



SECOND 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.

<p>SERVICES THIS WEEK <i>Sunday 4TH December</i> Second Sunday of Advent 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Holy Communion</p>		<p>BIBLE READINGS – 4th December 9.30am & 11.15am Genesis 15:1–6 (OT p12) Matthew 1:1 – 6 (NT p1)</p>
<p>SERVICES NEXT WEEK <i>Sunday 11TH December</i> Third Sunday of Advent 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Worship with Baptism of Katie and Frankie Williams</p>		<p>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)</p>
<p>Monday (5th December)</p>	<p>12.00pm 2.00pm 6.30pm</p>	<p>Midday Prayer (<i>Side Chapel</i>) St George's Year 4 Carol Service Vestry Hour</p>
<p>Tuesday (6th December)</p>	<p>9.00am 7.30pm</p>	<p>St George's Year 3 Carol Service Christmas Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>Wednesday (7th December)</p>	<p>9.15am 9.30am 1.15pm 5.00pm 7.30pm</p>	<p>Holy Communion Bowling Club – All Welcome (<i>At St Hilary's</i>) "Busy Bees" Toddler Group (<i>Side Chapel</i>) Music Practice Bell Ringing Practice (<i>Learners Welcome</i>)</p>
<p>Thursday (8th December)</p>	<p>10.30am</p>	<p>Funeral of Patricia Igoe (<i>Preceded by committal at Landican</i>)</p>
<p>Friday (9th December)</p>	<p>9.15am 12.00pm</p>	<p>Morning Prayer (<i>Side Chapel</i>) Funeral of Olive McLean followed by a burial in the churchyard.</p>
<p>Saturday (10th December)</p>	<p>7.00pm 10.00am</p>	<p>Fusion Youth Club Messy Church Briefing</p>

Prayers

For the World

Lord, 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

Lord, at the beginning of the Advent season, we ask for your help in preparing ourselves for the coming of the Good News. Through the business and joy of the season, may we reflect and live out that Good News – not in our own strength but guided and led by the Holy Spirit. Help us to become the people you would have us be. Amen.

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

For the bereaved family of Patricia Igoe and Alma Parr.

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

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 – Two weeks ago 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.

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/>

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.

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 – From Friday 25th November, morning prayers on Tuesday and Friday were changed to 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.

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.

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