St Hilary's Church Wallasey

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER 2022

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

Welcome to St. Hilary's, please do join us for our service 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

THE 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; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	**TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS - 10.30am** Isaiah 7:10-16 (OT p 646) & Romans 1:1-7 (NT p 147)
THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE AT 4pm 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.	**TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS – 4pm** TBA
THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS NIGHT - HOLY COMMUNION AT 11.15pm 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.	**TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS – 11.15pm** Titus 3:3–7 (NT p 213) & John 1:1–14 (NT p 88)

SUNDAY 18th DECEMBER – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 10.30am Service of the Word, 6.30pm Service of Carols & Readings

Monday (19th Dec)	11.00am	Funeral of Beryl Holden (*at Frankby Cemetery*)
	12.00pm	Midday Prayers
	12.30pm	Lunch Club
Tuesday (20th Dec)	9.15am	Morning Prayer (Online)
	7.30pm	Choir Practice

Wednesday (21st Dec)	9.45am	Bowls Group
	5.30pm & 7.00pm	Slimming World
Thursday (22nd Dec)	10.00am	Holy Communion
Friday (23rd Dec)	9.15am	Morning Prayer (*Online*)
Saturday (24th Dec)	4.00pm	Christmas Eve Crib Service
	11.15pm	Midnight Communion

Prayers

Prayer Cycle - Please pray for the following people and places within our parish - Pastoral Team, Weatherhead High School, Stourcliffe Rd, Thorncliffe Rd, Marlowe Rd.

For the bereaved families of: Ron Mooney & Beryl Holden.

For the healing, hope and strength of: Catherine & Helen Godfrey, Betty Cross, Dot Vyskocil, Dorothy Richmond, Dorothy Prestwich, Margaret Thompson, Steph Sarath, Bob Romanoff, Olga Bridger, Jimmy Houghton, Ken Joplin, Brian Hughes, Graham Robb, Dorothy Harris & David Bigmore. *(please contact Lisa if you would like a name added here)*

For the World-

- Pray for those affected by terrorism.
- For those in Ukraine and those fleeing Ukraine.
- For all those suffering and in danger in war zones everywhere.
- Pray from those affected by climate change.

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 25th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY – Christmas Communion at 10.30am.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES - 18th - 6.30pm Carols and Readings; 24th - 4pm Crib Service; 11.15pm Midnight Communion; 25th - 10.30am Christmas Day Communion.

BERYL HOLDEN - Funeral and burial service is on Monday 19th 11am at Frankby Cemetery. If anyone is intending to go or would like a lift, please speak to Alan and we'll see if we can arrange something together.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - Please speak to Ann Tomkins or Beverley if you would like to contribute to the flower decorations in church for the coming season. They will be put in church on Wednesday 21st.

AYNSLEY HOUSE CARE HOME - We have been asked if we can conduct a short service of worship in this there once a month on a Thursday afternoon. It would involve some hymns and prayers and possibly occasionally Communion. Would anyone like to be part of a group that visits, takes part in the service and gets to know the residents? See Alan.

EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS - Thanks so much to all who took part in this event - it was wonderful once again!

FREE UNIFORMS FOR SCHOOLS (FUSS) HUB - Call in any time between 11am and 2pm. Drinks, biscuits and cake available.

ROTAS – Please be aware that the new rota for refreshments is on the noticeboard at the back of the church, till December 18th. Also, we are looking for volunteers to join the Welcoming Team. A note was given out on October 9th. Please see Ann Hughes for more details and to volunteer.

BUSY BEES - Thanks to Lisa Young who has been running the group over the past 6 months. It will be starting up again soon when the new leader has had her baby! We will keep you posted.

GIVING – INCOME Vs EXPENDITURE – Please read the following information which outlines the growing difference between our income and expenditure, and consider whether you could change your weekly giving. *The shortfalls on our monthly income/expenditure are as follows:-*

-July £2,586.31

-August £2262.28

-September £2505.43

GIVING TO ST HILARY'S - 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

There is also a 'Just Giving' bar code on the church website. Or scan the code to go to the Giving page:

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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