

## **Readings for this Sunday 5 December 2021**

8am Holy Communion and  
10am Holy Communion

Phil. 1. 3-11  
Luke 3. 1-6

4pm Christingle

Special readings

## **Readings for next Sunday 12 December 2021**

8am Holy Communion and  
10am Holy Communion

Phil. 4. 4-7  
Luke 3. 7-18

6pm Open Worship

### **Monthly Video Reflection**

We have launched a new video resource at St Hildeburgh's. Each month, we will be releasing a short video reflection online. The video is available on both our website and Facebook page. The links are:

Website: <https://www.sthildeburgh.net/reflection.html>

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

### **Parish Register**

#### **Funeral**

21 December – Jean Woods  
St Hildeburgh's at 1.30pm Landican Crematorium at 2.30pm

## **Weekly Beacon**



### **News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake The Second Sunday of Advent 5 December 2021**

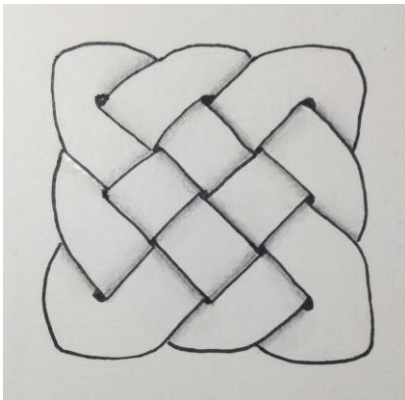
#### **The Collect**

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

## **What does a lay pioneer do?**

Hello! I'm Alice Price, and I'm the lay pioneer at St Hildeburgh's. I moved to Hoylake in February 2020 with my husband Steve, and joined St Hildeburgh's some time during the pandemic. This time a year ago I was pretty fed up as we were still quite isolated as a result of all the restrictions, and I was wondering just what God had called us here to do. A year on, and I'm amazed at what has happened in the last 7 months.

A lay pioneer's ministry is primarily missional – it is about those who are outside of the church. My passion is exploring spirituality with those who don't come to church, with the hope of establishing a fresh expression of church with them. As places began to open up again this Spring, I began to look for where I saw God at work in the community. I found myself drawn towards two particular places. The first was a creative and wellbeing project called 'Making Space' in West Kirby. I have found it to be a wonderful place of community, with opportunities to explore creativity and spirituality. The second was the Quirky Café in Hoylake, who are doing a lot for the community. I started to paint there, just whilst drinking my tea as a customer, and after a while I was asked if I would like to start an art group there. In August I began a group called 'Mindful Art' that meets in the café on Tuesday afternoons (2pm). It's all about using arty techniques that are mindful and relaxing. All are welcome, so feel free to come along and join in.



As my pioneer ministry here in Hoylake gets underway, I find myself getting to know people through exploring creativity, wellbeing and spirituality. I don't know where it will lead, but God does so I follow Him. If you want to know more, come and chat to me after church, or you can email me: [alicejprice@hotmail.com](mailto:alicejprice@hotmail.com)

## **Wirral String Orchestra**

Wirral String Orchestra have another concert on

Wednesday 15th December

The concert starts at 7.30pm at St Hildeburgh's and will last about an hour.

Repertoire will include Mozart, Bach, Handel, Ravel and Elgar and the Christmas concert will include some seasonal pieces.

We will be social distancing and ask you to wear masks as you walk round the building. There will be no refreshments and toilets will only be available for emergencies. We are limiting numbers so it is worth booking early as you will need a booked place to attend.

Tickets are not on sale but you will need to book places to attend either by emailing [nejvla@hotmail.com](mailto:nejvla@hotmail.com) or calling 07981 152 344 and saying your name, telephone number if calling, which concert or concerts you want places at and how many places you require.

You will be able to make donations at the concerts and money raised is going to Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

So far this year we have raised £2600.

We look forward to seeing some of you there.

