St Hilary's Church Wallasey

# SUNDAY 20th and 27th DECEMBER and SUNDAY 3rd January 2021

*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.

| | ***SERVICES*** | ***BIBLE READINGS*** |
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| | **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**<br>**Sunday 20th December**<br>9.30am A Service of the Word (in church)<br>11.15am A Service of the Word (in church)<br>*We plan for a recording of the service to be available on Youtube later in the day.* | **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**<br>**20th December**<br>John 1 : 1 – 14 |
| | **CHRISTMAS EVE**<br>**Thursday 24th December**<br>10.00am Holy Communion (in church)<br>11.15pm Midnight Communion (in church) | **CHRISTMAS EVE**<br>**Thursday 24th December**<br>Isaiah 52 : 7 – 10<br>John 1 : 1 – 14 |
| | **CHRISTMAS DAY**<br>**Friday 25th December**<br>10.30am All Age Holy Communion | **CHRISTMAS DAY**<br>**Friday 25th December**<br>Isaiah 9 : 2 – 7<br>Luke 2 : 1 – 14 |
| | **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**<br>**Sunday 27TH December**<br>10.30am Morning Worship online only (via Zoom)<br>***St Hilary's open for private prayer from 9.30am to 12.30pm*** | **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**<br>**Sunday 27TH December**<br>Matthew 1 : 18 - 23 |
| | **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**<br>**Sunday 3rd January**<br>9.30am A Service of the Word (in church)<br>11.15am A Service of the Word (in church)<br>*We plan for a recording of the service to be available on Youtube later in the day.* | **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**<br>**Sunday 3rd January**<br>TBA |

| Week Beginning Sunday 20th December | | |
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| **Monday** (21st Dec) | 12.00pm | Midday Prayer |
| | 2.00pm | "Longest Night" Service (in church) also at 7.30pm (in church) |
| **Tuesday** (22nd Dec) | 9.15am | Morning Prayer |
| **Thursday** (24th Dec) | 10.00am | Holy Communion (in church) |
| | 11.15pm | Midnight Communion (in church) |
| **Friday** (25th Dec) | 10.30am | Christmas Day Communion (in church) |
| **Week Beginning Sunday 27th December** | | |
| **Tuesday** (29th Dec) | 9.15am | Morning Prayers |
| | 12.30pm | Funeral of Joyce Wealthy (at Landican) |
| | 7.00pm | Carol Singing in streets - see news letter |
| **Thursday** (31st Dec) | 10.00am | Holy Communion (In Church) |
| | 7.00pm | Carol Singing in streets - see news letter |
| **Week Beginning Sunday 3rd January 2021** | | |
| **Monday** (4th Jan) | 12.00pm | Midday Prayers<br>Funeral of Elaine Dyer – Time to be confirmed (In Church) |
| | 8.00pm | Online Bible Study with Night Prayer |
| **Tuesday** (5th Jan) | 9.15am | Morning Prayers |
| | 7.30pm | "Fruitfulness on the Frontline" course - see news letter |
| **Thursday** (7th Jan) | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| **Friday** (8th Jan) | 9.15am | Morning Prayer |

## Prayers

**Prayer Cycle-Please pray for the following people and places within our parish this week:**

**20.12.20 – PCC Members, Local Councillors**, Harrow Rd, Harrow Close, Loretto Rd, Rugby Rd, Thorne Lane.

**27.12.20 – Housebound Members, Emergency Services,** Bowden Rd, Knowsley Rd, Halton Rd, Kingsway, Princesway

**3.1.21 - Claremount Methodist Church,** Keighley Av, Wetherby Av, Whitby Av, Kelmscott Dr, Mosslands Drive. For the bereaved families of: Barbara Davies & Carole Williams.

**For the bereaved families of:** Dorothy Lewis, Robinson (Bobby) Webster, Joyce Weatherly, Elaine Dyer & Julie Lewis (nee Thornton)

**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.

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**For the World-**

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

**For the Parish-**

- Pray for those alone at Christmas.
- Pray for those struggling financially at Christmas.
- Pray for those who are supporting others this Christmas.

Pray for all those suffering and in danger in war zones everywhere.

**Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen**

**Collect for Christmas Eve**

Almighty God,
as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child,
embrace the earth with your glory
and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen**

**Collect for Christmas Night**

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness
with the light of salvation:
give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
**Amen**

**Collect for Christmas Day**

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.
**Amen**

**Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas**

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.
**Amen**

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# Notices

**CAROL SINGING IN STREETS** - If you would like a small group to sing Christmas carols in your street, or if you would like to be one of the singers, please contact or speak to Alan. Preferably a street in or near St Hilary's parish. Possible dates/times are Tuesday 29th & Thursday 31st at 7pm ( see diary)

**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 sad or difficult; Christmas Eve - 10.00am and 11.15pm Holy Communion; Christmas Day - 10.30am Holy Communion; 27th December - 10.30am Morning Service (on Zoom)

**SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER -** Church will be open for individual prayer on Sunday, 27th December from 9.30 to 12.30.

**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 tea.

**JULIE LEWIS (nee THORNTON) -** Passed away on December 15th after a very short illness. Many will remember her singing in the church choir.

**"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

**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

**THANK YOU -** The last few weeks have been a very difficult time for myself and my family with the sudden death of Roy, We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, love and support during this sad time. Sheila



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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