



*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.

<b>TODAY'S SERVICES</b> <b>Sunday 23rd February</b> <b>THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT</b> 10.30am Holy Communion 4.00pm Matt Bentley farewell service and tea (at Wallasey Village URC)		<b>TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS</b> <b>Sunday 23rd February</b> <b>THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT</b> <b>10.30am</b> 2 Peter 1 : 16 – 21 (NT p 234) Matthew 17 : 1 - 9 (NT p 17)	
<b>SERVICES NEXT WEEK</b> <b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 9.30am Holy Communion 11.15am All Age Communion with Sunday Club		<b>BIBLE READINGS NEXT WEEK</b> <b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <b>9.30am &amp; 11.15am</b> TBA John 1 : 35 - 42 (NT p 89)	
<b>Monday</b> (24 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	12.00pm	Midday Prayers	
<b>Tuesday</b> (25 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	9.00am	Burial service for Kay Hurst ( <i>Frankby Cemetery</i> )	
	9.15am	Morning Prayers	
<b>Wednesday</b> (26 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	9.30am	Bowling Club – All Welcome ( <i>In Church</i> )	
	12.00pm	Midday Ash Wednesday Communion	
<b>Thursday</b> (27 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	4-6.00pm	Piano Lessons	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	
<b>Friday</b> (28 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	8.00pm	Christianity Explored ( <i>Refreshments from 7.45pm</i> )	
	9.15am	Morning Prayer ( <i>Side Chapel</i> )	
<b>Saturday</b> (29 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	11.00am	Celebration of the life of Kay Hurst	
	12-1.30pm	Lent Lunches	
<b>Prayers</b> <b>Prayer Cycle</b> -Please pray for the following people and places within our parish this week: <b>Churchwardens, Those living around you,</b> Shelton Rd, Malpas RD, Broxton Rd, Queensway, Northop Rd <b>For the bereaved families of:</b> Kay Hurst, Alan Smith & Eric Williams <b>For those living in Care Homes:</b> Catherine Godfrey. <b>For the healing, hope and strength of:</b> Diana & Haydn Washington, Keith Harris, Jimmy Houghton, Helen Godfrey, Dorothy & Sheila Prestwich			
<b>For the World-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pray for those fleeing war torn countries.</li><li>• Pray for those affected by terrorism.</li></ul> <b>For the Parish-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pray for those at Lent Lunches</li><li>• Pray for those affected by the weather.</li><li>• For all those suffering and in danger in war zones everywhere.</li></ul>		<b><u>COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT</u></b> <b><u>LENT</u></b> Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ. Amen.	

# Notices

**SERVICE TIMES** - Note that Sunday service times return to 9.30am & 11.15am from 1st March onwards, but Mothering Sunday is 10.30am parade service.

**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).

**FUNERAL AND THANKSGIVING** - Kay Hurst's funeral service will be a burial at Frankby cemetery at 9am on Tuesday 25th February. On the following Friday (28th) there will be a Thanksgiving service at 11.00am at St Hilary's, followed by buffet lunch at the Grove House Hotel. Both occasions are open invitation.

**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.

**SAFEGUARDING** - The Bishop of Birkenhead has written to all parishes to outline details of a new past cases review, known nationally as PCR2. All parishes are required to respond by checking records and reporting to the review all known cases of concern about the behaviour of clergy and church officers towards children and vulnerable adults. This is an important task and part of the Church's ongoing scrutiny of its handling of safeguarding files. It is being carried out to ensure our churches are safer places for everyone.

Individuals who wish to make representations to PCR2, or who need to come forward with information or make any disclosures regarding church-related abuse, are encouraged to make direct contact with the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Pauline Butterfield, on 07703 800031, or call the dedicated telephone helpline - 0800 80 20 20 - operated independently from the Church, by the NSPCC. *Alan & the Wardens*

## **#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.

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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