St Hilary's Church Wallasey

SUNDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2016

ADVENT SUNDAY

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 THIS 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)
SERVICES NEXT WEEK ***Sunday 4TH December*** **Second Sunday of Advent** 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Holy Communion	**BIBLE READINGS – 4th December** ***9.30am & 11.15am*** Genesis 15:1–6 (OT p12) Matthew 1:1 – 6 (NT p1)

Monday (28th November)	12.00pm	Midday Prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	1.30pm	Experience Christmas set-up
	6.30pm	Vestry Hour
Tuesday (29th November)	9.00am – 3.00pm	Experience Christmas
	7.30pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday (30th November)	9.00am – 3.00pm	Experience Christmas
	5.00pm	Music Practice
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice *(Learners Welcome)*
Thursday (1st December)	9.00am – 1.00pm	Experience Christmas
Friday (2nd December)	9.00am	Morning Prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	7.00pm	Fusion Youth Club
Saturday (3rd December)	10.30am - 1.00pm	Christmas Fair

Prayers

For the World

Compassionate God and Father of all, we are horrified at violence in so many parts of the world. It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified. Hold back the hands that kill and maim; turn around the hearts that hate. Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace - peace that passes our understanding but changes lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For the Parish

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on all who share in the life and work of St Hilary's. We pray for those in the ministry of word and sacrament and in teaching and pastoral care. We pray for those in the community and those in need, in fellowship and co-operation. We pray for all members of the congregation, that in their life and work they may advance your kingdom and bear witness to your love, shown in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

For the bereaved family of Dorothy Wilson and Patricia Igoe

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 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. Next week is toiletries and toys. If each member of the congregation could bring in one item of each, that would fill our stalls. Many thank Barbara

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).

CHURCH PRAYER CYCLE - Last Sunday we relaunched the church prayer cycle, a tool to help you pray for those in our parish and for the work of the church. If you didn't get one, don't go home this week without one.

SIDEPERSONS AND REFRESHMENT TEAMS- Please could you sign up on the sheet on the side table 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.

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.

PRAYERS - Starting on Friday this week, morning prayers on Tuesday and Friday will begin at 9.15am instead of 9am. Please consider joining us when you can. We use set prayers, read from the Bible and then have a short time of prayer. It's finished in less than half an hour. Make it part of your Advent this year.

PATRICIA IGOE – Passed away on Wednesday 23rd. Please pray for her family. Funeral details will be announced in due course.

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