St Hilary's Church Wallasey

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF 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 THIS WEEK ***Sunday 11TH December*** **Third Sunday of Advent** 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Worship with Baptism of Katie and Frankie Williams	**BIBLE READINGS – 11th December** ***9.30am*** 2 Samuel 7 : 4 - 17 (OT p 290) Matthew 1 : 1 –11 (NT p 1) ***11.15am*** Matthew 1 : 1 – 11 (NT p 1)
SERVICES NEXT WEEK ***Sunday 18th December*** **Fourth Sunday of Advent** 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Worship 6.30pm Service of Carols and Readings	**BIBLE READINGS – 18th December** ***9.30am &11.15am*** Jeremiah 31:31-37 (OT p746) Matthew 1:1–17 (NT p1)

Monday (12th December)	12.00pm	Midday Prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	6.30pm	Vestry Hour
	7.30pm	Parochial Church Council Meeting (*Side Chapel)*
Tuesday (13th December)	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Funeral of Alma Parr
	4.00pm	Carol Singing at Asda (*LIscard)*
	7.30pm	Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday (14th December)	9.15am	Holy 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 (15th December)	5.00pm	The Mosslands School Carol Service
Friday (16th December)	9.15am	Morning Prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	7.00pm	Fusion Youth Club
Saturday (17th December)	4.00pm	Messy Church Christingle – Activities
	5.00pm	Messy Church Christingle - Service

Prayers

For the World

God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross: we hold before you those who are homeless and cold especially in this bitter weather. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

For the Parish

Living God, draw us deeper into your love; Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve; Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news. Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage; for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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

For the bereaved family of Patricia Igoe, Alma Parr and Olive McLean.

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, Jason Povey 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

CAROLS AT ASDA - Tuesday 13th at 4pm for up to an hour. Come and join us as we sing and collect for charity.

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 side table for the Christmas and New Year's Day services. Thank you.

SCOUT POST STAMPS - Scouts Post stamps are now available for 30p each from Barbara Murphy. The post goes all over the Wirral, but does not include Ellesmere Port and Great Sutton. The last collection is the morning of the 14th December. For more information visit http://www.wirralcharitypost.org/

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.

CHURCH TREASURER - We are seeking to appoint a new treasurer for St Hilary's from January onwards. We have written a role description, which makes it easier to see what is involved. We hope some of the tasks might be shared in a small team. Please pray that the right person is found, and any suggestions of potential volunteers would be gratefully received - speak to one of the clergy or wardens.

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.

CHURCH FLOWERS AND DECORATION – The church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 17th of December. The decorating will begin at 9:30am onwards, all help would be welcome. Beryl would also be pleased to receive any donations towards the cost of the church flowers. Thank you, Beryl Holden.

DONATIONS – Caroline Houghton would be grateful for any donations of mince pies, cakes and biscuits for the upcoming Messy Church Christingle on 17th December. Thank you.

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