St. Hilary's Church Monthly Bulletin

August

Rectors Message— Whats's so Amazing about Grace

There are few words used more in Christian circles than "grace". And there few words more misunderstood. This is the reason American author Philip Yancey wrote the book of the above title: to help Christians grasp the grace of God and understand what it means to experience that grace personally and show that grace in our daily lives.

So what *does* it mean? Grace is God's generosity, His undeserved love shown to messed-up people like you and me who have no right to expect anything but rejection and punishment from God, because we've all turned our backs on Him. Grace is the opposite of "karma" – which, according to eastern religions, means people get exactly what they deserve in a future life. Grace means we have the amazing offer of a free gift, the chance to be set free, because of what Jesus has done for us [1].

Jesus Himself told several stories to illustrate grace. A father receives a rebellious son back into the family home because of grace – and reminds his other son that "everything I have is yours" in spite of the son's ungrateful attitude.[2] An employer pays all his workers the same wage even though they've all worked different lengths of time.[3] A despised tax-collector's prayer is heard on high rather than the religious leader's.[4]

Elsewhere children are welcomed into Jesus' arms even though they've nothing at all to offer him. And Jesus tells us that it's through being like children that we receive the Kingdom of God (another way of speaking about eternal life),[5] rather than through earning it through social status, morality or religion.

So the moment we think we can earn our way into God's good books, or reckon God owes us anything, we've lost sight of grace. As soon as we say "I don't need to forgive that person", we've forgotten grace.

"It's grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home." [6]

Alan Ward (Rector)

[1]Romans 6:23 [2] Luke 15:11-32 [3]Matthew 20:1-20 [4]Luke 18:9-14

[5]Mark 10:13-16 [6]"Amazing Grace" by John Newton

Coming up this Month

Fusion Football & Volleyball
Every Tuesday
12pm—3pm Flynns Piece

Messy Church
Saturday 22nd August
4pm—St. Hilary's Rectory
Followed by BBQ
Saturday 22nd August
5.30pm—St. Hilary's Rectory
All are Welcome

Bowls Club
Every Wednesday
9.45am—Marine Park

Busy Bees Playgroup
Every Wednesday
1.30-3pm—St Hilary's

Bell Ringing
Every Wednesday
7.30pm—St. Hilary's

The following groups will next meet in September:
- **Women's Fellowship**
- **Men's Society**
- **Rainbows & Brownies**
- **Boys Brigade**
- **Youth Club**
- **Sunday Club**

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Worship in August 2015

Sunday 2nd August (Trinity 9)
9.30am—Holy Communion
11.00am—All Age Communion

Sunday 9th August (Trinity 10)
9.30am—Holy Communion
11.00am—All Age Worship

Sunday 16th August (Trinity 11)
9.30am—Holy Communion
11.00am—All Age Worship

Saturday 22nd August
4.00pm—Messy Church

Sunday 23rd August (Trinity 12)
9.30am—Holy Communion
11.00am—All Age Worship (Including Baptisms)

Sunday 30th August (Trinity 13)
9.30am—Holy Communion
11.00am—All Age Worship

Every Thursday
9.15am—Holy Communion

Every Monday
12.00am—Midday Prayer

Every Tuesday & Friday
9.00am—Morning Prayer

Saturday 22nd August

Messy Church
St. Hilary's, Wallasey

Games & BBQ
At the Rectory – All Welcome

ADVANCED NOTICE

Sunday 13th September—3pm
Battle of Britain Service

Saturday 28th November
St. Hilary's Winter Fair

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Service Time Changing 11 to 11.15

From Sunday 6th September our All Age Worship will start at 11.15am. When the PCC reviewed our worship from the last year it was felt that delaying the start will allow proper time for those arriving to prepare to worship, as well ensuring there is time for fellowship after the 9.30 service, which has sometimes not been possible. If you have any queries about this please speak to Alan, Calum or one of the churchwardens.

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Heritage Weekend 5-6th September

The weekend of the 5-6th September is our annual heritage weekend where we open up our building for people to come and have a look around. If you have a couple of spare hours during that weekend to help welcome and show visitors around it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Geoffrey if you can help out.

Christianity Explored

Over the last few weeks the VCT Churches have been running a Christianity Explored course which helps people explore the basics of the Christian faith. We are looking at running a Christianity Explored course here at St. Hilary's during the Autumn Term, mostly likely during the day. It is a 7 week course and each session lasts a couple of hours. Watch this space for more information coming soon!

Congratulations Les & Rachael

Leslie and Rachael McAteer were married at St. Hilary's on Saturday 25th July!

Congratulations to them and we wish them every happiness and blessing for their married life!

