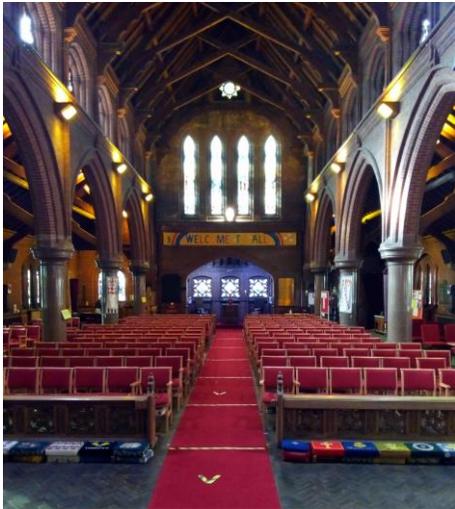


**Readings for this Sunday 7 February 2021**  
**The Second Sunday Before Lent**

Col. 1. 15-20

John 1. 1-14



**Parish Register**

**Funerals**

16 February 2021 - Dorothy Margaret Holden  
Landican Crematorium South Chapel at 1.30pm

3 March 2021 – John Kelly  
St Hildeburgh's at 10.30am followed by burial at Frankby cemetery

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

**Weekly Beacon**



**News from St Hildeburgh's**  
**The Parish Church of Hoylake**  
**Sunday 7 February 2021**  
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**The Collect**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
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](http://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

## **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!

## **PLANNED GIVING 2020**

The Vicar, Reverend Paul, the Treasurer, Lytton Goodwin, and the Custodian, George Dafnis, on behalf of the PCC, wish to thank all the members of our congregation, and friends of St.Hildeburgh's who have supported the Church throughout 2020 by commitment to one of our several Planned Giving Schemes.

Considering the dreadful effects upon our world by COVID 19, your support has been outstanding and for that you have our everlasting appreciation.

Please stay safe, take care and that when the 'Tempest' has passed, we can all get together again in Church and thank our God we are safe.

George Dafnis

## VOYAGERS AT HOME

This week in Voyagers we read the story about Jesus being taken to the temple as a baby.



Anna and Simeon were overjoyed to see Jesus, and that reminded us that Jesus is really good news for all of us! God always keeps his promises, and in Jesus he is making all things new.

We prayed, dear God, may I see your goodness with my own eyes. Amen.

Love and prayers,  
Christine

## MESSY CHURCH AT HOME



### CALL FOR HELP!

We are hoping to run a MESSY CHURCH AT HOME - EASTER SPECIAL this Spring. It will be in the form of MESSY CHURCH GOODY BAGS containing crafts, games, activities, quizzes, a bible story and some tasty Easter Edibles.

Because of COVID this will all done safely and the bags prepared for families to collect and take home.

Are you able to help by preparing resources in the safety of your own home? We will provide you with everything you need, all following COVID safety regulations and guidance. It might mean cutting out coloured card or paper, preparing stickers and decorations and name labels etc. Ideas please!!! You do not need to be an experienced children's volunteer. None of this will involve direct contact with anyone else. It is still something you could do, even though you might be shielding yourself or with someone else.

It is an opportunity to become involved in an aspect of service to our Lord and to our local families, by teaching them something of the real Easter story and Jesus, who died and rose again.

If you feel able to help or if you would like to know more, please contact either of us.

Many thanks,  
Peter Ham and Jane Langley (Messy Church Leaders).  
Tel: 07444884879 or 0151 677 3195.

### Chester Diocesan News



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

## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK:**

### **39th in a series**

**Text by Peter Surridge.**

Crocuses are one of the most attractive harbingers of spring, emerging as if by magic, sometimes as early as January, though mainly in February. They are also easy to grow and immensely effective in the drab late-winter garden, looking good in beds, rockeries and lawns. Hardy and reliable early-flowering species are the rich, golden-orange *Crocus ancyrensis*, lilac-blue *Crocus tommasinianus* and *Crocus chrysanthus*, which vary from cream to golden yellow. The flowers of most kinds are goblet-shaped with prominent orange anthers. Colours include white, yellow, orange, mauve and purple. Many are striped. They vary from 8cm to 12cm (3in-5in) in height while the grass-like leaves with a central pale stripe are generally taller.

The name comes from *krokos*, the Greek for saffron, derived from the Hebrew *karkom*, referred to in the Song of Solomon. Different species originate in Europe, Asia and North Africa but most come from the Middle East. There are numerous attractive hybrids such as Gypsy Girl, which has large yellow flowers with feathered purple stripes on the outside, and Princess Beatrix – obviously Dutch, like many of the hybrids – a clear blue kind with a yellow base.



**Left: White and purple crocuses in woodland semi-shade.**



**Right: Purple and golden crocuses in a border.**

Most crocuses are scented, a quality that is easier to appreciate when they are grown in bowls for indoor display in winter. There are also delightful autumn-flowering species – true autumn crocuses, not to be confused with colchicums. Among them are *Crocus speciosus*, which self-seeds freely so is excellent for naturalising around shrubs or in grass. The flowers are in shades of violet-blue with darker veins and long orange styles protruding from the centre. Less familiar is *Crocus cartwrightianus*, white or lilac with purple veins and scarlet styles.

Plant corms of spring-flowering crocuses in autumn and those of autumn types in late summer. All kinds tolerate most soils, as long as the ground does not become waterlogged, and will grow in sun or light shade. They have few enemies, though grey squirrels and mice sometimes eat the corms. Sparrows peck the flowers, especially light-coloured ones. To beat squirrels and mice, make a wire-mesh container and plant the corms in it so they are 15cm (6in) deep. To confound sparrows, stretch black cotton between short sticks in a random pattern among the flowers.

## **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)

## **Contact St Hildeburgh's**

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