St Hilary's Church Wallasey

18TH AND 25TH DECEMBER 2016

& 1ST JANUARY 2017

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	**BIBLE READINGS**
18th December 2016	***SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER*** ***THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*** 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Worship 6.30pm Service of Carols and Readings	**18th December** ***9.30am &11.15am*** Jeremiah 31:31-37 (OT p746) Matthew 1:1–17 (NT p1)
25th December 2016	***SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER*** ***CHRISTMAS EVE*** 4.00pm Crib Service 11.15pm Christmas Holy Communion ***SUNDAY 25th DECEMBER*** ***THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS*** 10.30am Christmas Communion	**24TH December** **11.15pm Christmas Eve** Isaiah 9 : 2 – 7 (OT p 648) Luke 2 : 1 – 14 (NT p 55) **25TH December** **10.30am Christmas Day** Isaiah 7 : 10 – 17 (OT p 646) Matthew 1 : 18 – 25 (NT p 1)
1st January 2017	***SUNDAY 1st JANUARY*** ***THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS*** 10.30am 'Start the Year with Jesus' Holy Communion	**BI1st January** **10.30am** Hebrews 2 : 10 - 18 (NT p 216) Matthew 2 : 13 - 23 (NT p 2)
8th January 2017	***SUNDAY 8th JANUARY*** ***THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY*** 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Worship	**8TH January** **9.30am & 11.15am** Isaiah 40 : 1 - 11 (OT p 677) Matthew 3 : 1 - 12 (NT p 2)

Prayers:

For the World	***For the Parish***
Gracious, loving and merciful God, as we approach Christmas, as the light of your Word penetrates our hearts, as we are reminded of the gift of life and faith, as the glories of the heavenly hosts are echoed in our church, we open ourselves up to your Spirit and give you thanks. We are grateful, Lord Jesus, that your story has become our story, and we celebrate your birth. Help us, Lord God, to be the faithful, gracious, loving, giving and forgiving people you would have us be, Amen.	We thank you Father for the place in which you have called us to live, work and worship. As you sent your Son Jesus Christ into our world to bring the light of your love into our darkness, so may we seek to go in your name to the people we live and work amongst in Wallasey, and be for them the light of your presence, Amen.

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

Prayers for:

For the bereaved family of Alma Parr and John Wiltshire

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, Ken Hodgson and Audrey Leyland.

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.*

During the next 3 weeks at St. Hilary's (in church unless otherwise indicated)

WB 19.12.16	Monday	12.00pm	Midday Prayer
		12.30pm	Lunch Club
		6.30pm	Vestry hour
	Tuesday	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	Wednesday	9.15am	Holy Communion
		9.30am	Bowling Club – All Welcome (*At St Hilary's)*
	Thursday	5.00pm	Music Practice
		2.30-4.30pm	Open House at the Rectory – All welcome!
	Friday	7.00pm – 9.00pm	
		9.15am	Morning Prayer
		10.00am	Setting up for Christmas services - please come and help!
	Saturday		
		4.00pm	Crib Service
		11.15pm	Midnight Communion
WB 2.01.17	Tuesday	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	Wednesday	9.15am	Holy Communion
	Friday	9.15am	Morning Prayer (*Side Chapel*)
		11.30am	Thanksgiving Service for John Wiltshire (*preceded by 10.30am Committal at Landican for family only*)

Note: Bowls and Busy Bees are not happening from Monday 26th December 2016 but resume in the week beginning Monday 8th January 2017.

Notices

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.

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.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY - All are welcome to drop in to St Hilary's Rectory, Church Hill, on Thursday 22nd December from 2.30pm-4.30pm and 7pm – 9pm.

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.

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