St Hilary's Church Wallasey

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER 2020

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

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS **9.30 & 11.15am** 1 John 5 : 1 - 12 John 5 : 16 - 24	**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.

DIARY DATES - Sunday 20th December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30am A Service of the Word (in church)
11.15am A Service of the Word (in church)
6.30pm Carols & Readings (watch on Youtube)

Monday (14th Dec)	12.00pm	Midday Prayer
	8.00pm	Online Bible Study ending with Night Prayer
Tuesday (15th Dec)	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting
Thursday (17th Dec)	10.00am	Holy Communion (*in church*)
Friday (18th Dec)	9.15am	Morning Prayer

Prayers

Prayer Cycle-Please pray for the following people and places within our parish – Church Cleaners, Brass Cleaners, Eric Rd, Frankby Ave, Hilbre Ave, Hylton Ave, Stretton Ave.

For the bereaved families of: Dorothy Lewis and Robinson (Bobby) Webster

For those living in Care Homes: Catherine Godfrey & Helen Godfrey

For the healing, hope and strength of: Dorothy & Sheila Prestwich, Marie Quirk, Wiliam Stevenson, Dot Vyscocil, Kate Washburn, and Charlotte Cummings.

For the World-

- Pray for those fleeing war-torn countries.
- Pray for those affected by terrorism.
- For all those suffering and in danger in war zones everywhere.

For the Parish-

- Pray for those who have Covid-19 or have loved ones who have Covid 19
- Pray for those suffering from anxiety during these times.

Notices

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT –

9.30am Holy Communion (in church)
11.15am Holy Communion (in church)
We plan for a recording of the service to be available on Youtube later in the day.

TRAVELLING NATIVITY - The journey of Mary, Joseph and their donkey may be tracked on the St Hilary's Youtube channel from advent Sunday.

ADVENT CALENDAR - A vicar friend of Alan's (Jules Beauchamp at Aldford, Bruera & Waverton) has created an online Advent calendar called "24 days - 24 reasons why Jesus came". You're invited use it as part of your Advent observance from 1st December and you'll find it here: https://adventmyfriend.com/114701/b8e43a204b/

CHRISTMAS SERVICES - (in church unless it says otherwise) 20th December - 6.30pm Carols & Readings (to watch on Youtube); Monday 21st - 2.00pm & 7.30pm "The Longest Night" - a service for those who find Christmas difficult; Christmas Eve - 10.00am and 11.15pm Holy Communion AND 4pm A Christmas Celebration for families; Christmas Day - 10.30am Holy Communion; 27th December - 10.30am Morning Service (on Zoom).

HELP AT CHRISTMAS SERVICES - People's availability at Christmas and new year is often unpredictable, and we may need extra help this year with welcoming and Bible readings. So if you know you're going to be attending one of the services and would like to help out, please speak to one of the wardens or ministry team.

"FRUITFULNESS ON THE FRONTLINE"- An online course about serving God in the places where you spend your time - work, home, school, community, leisure. Starts Tuesday 5th January 7.30pm. Recommended! https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fruitfulness-on-the-frontline-tickets-131326235305?aff=Website

ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES - This week we'll be reading Exodus chapter 1https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fruitfulness-on-the-frontline-tickets-131326235305?aff=Website4, the story of the rescue at the Red Sea. A link will be sent out with the details.

THURSDAY COMMUNION IN CHURCH - We will meet in the main body of the church as there isn't enough space in the side chapel for distancing. We will be following the usual safety guidelines, including keeping a list of those who attend, but there should be no need to tell us in advance as we would expect the numbers to be lower than on Sundays.

GIVING - If you want to support our church financially, you are welcome to give through our just giving page on the website, or by using this internet address: https://givealittle.co/campaigns/378fd1a1-384d-4a9a-b71a-ad4deb0b70f6

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.

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