St Hilary's Church Wallasey

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2016

THE SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

A Community United by Faith in Christ, living out Worship, Welcome & Witness

Welcome to St. Hilary's today, please do join us for refreshments following our services today. If it is your first visit here, we would love to get to know you more – so please make yourself known to one of the welcome team.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK ***Sunday 20th November*** **Christ the King** **The Sunday before Advent** 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Worship 4.00pm Service of Healing and Wholeness	**BIBLE READINGS – 20TH November** ***9.30am & 11.15am*** Colossians 1:11-20 (NT p197) Luke 23:33–43 (NT p85)
SERVICES NEXT WEEK ***Sunday 27th November*** **Advent Sunday** 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Worship with Baptism 6.30pm Deanery Advent Service at St. Mary's, Liscard	**BIBLE READINGS – 27th November** ***9.30am*** Isaiah 2:1–5 (OT p641) Matthew 24:36–44 (NT p26) ***11.15am*** Matthew 24:36–44 (Good News Bible)

Monday (21ST November)	12.00pm	Midday Prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	12.30pm	Lunch Club
	2.00pm	Men's Society
	6.30pm	Vestry Hour
Tuesday (22ND November)	9.00am	Morning Prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	7.30pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday (23RD November)	9.15am	Midweek Communion
	9.30am	Bowling Club – All Welcome (*At St Hilary's)*
	1.15pm	"Busy Bees" Toddler Group (*Side Chapel*)
	5.00pm	Music Practice
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice *(Learners Welcome)*
Thursday (24th November)	3.00pm	Wallasey Village Christmas Market
Friday (25TH November)	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Fusion Youth Club
Saturday (26TH November)	12.00pm	Burial of Ashes for Dorothy Wilson
	4.00pm	Messy Church
	4.00pm	Induction of Heather Atkinson as Vicar of St James', New Brighton.

Prayers

For the World

God of transformation, we thank you that you are our guide on the journey towards understanding ourselves. And we thank you that this journey does not end with us, but enables us to engage lovingly and creatively in praying for others. As we continue in prayer for any nations in conflict, grant us the grace to remember what we hold in common with those involved: the desire for safety, for belonging and for love. Draw our prayers from the deep well of compassion which you supply, and bless this time shared together with your transforming power. Amen.

For the Parish

Dear Father God, help us we pray, to grasp the church vision that You have for us, and may we be sensitive to Your leading and guidance. Prevent us from seeking to implement our own inferior ideas, or substitute our own manmade notions for Your plans and purposes. Draw us closer to each other and to You, as we seek Your face together in prayer. May we be strengthened in the inner man, united together in the unity of the faith and prompted to carry out Your plans and purposes to Your greater glory. Amen

For all those suffering and in danger in war zones everywhere.

For the bereaved family of Dorothy Wilson and Hazel Evans.

For those living in Care Homes: Marion Hedley, Marjorie Homan, Barbara Davies, Pam Phelan, Keith Farrelly and Edith Gamwell.

For the healing, hope and strength of: Dorothy Prestwich, Catherine and Helen Godfrey, Patricia Igoe and Ken Hodgson.

Our prayer lists will be updated at the end of each month. Please contact Lisa Sheridan at *lisa.sheridan25@outlook.com* to add anyone to our prayer lists or for any other notices. *The cut off time for any additions to the newsletter is lunchtime on the Thursday before publication.*

Notices

EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS – If you can help with welcome and refreshments for this, please put your name on the rota in church.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - It is now getting close to our Christmas Fair which is to take place on the 3rd December from 10.30a.m. - 1.30p.m. Please start bringing your items for the fair to church next week. Next week is chocolate, bottle and raffle week. If each member of the congregation could bring in one item of each, that would fill our tombola and raffle stalls. Many thanks Barbara

BIBLE READINGS – You will notice that on the front of this newsletter, we have the references for today's Bible Readings and now also those for the following Sunday. Please make the most of this by looking at the readings in advance to help you prepare for listening to God's word each week.

FOOD BANK - Items particularly needed at the moment: Instant mash, sponge pudding, washing-up liquid, nappies (size 4,5,6), squash, sugar (no beans or tea please).

SIDEPERSONS AND REFRESHMENT TEAMS: Please could you sign up on the sheet on the sidetable for the Christmas and New Year's Day services. Thank you.

VCT CHRISTMAS DAY PARTY: If anyone knows of anyone who may be on their own for Christmas Day and would welcome an invitation to the party at Claremount Methodist Church, please let Ann Hughes know. Thank you.

MEN'S SOCIETY - We meet in the Church same time, from 2.15pm on Monday 21st of November. When Gwen Collingson will give a slide presentation and talk about Gibraltar.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY (POSADA) - Please sign up to host Mary & Joseph (and the donkey!) as they journey around the parish on their way to Bethlehem. We need a home for each day during Advent.

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