Neill Jackson

## **50 / 50 CLUB**

*Liz Arduş writes:*



Hello All

Our first 50/50 draw took place on Sunday, at coffee, and the winner was number 6...Sue Wells. Congratulations. The prize money was £46.

The December draw will take place at the Christmas meal and there is still time to join. The cost for the rest of the year is now £11.

Please see me Liz Arduş if you are interested or ring me on 632 3544.



**Christine Isaacson**

Passed away peacefully on 25th October 2021, aged 91 years. Beloved wife of the late Brian, much-loved mother of Diana and David, dear granny to Christopher, Nicholas and William, much-loved sister to John and loved by the rest of the family. Reunited with her dear husband Brian and forever in our hearts. Rest in Peace.

Although Christine lived mostly in Meols, the Funeral Service is planned for 3rd December in Sydney, Australia where she spent her final years. A memorial service in Hoylake will be arranged for 2022.

Donations, if desired, to the RSPCA.

Telephone 01425 611199.

Christine's funeral will take place in Sydney, Australia on 3 December (4.15am BST) and will be available to view via the following links:

<https://www.northernsuburbscrem.com.au/>

<https://www.northernsuburbscrem.com.au/content/dam/invocare/northern-suburbs/pdfs/NSMG%20Park%20Map%20v2.39.pdf>

This will be available to view for up to 90 days after the service.

## St. Hildeburgh's Parish Church

Stanley Road, Hoylake

TUESDAY 14th DECEMBER 2021

❄️ commencing 7.30pm ❄️

### Caldy Rugby Club Choir Cold Off Pitch



Director of music:  
JAN LYON

Will perform both traditional & contemporary

### *Festive Songs* with some sing-a-longs

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## FLOWER OF THE WEEK: JASMINE

### 81st in a series

*Text and photograph by Peter Surridge.*

One of the first climbers to flower in winter is a species of jasmine, a redoubtably tough wall shrub not to be confused with the tenderer kinds which have sweet-scented, white flowers. The quick-growing *Jasminum nudiflorum*, originally from China, sprouts long, arching branches, ideal for threading through trellis or tying to wires. Small, dark, glossy leaves decorate the stems until late autumn and then often fall, leaving the scene clear for the flowers. In mild autumns, such as this, the leaves hold on until the flowers bloom (as in my picture). When they do, emerging bright yellow with six oval petals surrounding an elegant throat winter, they combine to brighten the dark days with golden cloud which can appear as early as late November and last until well into the new year, often until late winter.

*Jasminum* is a Latinised form of the Persian *yasmin*, while the plant's habit of producing flowers on naked stems gives rise to *nudiflorum*. The plant is also known by the old-fashioned name of jessamine.

Two selected strains can occasionally be found: Aureum, which has yellow leaves, though they are liable to revert to green, and Nanum, a dwarf, slow-growing form that makes a compact mound. *Jasminum nudiflorum* is the true winter jasmine but is not the only plant of its genus to bloom in winter.



*Left:  
Brightening  
dark days – the  
yellow flowers  
of winter  
jasmine.*

A less common relative, *Jasminum dichotomum*, from tropical Africa, is a scrambling climber which produces sweet-scented white blooms intermittently all year – but it is too tender to be grown in our climate so must be kept at a minimum of 10C (15F) under glass.

*Jasminum nudiflorum* can be easily trained to cover an area 3m (10ft) high and wide though it tolerates being kept pruned to a smaller size. Young shrubs require no pruning but established specimens should have two or three of the oldest branches removed after flowering each year to prevent a matted tangle of stems developing. It is best planted in spring or autumn against a sheltered, sunny wall or fence on which there is a trellis or wires sturdy enough to hold the weight of a full grown climber. Regular feeding with a liquid plant food high in potash once a fortnight throughout spring and summer will improve the floral display.

# 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](mailto:learning@wirralmind.org.uk)

Our phone lines are open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm



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