2021**  
**The Epiphany**

**The Collect**

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
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.

## **Services at St Hildeburgh's**

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](http://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 Mondays to Thursdays from 10am to 12noon and Sundays from 10am to 12noon.**

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

### **COVID19 - NHS TRACK AND TRACE QR CODE**

If you are in church for any reason and have the NHS Track and Trace app on your smartphone, please scan the QR code on one of the posters displayed in church. Help to reduce the spread of infection and save lives.

### **Chester Diocesan News**

The January edition of CDN is now available to download from [www.chester.anglican.org](http://www.chester.anglican.org)

## **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!

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2021**

The boxes of Weekly and Monthly Planned Giving Envelopes have now been distributed by hand to all who support these Schemes. However, if for any reason you have not received a box of envelopes, and wish to do so, please contact the Custodian, George Dafnis on 0151 632 5927.

## **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](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk)

**Live Fear Free helpline (Wales)**

0808 80 10 800

[www.livefearfree.gov.wales](http://www.livefearfree.gov.wales)

**Men's Advice Line**

0808 801 0327

[www.mensadviceline.org.uk](http://www.mensadviceline.org.uk)

**Rape Crisis (England and Wales)**

0808 802 9999

[www.rapecrisis.org.uk](http://www.rapecrisis.org.uk)

**Respect phonenumber**

0808 802 4040

[www.respectphonenumber.org.uk](http://www.respectphonenumber.org.uk)

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

0800 999 5428

[www.galop.org.uk](http://www.galop.org.uk)

**Scotland's Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline**

0800 027 1234

[sdafmh.org.uk](http://sdafmh.org.uk)

**Scottish Women's Aid**

0131 226 6606

[www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk](http://www.scottishwomensaid.org.uk)

**Women's Aid Federation (Northern Ireland)**

0800 917 1414

[www.womensaidni.org](http://www.womensaidni.org)

**Karma Nirvana**

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

Telephone: 0800 5999 247

Email: [support@karmanirvana.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

## **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/](http://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/](http://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)

## FLOWER OF THE WEEK: MAHONIA

### 34th in a series

*Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.*

MY admiration for mahonias increased on moving to Hoylake more than 40 years ago and one of these winter-flowering shrubs was growing in the garden. It was *Mahonia aquifolium*, one of the less spectacular species but nonetheless welcome. While some other shrubs succumbed to drought or frost, or sulked about their soil or situation, the mahonia grew steadily to optimum size – around 1.5 metres tall and across (5ft x 5ft) – with only an occasional top-dressing of general fertiliser. For much of the year it stood modestly while its glossy, evergreen foliage, holly-leaf shaped with less formidable prickles, added to the garden backdrop. Then, every January, it produced pale yellow racemes of flowers with a pleasant, light fragrance, however hard the weather. That was the time to trim off any overlong stems and take them indoors to scent the house. It was the only pruning this obliging shrub needed to prevent it overhanging other plants or encroaching over paths.

*Mahonia aquifolium* is more commonly if less attractively known as the Oregon grape because it comes from North America. It spreads by suckering, putting up shoots directly from the roots, helping to suppress weeds. Other species of mahonia, mostly from China, have similar virtues and some are even more desirable. *Mahonia japonica* is one of these. It grows over 2m (7ft) tall and produces numerous lemon-yellow blossoms branching from each flowering stem (known as racemes). The stems can grow up to 30cm (12in) long and, not surprisingly, tend to hang downwards under their own weight. The scent is much-admired. *Mahonia bealei* is similar but the racemes are shorter and erect.



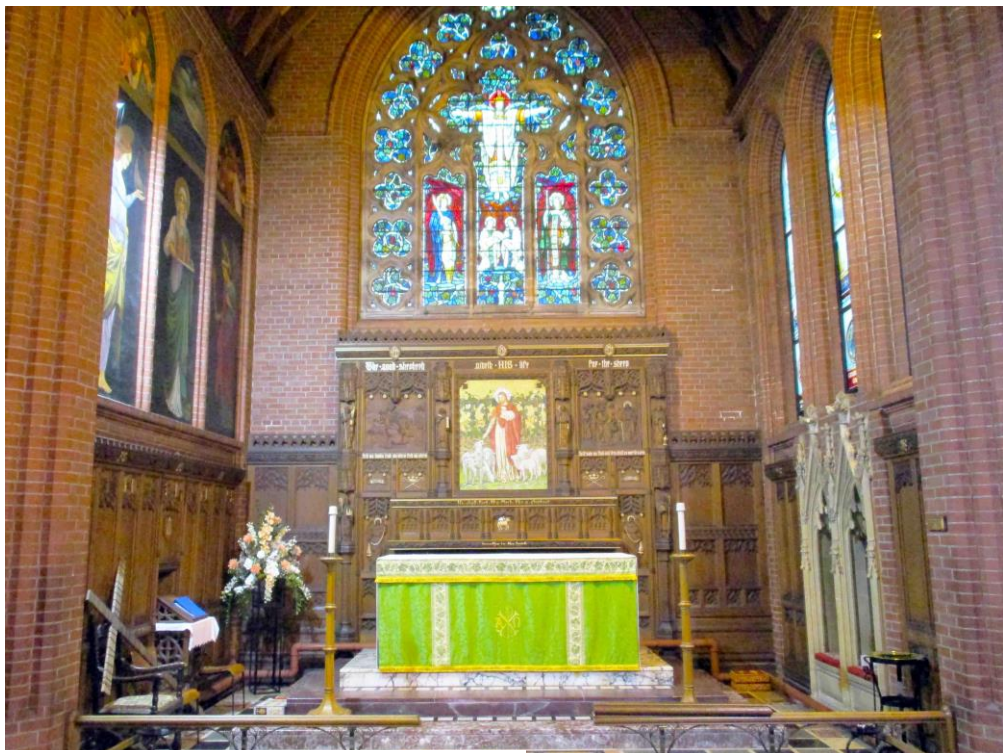
**Above: Superb scent – the mahonia variety Charity.**

My favourite, which I have since planted, is a hybrid, *Mahonia x media* 'Charity' (pictured). For the first few years it can look out of proportion because the leaves and flowers seem too big and dramatic for a small, young shrub. However, it grows quite quickly if properly fed and sheltered – sometimes up to 3m (10ft) tall. The scent, reminiscent of lily-of-the-valley, is superb.

Mahonias demand little in return for their long-lasting display. Any reasonable soil will meet their needs, even in sandy or chalky areas. They are named for Bernard M'Mahon, a prominent US horticulturalist some 200 years ago.

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## **Contact St Hildeburgh's**

**Vicar**

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Tel: 0151 632 5339

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**Church Website**



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Facebook.com/sthildeburgh

Twitter: @sthildeburgh

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