St Hilary's Church Wallasey

SUNDAY 21st February 2021

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In view of the worsening pandemic, St Hilary's Church Council (with permission from our bishop and archdeacon) has decided to suspend public worship until the end of January. This does not mean that the Church is closed. The building will be open for private prayer on the following days: ***Sunday*** *from* ***12:00pm – 1:00pm*** *and from* ***3pm – 4****pm, then on* ***Thursday*** *from* ***10am-12pm****.*

COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Mark 14 : 1 - 11

DIARY DATES - Sunday 28th February 2021: Second Sunday of Lent

10.30am Online service via Zoom. We aim to record the service and make it available on Youtube on the day. A weblink will be sent to those on our regular circulation list or on request.

Monday (22nd March)	12.00pm	Midday Prayer
Tuesday (23rd March	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Lent Group (Hosted online by Claremount Methodist)
	7.30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting
	7.30pm	Lent Group (Hosted online by Village URC)
Thursday (25th March)	10-12pm	Church open for private prayer
	2.00pm	Lent Group (Hosted online by Village URC
Friday (26th March)	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Saturday (27th March)	7.00pm	Online Quiz Night

Prayers

Prayer Cycle-Please pray for the following people and places within our parish – PCC Secretary & Treasurer, Local MP, Radley, Uppingham, Sedbergh, Shrewsbruy and, Sherborne Rd

For the bereaved families of: Ruth Jones and Ray Davies (father of Rev Debbi Stott, minister at Moreton)

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, Charlotte Cummings, Jimmy Houghton, Sharron and Sharon Sutherland.

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 21st FEBRUARY – First Sunday of Lent-
10.30am Online service via Zoom. We aim to record the service and make it available on Youtube later in the day. A weblink will be sent to those on our regular circulation list or on request. 12.00 midday and 1.00pm and 3.00-4.00pm Church Open for private prayer
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SERVICES ON ONLINE - Due to the pandemic, all worship services from St Hilary's will be available live on Zoom. This goes for all our midweek gatherings for prayer and Bible study, meetings, and social events too. If you are internet-connected, please make sure you have the information to join us. If not, there's a phone number you can dial to join these events - contact us to get the correct numbers.

FAREWELL BISHOP KEITH – There will be a farewell service online on Sunday 7th March for Bishop Keith. St Hilary's will provide a farewell present. As there will no longer be a Bishop of Birkenhead or a Bishop of Stockport, they will be appointing 2 new Bishops later in the year.

AGM 2021 - In preparation for the next AGM, could all PCC members who normally do so, prepare reports for the upcoming meeting.

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

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY - Over the next few weeks we will be reading parts of the letter to Hebrews to explore how Jesus fulfils the work of Moses, the Old Testament priesthood and the animal sacrifices.

LENT GIVING - As we cannot hold our Lent lunches this year, we would still like to give to a local charity, and this year we have selected Wirral Foodbank. The details for donating cash are as follows: Cheque to Wirral Foodbank, Wirral foodbank, Unit 14 Wirral Business Centre, Dock Road, Birkenhead, CH41 1JW or a Bank Transfer, Sort code 40-10-22. Account No. 52391236.

40 ACTS FOR LENT - If you're still not sure what you will be doing this year during this season, check out the "40 Acts" attachment and the website
https://www.40acts.org.uk
Chester Diocese is also providing several excellent resources for your reflection and action during the next six weeks. You can find them here:
www.chester.anglican.org/lent
And don't forget the Lent groups meeting online from next week, details are below. Blessings to all for a Holy Lent. Alan

LENT COURSES - This year **two different courses** are on offer at three times during each week, all hosted on Zoom as follow: **1. Claremount Methodist:** 5 Zoom sessions on Tuesdays at 10.30 am, 23 Feb, 2, 9, 16 and 23 Mar. Course booklet "The Things He Carried" by Stephen Cottrell, available online from Eden Books @ £7.94 or Amazon @ £6.25 + delivery. Register with revviv1948@btinternet.com for details and link.

2. Village URC: 6 Zoom sessions on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm, 23 Feb, 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 Mar, & repeated on Thursdays at 2.00 pm, 25 Feb, 4, 11, 18, 25 Mar and 1 Apr. Course booklet "Prayers of Jesus" by Amy Boucher Pye, available online from eden.co.uk @ £5.97 or Amazon @ £5.81, and Jeff Hughes has a number of copies @ £5.97. Register with Karen Jones, kazzakk@hotmail.com or with jeffrhughes@virginmedia.com for details and link. (Contact Alan if you have any trouble ordering the booklets, as he receives discount!)

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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