



*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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<p><b><u>Prayers</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Prayer Cycle</u></b>-Please pray for the following people and places within our parish this week: <b>Sunday Club, Wallasey Deanery</b>, Leasowe Rd, Cross Lane, Sandhills View, Liddell Court, Chorlton Grove, Southcroft Rd, Moorcroft Rd, Longacre Cl, Southbourne Rd. <b>For the bereaved families of:</b> Alan Smith &amp; Keith Harris. <b>For those living in Care Homes:</b> Catherine Godfrey. <b>For the healing, hope and strength of:</b> Diana &amp; Haydn Washington, Keith Harris, Jimmy Houghton, Helen Godfrey, Dorothy &amp; Sheila Prestwich and Kevin Croft.</p>																									
<p><b>For the World-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pray for those fleeing war torn countries.</li><li>• Pray for those affected by terrorism.</li></ul> <p><b>For the Parish-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pray for those at Lent Lunches</li><li>• Pray for those at SNAC.</li><li>• For all those suffering and in danger in war zones everywhere.</li></ul>	<p><b><u>COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</u></b></p> <p>Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>																								

# Notices

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

**HELP WITH SOUND & VISION** - When we resume our pattern of two Sunday morning services next month, we will need to start a rota of people to operate the sound system and the screen projection. Training will be made available. Please see Ruth Puttick if you'd like to help with this.

**CHURCH WARDENS** - Jimmy Houghton has decided he will not be standing as Warden again this year. So we will need at least one new Warden nomination for the annual meeting in April/May. Please start praying and conferring about this now.

**LOU FELLINGHAM LIVE** - A concert at St Mark's New Ferry on Friday 15th May 7.30pm. Tickets £10 each (£8 before 4th April; £12 on the door). Lou is a well-known writer of contemporary worship songs. Contact: [admin@stmarksnewferry.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarksnewferry.org.uk).

**EASTER CHICKS** - Easter chicks complete with crème eggs will be on sale from Sunday 8th March. All monies raised will go to support the charities being supported by our lent lunches. £1.50 each. See Ruth.

**SOCIAL SUPPORT** - Hate waste and know families who could do with saving a few bob? Claremount Methodist Church have set up a Social Supermarket that stocks out of date (but perfectly useable) basics from supermarkets and sells them at discount prices. There is no means testing or tokens needed: just turn up to Claremount Wed, 9-11, Thurs 3-6; Fri 12-3. Further information from Amanda Pauls 6392001

**LUNCH CLUB** – This takes place on the third Monday of every month, in the church at 12pm, and caters for around 20 people. If anyone is able to support this event or contribute to the catering, please see Maureen Marlowe.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST** – New Brighton Baptist Church is holding a breakfast, followed by prayer time on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30-11.00am.

To book breakfast, phone Shirley on 07816 563688.

## **#LIVE LENT – MAKE LENT MEANINGFUL THIS YEAR**

Please don't forget to pick up your 40-day reflection booklet for your personal devotions or as a family. There are adults and kid's versions available. For those of us wanting to go deeper, I have copies of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book "Saying Yes to Life" at £10 each. Richard

**KITCHEN** – As many of you know, the kitchen has recently been decorated. Please help us to keep the kitchen clean and tidy by leaving it as you would wish it.

**LENT LUNCHES** – These begin on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of February from 12-1.30pm. They will also be on the following 5 weeks- 7/14/21/28.3.20. There will be a range of soups and other refreshments, everyone is welcome. If anybody wishes to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the table. All proceeds are going to Wirral Ark and Water Aid.

**EXPERIENCE EASTER** – Will take place in church on the 24/25 (or 27<sup>th</sup>)/26th March for the children of St George's Primary School. There will be no bowls that week, with set-up being on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We need 12 volunteers to man the various stations. Please see Alan if you can help.

**LENT GROUPS** – VCT are running two Lent groups, with one starting tomorrow. On Mondays at 7.30 pm, starting 2<sup>nd</sup> March, at Claremount Church in the lounge (use Sandy Lane entrance) "Opening the scripture - Hearts set on fire". You don't need a booklet for this, but you might find it useful to visit the website for the course - simply google "Lent 2020 Hearts set on fire", where there is plenty of material for reflection. On Thursdays at 12-2pm (including Lent lunch) starting 5th March, also at Claremount -using Sandy Lane entrance, Richard Avery, curate at St Hilary's, will be running "Saying yes to life" using the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book of that name by Ruth Valerio. Again not essential but the quickest way to get the book is via Amazon kindle for £5.03.

Our prayer lists will be updated at the end of each month. Please contact Lisa Sheridan at [lisa.sheridan25@outlook.com](mailto: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.*

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