

**Readings for this Sunday 7 March 2021**  
**The Third Sunday of Lent**

1 Cor. 1. 18-25  
John 2. 13-22



*Photo: courtesy of Nigel Hall*

**Parish Register**

**Funerals**

10 March 2021 – George Crawford Hogg  
St Hildeburgh's church at 1pm followed by burial at Allerton Cemetery

**Weekly Beacon**



**News from St Hildeburgh's**  
**The Parish Church of Hoylake**  
**Sunday 7 March 2021**  
**The Third Sunday of Lent**

**The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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 FROM SUNDAY 14 MARCH 2021 ONWARDS**

From **Sunday 14 March onwards**, we will be holding a **single service of Holy Communion on Sundays at 10.00am** at St Hildeburgh's.  
(No other services are planned for the time being).

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

All the relevant guidelines concerning corona virus safety will be strictly enforced.

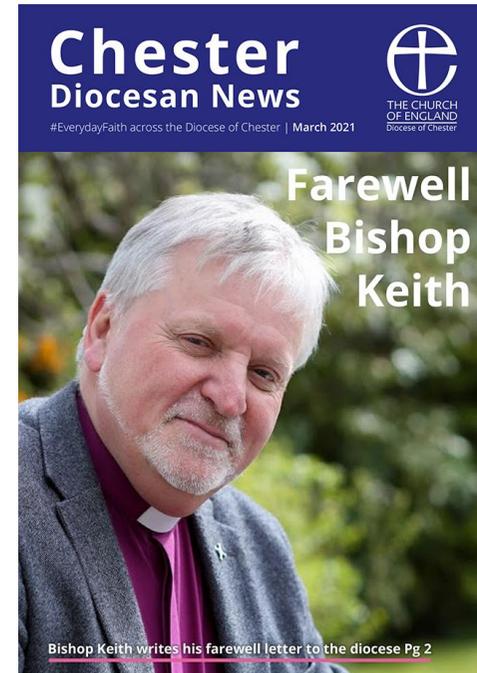
### **All worshippers must:**

- Wear a face covering (unless medically exempt)
- Keep a safe social distance from each other at all times
  - Use the hand sanitizers provided
- Follow the instructions of the churchwardens on duty

The church remains open for individual private prayer Monday to Thursday from 10am to 12 noon and also on Sundays after the 10am service until 12 noon.

**Face coverings must be worn in church  
at all times**

## **Bishop Keith's Retirement**



Bishop Keith's final service as Bishop of Birkenhead will be on Sunday 7 March at 3pm and can be viewed on line.

Details are in the March edition of the Chester Diocesan News which can be downloaded from the Diocesan website at [www.chesster.anglican.org](http://www.chesster.anglican.org)

## VOYAGERS AT HOME



This Sunday in Voyagers we read the parable of the wise and foolish builders, who built their houses on rock and sand. We talked about Jesus as the rock that we can build our lives on, giving us a solid foundation in all the storms of life. Then we had some fun building our own Lego houses and trying them out on different foundations!



Love and prayers,  
Christine

## St Hildeburgh's Lent Reflections 2021



A Lent Reflection from St Hildeburgh's is available to view on the following platforms: [www.sthildeburgh.net](http://www.sthildeburgh.net)  
<https://www.facebook.com/sthildeburgh>  
Twitter: @sthildeburgh

## 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!



### **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](mailto: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

### **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.***

## **FLOWER OF THE WEEK: Skimmia** **43rd in a series.**

*Text and photographs by Peter Surridge.*

SKIMMIAS make a happy couple, whatever the weather, with scented flowers and the bonus of berries. They are fairly small, evergreen shrubs with all-year attractions but special appeal in the chilly days of late winter and early spring. To get the best from them, you need a pair, male and female. The male's pollen fertilises the female's flowers to produce bunches of scarlet berries, vivid against a background of light green foliage from autumn. These berries, often used in floral arrangements, make excellent substitutes for holly berries in Christmas wreaths and decorations. They last for months and then the male bush, which bears rich, deep green leaves with edges and veins of smoky red, forms clusters of wine-coloured flower buds. When these buds burst open in late winter they reveal white flowers and release a delicious fragrance – as much an attraction as the berries. When grown separately, the female produces only flowers, white and fragrant but barely significant.



*Berries of a female Skimmia japonica.*

Once established, a pair of skimmias graces a border all year. They are not too large, reaching around 1.2m (4ft) in height, and spreading the same distance in a tidy dome shape. The flowers and berries create interest for many months and even after that the evergreen leaves remain decorative with their contrasting shades of green and handsome, long-oval shape.



***Skimmia reevesiana in a pot.***

Skimmias were introduced from the Far East more than 150 years ago and take their name from the Japanese word for the plant, *shikimi*. The principal garden species is *Skimmia japonica* (pictured), from which many varieties have been bred. Two of the finest varieties are the female 'Veitchii,' also sold as 'Foremanii,' and the male 'Rubella.'

Other excellent female varieties are: 'Rogersii,' a compact form with twisted leaves and large fruits; the diminutive 'Bowl's Dwarf Female'; 'Fructu Albo,' small with white berries; 'Nymans' and 'Scarlet Queen,' taller than most and noted for prolific scarlet berries. The best males include: 'Rogersii Nana,' 'Bronze Knight,' a large shrub; 'Fragrans'; and 'Bowl's Dwarf Male.'

For something unusual, look for *Skimmia laureola*, a low, spreading shrub with very dark leaves, sweetly scented flowers and black berries. If you have room for only a small shrub or want to grow one in a tub or pot, where a skimmia can look superb, choose *Skimmia reevesiana*, also sold as 'Robert Fortune' (pictured), a small, compact form which has flowers of both sexes and therefore produces berries without the need for a pollination partner.

Skimmias like some shade so are ideal for growing close to deciduous trees where they can show off in winter and spring, then benefit from the dappled shadow in summer. However, they can be grown in the open as long as they're not exposed to direct sunshine all day. They prefer an acid to neutral soil but most tolerate some lime. They grow easily from cuttings taken in summer.

## **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**

### **Vicar**

Rev'd PAUL ROSSITER

The Vicarage, 1 Stanley Road, Hoylake, Wirral CH47 1HL  
Tel: 0151 632 3897. E-mail: [p.a.rossiter@uwclub.net](mailto:p.a.rossiter@uwclub.net)

### **Church Office**

e-mail: [sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com](mailto:sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com)  
Tel: 0151 632 5339

## **Follow St Hildeburgh's**



Facebook.com/sthildeburgh

Twitter: @sthildeburgh

## **Weekly Beacon**

If you wish to contribute an article or place a notice in the Weekly Beacon please e-mail [sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com](mailto:sthildeburgh.parish.office@gmail.com)

All advertising and notices are accepted at the discretion of the Editor. **Photograph policy.** We frequently take photographs at St Hildeburgh's for publicity purposes – such as printing in this "Weekly Beacon". If for any reason you would prefer us not to use photographs of any children who may accompany you to church, please mention this to our Vicar, Rev'd Paul Rossiter.