SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2020



A Community United by Faith in Christ, living out Worship, Welcome & Witness

Welcome to St. Hilary's

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As the challenge of the coronavirus grips the world, and as the Government asks every individual and every organisation to rethink its life, the Church of England and all its parishes, chaplaincies and ministries will be serving people in a new way.

Unfortunately, due to the restriction on mass gatherings, public worship will stop for a season.

Our usual pattern of Sunday services and other mid-week gatherings has been put on hold. But this does not mean that the Church of England has shut up shop.

St Hilary's Church will be open throughout this period, for people to visit for prayer and quiet, private, contemplation.

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS Sunday 22nd March THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY

John 5:1-15 (NT p 92)

Sunday 29th March THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ephesians 5 : 8 - 14 (NT p 192) John 9 : 1 - 41 (NT p 99)

Prayers

<u>Prayer Cycle</u>-Please pray for the following people and places within our parish this week: Bishop 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 the bereaved families of: Alan Smith, Keith Harris & Eric Williams For those living in Care Homes: Catherine Godfrey.

For the healing, hope and strength of: Diana & Haydn Washington, Jimmy Houghton, Helen Godfrey, Dorothy & Sheila Prestwich, Kevin Croft and Brian Hughes.

For the World-

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

For the Parish-

- Pray for those self-isolating
- Pray for those who are key workers.
- For all those suffering and in danger in war zones everywhere.

COLLECT FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.

Notices

HELP WITH SOUND & VISION - We are still looking for people to operate the sound system and the screen projection. Training will be made available. Please contact Ruth Puttick if you'd like to help with this.

<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u> – This has been postponed until further notice.

<u>CHURCH WARDENS</u> - Jimmy Houghton has decided he will <u>not</u> be standing as Warden again this year. So we will need at least one new Warden nomination for the annual meeting. 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.

<u>EASTER CHICKS</u> - 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.

#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.

<u>COVID-19 VIRUS</u> – Due to recent developments, the following are suspended until further notice: Lyfe, Messy Church, Bowling, Lent Groups, Pint of Praise, Christianity Explored and al church services. The following are cancelled: Lent Lunches, Experience Easter.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this has caused.

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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