



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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK Sunday 10th December Second Sunday of Advent 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Worship – Parade Service 12.30 Messy Church Briefing 4.00pm Christmas Tea		BIBLE READINGS THIS WEEK Sunday 10th December Second Sunday of Advent 9.30am & 11.15am Isaiah 40:1–11 (OT p677) Mark 1:1-8 (NT p33)
SERVICES NEXT WEEK Sunday 17th December Third Sunday of Advent 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Worship with Sunday Club 6.30pm Readings and Carols		BIBLE READINGS NEXT WEEK Sunday 17th December Third Sunday of Advent 9.30am & 11.15am Isaiah 61 : 1 – 4, 8 - 11 (OT p 702) John 1 : 6 – 8, 19 - 28 (NT p 88)
Monday (11 th December)	12.00 noon	Midday Prayers
Tuesday (12 th December)	9.15am 7.30pm	Morning Prayer (<i>Side Chapel</i>) Christmas Choir (<i>Side Chapel</i>)
Wednesday (13 th December)	9.30am 1.15pm 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.30pm	Bowling Club – All Welcome (<i>In Church</i>) “Busy Bees” Toddler Group Music Practice Weight Watchers Bell Ringing Practice (<i>Learners Welcome</i>)
Thursday (14 th December)	9.15am 5.00pm	Holy Communion The Mosslands School Carol Service
Friday (15 th December)	9.15am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer (<i>Side Chapel</i>) Fusion Youth Club
Saturday (16 th December)	4.00pm	Messy Church
Prayers		
Prayer Cycle -Please pray for the following people and places within our parish this week:		
Church Hospitality, St Mary's College, Station Rd, Cliff Rd, Burford Ave, Brackley Close.		
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 at the Mosslands Carroll Service.
- Pray for those in Messy Church.

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

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.
Amen.

Notices

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 charities the Scout Post supports. Scout post can be sent anywhere on the Wirral, Barbara.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS - If you have brought a gift today for Forum Housing, please place it under the Communion Table and we will dedicate them during our morning services.

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 24th (Christmas Eve) - 10.30am Morning Communion, 4.00pm Crib Service, 11.15pm Midnight Communion

Monday 25th (Christmas Day) - 10.30am Christmas Family Communion

Sunday 31st (New Year's Eve) - 10.30am Holy Communion.

A CURATE IN 2018 - It was announced last Sunday that Richard Avery will be ordained deacon in July next year and will become curate of St Hilary's. Richard works part time for Tearfund and has visited us in that capacity. He will continue this work and will be a part time unpaid curate for up to three years. He lives in Greasby and currently attends St Mary's, Upton with his family; he will continue to live there and will retain links with that parish as well. Pray for Richard, and we hope he will be able to visit us prior to his ordination.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY (POSADA) - Our travelling nativity left the church on Advent Sunday. 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.

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.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS - We shall be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday 22nd December from 9:30am onwards. Any help with the decorating or donations towards the flowers would be appreciated. Thank you, Beryl Holden

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.*