# **SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2019**



# 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.

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TODAY'S SERVICES			TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS	
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December		
10.30am Holy Communion with Sunday Club		Isaiah 35 : 1 – 10 (OT p 673)		
			Matthew 11 : 2 – 11 (NT p 10)	
SERVICES NEXT WEEK		BIBLE READINGS NEXT WEEK		
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
Sunday 22 <sup>ND</sup> December		Sunday 22 <sup>ND</sup> December		
10.30am All Age Worship		Isaiah 7 : 10 – 16 (OT p 646)		
6.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols		Matthew 1 : 18 – 25 (NT p 1)		
Monday (16 <sup>th</sup> Dec)	12.00pm	M	Midday Prayers	
Tuesday (17th Dec)	9.15am	M	Morning Prayers	
Wednesday (18th Dec)	9.30am	Bowling Club – All Welcome (In Church)		
	4-6.00pm	Pia	ano Lessons	
Thursday (19th Dec)	10.00am	Нс	Holy Communion	
Friday (20 <sup>th</sup> Dec)	9.15am	M	Morning Prayer (Side Chapel)	
	7.00pm	Fu	sion Youth Club	

#### **Prayers**

<u>Prayer Cycle</u>-Please pray for the following people and places within our parish this week: Bishops of Chester, Birkenhead & Stockport, Local Young People, St George's Rd, Walker's Croft, Perring Rd, St John's Rd, St George's Court.

**For those living in Care Homes:** Catherine Godfrey.

**For the healing, hope and strength of:** Helen Godfrey, Bob Romanoff, Dorothy & Sheila Prestwich, Andy & Nicolas Coombes, Margie Smith, Chris Roberts, Chris Harrison, Ralph Young, Alan Ward and Jason Kirkham.

#### For the World-

- Pray for those fleeing war torn countries.
- Pray for those affected by terrorism.

#### For the Parish-

- Pray for those alone at Christmas.
- Pray for those struggling financially at Christmas.
- For all those suffering and in danger in war zones everywhere.

## **COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

### **Notices**

<u>CHRISTMAS FLOWERS</u>- I would be absolutely delighted to receive any donations towards the cost of the Christmas flowers. Thank you so much. Ann Tomkins

**SERVICES** –We are continuing a joint 10:30am service on Sundays, until the end of January 2020. We have every intention of reinstating them when we have clergy capacity again. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DAY PARTY-If anyone knows of someone living on their own who would appreciate an invitation to the Christmas Day Lunch and Party at Claremount Road Methodist Church on Christmas Day, please see Ann Hughes. Thank you.

<u>PASTORAL ISSUES</u> - Richard will continue to coordinate pastoral issues that arise during Alan's phased return of up to 12 hours a week from the 21st October. If you need to speak to someone, contact Richard and one of the team will be in touch.

**SCOUT STAMPS**- Scout Stamps will be available from next week from Barbara they are 35p and letters can be sent all over the Wirral. Many thanks to everyone who supported the Shoebox appeal. Your boxes have started their Christmas journey to children all over the world.

THE LONSDALE TRUST – The Lonsdale

Trust helps people to live at home for as long as they and their family wish. Clients attend Lonsdale as their club and this gives their families and friends a break from their care duties. There is a daily fee for services, as they have fully trained staff. Clients pay 50% of the actual cost and the Trust pays the rest. They offer a free three-hour assessment visit (inc lunch and other refreshments) with no obligation. For further information please go to: <a href="https://www.thelonsdaletrustwallasey.co.uk">www.thelonsdaletrustwallasey.co.uk</a>. Phone 0151 630 2076 for enquiries or to arrange a visit.

**CAP WIRRAL DEBT COACH WANTED** – CAP are looking to replace our Debt Centre Coach during the middle of 2020 to support the Debt Centre Manger in running CAP Wirral Debt Centre. A coach needs to be able to support clients on their journey to become debt free, through home visits and ongoing support. All this must be done in a way that positively reflects the Christian faith and core values of the charity. The minimum time commitment is 8 hours a week comprising 2 sessions of 4 consecutive hours. As the work involves working with vulnerable adults, a DBS check will be required and a basic safeguarding course will need to be completed. Initial training will be given at Head Office in March 2020. Please contact Moira Nelson for more details (07583 123169)

FUSION YOUTH CLUB - As Matt Bentley is now moving into a new role with Wirral Youth for Christ, we are in need of an expanded team to help to run the Fusion youth club if it is to continue to run on Friday evenings. Let's unite in prayer about this.

POSADA & CHRISTINGLE - Mary and Joseph are now on their journey round the parish. A big "Thank you" to Dot Renshaw for knitting our new Nativity, Mary and Joseph will be welcomed in the homes of the children as they continue on their journey. Also thank you to our "Christinglers" who helped make our Christingles last Saturday morning, Sheila

NEWSLETTER FOR CHRISTMAS – Next week's newsletter will cover Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2019 as well as Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020. If you have information you would like on that newsletter it must be sent to Lisa by 12.00pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec.

<u>VOLUNTEERS WANTED</u> – We need volunteers to help with stewarding at the St George's Carol concerts on Thursday 19th at 10am and 2pm. Volunteers. Thank you.

Our prayer lists will be updated at the end of each month. Please contact Lisa Sheridan at <u>lisa.sheridan25@outlook.com</u> to add anyone to our prayer lists or for any other notices. The cut off time for any additions to the newsletter is <u>lunchtime on the Thursday before publication</u>.

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