



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.

<p>SERVICES THIS WEEK <i>Sunday 3rd December</i> <i>Advent Sunday</i> 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Communion with Sunday Club 4.00pm Christingle Service 6.30pm Deanery Advent Service at St Thomas' Liscard</p>		<p>BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK <i>Sunday 3rd December</i> <i>Advent Sunday</i> 9.30am & 11.15am Isaiah 64:1–9 (OT p704) Mark 13:24-37 (NT p48)</p>
<p>SERVICES NEXT WEEK <i>Sunday 10th December</i> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Worship – Parade Service 12.30 Messy Church Briefing 4.00pm Christmas Tea</p>		<p>BIBLE READINGS NEXT WEEK <i>Sunday 10th December</i> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 9.30am & 11.15am Isaiah 40:1–11 (OT p677) Mark 1:1-8 (NT p33)</p>
Monday (4 th December)	12.00 noon 7.00pm	Midday Prayers 'lyfe' Group Social (<i>Rectory</i>)
Tuesday (5 th December)	9.15am 9-3pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (<i>Side Chapel</i>) St George's "Meet the Cast" event for Y4. Christmas Choir (<i>Side Chapel</i>)
Wednesday (6 th December)	9.30am 1.15pm 5.00pm 7.30pm	Bowling Club – All Welcome (<i>In Church</i>) "Busy Bees" Toddler Group Music Practice Bell Ringing Practice (<i>Learners Welcome</i>)
Thursday (7 th December)	9.15am 6.00pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion Weight Watchers PCC Standing Committee (<i>Rectory</i>)
Friday (8 th December)	9.15am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer (<i>Side Chapel</i>) Fusion Youth Club
Prayers		
Prayer Cycle -Please pray for the following people and places within our parish this week: Busy Bees Toddler Group & Claremount Methodist Church , Keighley Ave, Wetherby Ave, Whitby Ave, Kelmscott Dr, Mosslands Drive.		
For the bereaved family of Zillah Clugston For those living in Care Homes: Barbara Davies, Keith Farrelly and Edith Gamwell. For the healing, hope and strength of: EGloria Alder, Don Smith, Eric Parry, Pam Phelan, Dot Vyskocil, Catherine & Helen Godfrey.		

For the World-

- Pray for those affected by terrorism.
- Pray for those less fortunate than ourselves.

For the Parish-

- Pray for those welcoming St George's.
- Pray for those preparing for Christmas.

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

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Notices

CHRISTINGLE - This year the service is on Advent Sunday at 4pm. "Candle" collecting boxes and envelopes are available if you wish to donate to Children's Society at the service.

SHOE BOX APPEAL – Just a reminder that it's time for the Shoe Box appeal. Leaflets will be in church within the next few weeks and boxes will be collected in November. Filled boxes can be brought into church from the 5th November.

SCOUT STAMPS - Scout Stamps are available from 3rd December from Barbara. They are being sold in aid of the 7th Wallasey Scouts at Thirlmere Drive and the many charities the Scout Post supports. Scout post can be sent anywhere on the Wirral, Barbara.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT SUNDAY - This year we are supporting Forum Housing who provide support for young people aged 16 to 30. They request unwrapped gifts, such as a hand towel, face cloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, shaving gel, deodorant, socks, mug, toiletries, chocolate, sweets, gloves, hat, scarf, novelty gift, picture frame, writing pen, etc. Please bring them to morning services on Sunday 10th December

CAROLS IN VALE PARK – On Saturday 16th December from 3:30 – 4:15pm followed by mince pies, tea and coffee in Vale House. All Welcome, bring a friend or neighbour.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Sunday 10th - 4pm Christmas Tea

Sat 16th - 4pm Christmas Messy Church

Sunday 17th - 6.30pm Service of Carols & Lessons.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY (POSADA) - Our travelling nativity will be leaving church on Advent Sunday December 3rd. This is an opportunity to encourage us to share together special moments of quiet and peace and bring households together and can turn strangers into friends. Please sign up and enjoy taking care of Mary, Joseph, and donkey.

ZILLAH CLUGSTON - The funeral will be at Landican crematorium in December and is for family only. A thanksgiving memorial service is planned for Friday 19th January at St Hilary's at 12.30pm – tbc.

DINNER DANCE – On Friday 26th January a Dinner Dance will be held at Heswall Hall from 7pm, with a Prosecco reception followed by a 3 course meal. A live band, Cross Purposes, will entertain and an auction will take place, all the proceeds going towards the vision that is: Christ's Passion for Wirral. To purchase tickets, at £25 each, call 07465 233252 or email us cpfw2018@gmail.com.

VCT CHRISTMAS LUNCH – Do you know anyone who might wish to join the VCT Christmas Lunch and Party on Christmas Day? Please give the names and contact numbers of anyone who you feel might benefit from an invitation to Ann Hughes. The event will be one of the items on the next VCT Committee Meeting Agenda.

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.*