

Readings for this Sunday 9 January

8am Holy Communion &	Acts 8. 14-17 Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22
10am All Age Communion and Blessing	
6pm Open Worship	Readings to be chosen

Readings for next Sunday 16 January

8am Holy Communion &	1 Cor. 12. 1-11 John 2. 1-11
10am Healing Eucharist	
6pm Evensong	Eph. 4. 1-16 John 1. 29-42 Psalm 96

Parish Register

Baptisms

23 January at 11.45am - Connan Ernest Parker Joyce
30 January at 10am – Harriet Mary Williams

Funerals

19 January – Roger Stephen Higham
Landican Crematorium at 12noon

24 January – Anne Ryder
St Hildeburgh's at 2pm Burial at Grange Cemetery at 3pm

Weekly Beacon



News from St Hildeburgh's The Parish Church of Hoylake Sunday 9 January 2022 The Baptism of Christ (The First Sunday of Epiphany)

THE COLLECT

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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.

ST HILDEBURGH'S GUILD

On the Thursday before Christmas members of St Hildeburgh's Guild spent the morning in church creating the stunning displays for us all to enjoy over Christmas and New Year.



The Team (left to right) Paula Goodwin, Wendy Shone, Joyce Reade, Brenda Gande, Carolyn Gaskell.



*Above left to right:
Altar, Paschal
stand, main entrance.*

Left: Lady Chapel.

Right: Baptistry.



*Pictured left:
arrangement by
Kate and Pauline Rice*



FLOWER OF THE WEEK: FREESIA

85th in a series

Text by Peter Surridge.

Freesias are among the most appealing indoor flowers in winter, with their delightfully scented tubular flowers on 30cm-45cm (12in-18in) stems and dazzling colours. Freesias are named after a German physicist, Friedrich Freese, and originate from South Africa, a clear indication of the climate they like. From the six wild species more than 300 varieties have been bred. Some are bicoloured, such as Oberon, rich red with a yellow throat; Blue Heaven, pale mauve with white streaks and a yellow throat; and Elan, lilac with a white throat. Others are of single colours, including Rijnveld's Yellow; Golden Melody; double mauve Romany; White Swan; and deep rose-pink Everett.

Freesias can be bought as corms or as cut flowers but can be fairly easily grown from seed for display in pots or the garden. Sow seeds under glass with heat in the next few weeks. They should flower this year but will in any case produce corms. Whether or not they flower, the corms should be lifted and dried when the leaves start to wilt and stored in a dry, cool but frost-free place. They can be planted in pots in autumn for late winter flowering indoors or in April in the garden for a summer display.

In the garden, give them any reasonable soil as long as it is well-drained, and a sheltered position in sun or partial shade. Water well in dry weather. Indoors or out, they should not be exposed to temperatures under 7C (45F) when in growth.



Left: Fragrant freesia White Swan

As long as the seedlings are transplanted into a rich compost, they need little or no feeding. If planting corms outdoors in April, place them 5cm (2in) deep and a little farther apart.

THUMBING A LIFT?

For the first time since it was introduced in 2009, St Hildeburgh's lifts-to-church service has no current passengers.

Our volunteer drivers give lifts to any worshippers with transport or mobility problems, taking them to and from the 10am Sunday service. Pick-ups can be arranged for anyone living within a few miles of the church or even very close. Anyone who needs a lift is asked to notify Peter Surridge on 632-5507 or 07778-517759, or email peter.surridge@talktalk.net

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



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