

SUNDAY 26th MARCH 2023

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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

TODAY'S BIBLE

READINGS

10.30am

John 3:1-8
(NT p90)

SUNDAY 26th MARCH 2023 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 10.30am Holy Communion with Baptism of Alfie Marshall *and children's Sunday Club*

Monday (27 th Mar)	12.00pm 2.30pm 7.30pm	Midday Prayers (<i>Side Chapel</i>) Ministry Team Meeting Home Group (<i>Rectory</i>)
Tuesday (28 th Mar)	9.15am 11-2.00pm 4-5.30pm	Morning Prayer (<i>Online</i>) FUSS Hub (<i>Free Uniforms for Schools</i>) Welcome to the Lord's Table (7) (<i>Side Chapel</i>)
Wednesday (29 th Mar)	9.45am 5.30pm & 7.00pm	Bowls Group Slimming World
Thursday (30 th Mar)	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion (<i>Side Chapel</i>) "Step One" (<i>Rectory</i>)
Friday (31 st Mar)	9.15am	Morning Prayer (<i>Online</i>)

Prayers

Prayer Cycle - Please pray for the following people and places within our parish - Diocese of Chester, Home Groups, Aysgarth Road, Rosclare Drive, The Oval, Arundel Avenue, Wharefedale Road

For the healing, hope and strength of: Catherine & Helen Godfrey, Betty Cross, Dot Vyskocil, Dorothy Prestwich, Margaret Thompson, Steph Sarath, Bob Romanoff, Olga Bridger, Jimmy Houghton, Ken Joplin, Brian

Hughes, Graham Robb, Dorothy Harris, David Bigmore, Cynthia Croft, Joyce Hill & Caroline Houghton. (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.
- Pray for those affected by the Turkish & Syrian earthquake.

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 2ND APRIL – CELEBRATING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

(PALM SUNDAY) - 10.30am Service of the Word linked with the "Welcome to the Lord's Table" course for young people preparing to receive Holy Communion.

6.30pm Stations of the Cross (open to all at RC Church)

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING - This is set for Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm. Official notification will be posted up in the coming weeks.

LIFE CHURCH WIRRAL - EASTER CELEBRATION - This is taking place at the Floral Pavilion 4-5.30pm. All welcome, no tickets required.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER - 2nd April Palm Sunday - Celebrating God's Forgiveness (see below); Maundy Thursday 6th April - "Agape" meal (or Christian Passover); Good Friday 7th April - 10am Walk of Witness from St Thomas' Liscard; 2-3pm Meditation on the Cross; Easter Day 9th April - 6am Sunrise Service at Derby Pool sea front; 10.30am Easter Communion.

CELEBRATING GOD'S FORGIVENESS - Palm Sunday 2nd April our morning service will once again involve the children and young people preparing to be admitted to Holy Communion in May. This will enrich our worship at the beginning of Holy Week.

ONLINE SERVICES AND MEETINGS - These are via Zoom using the meeting number 519 788 0237 and the passcode 515437

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS - Following the positive feedback from the Jesus Shaped People day and lunch we are pleased to announce that two Bible study groups will continue until Easter on a trial basis. Everyone welcome. 1 Monday evening 7.30 at the rectory led by Rev Alan, and 2. Thursday morning 11-12 led by a member of the clergy. If you cannot make either of these but would be interested in an on line study group please let Alan or Richard know..

CHURCH ELECTIONS - David Gateley will not be standing for re-election as Church Warden at the annual meeting in May. The PCC's intention is to find two other people God is calling to serve in this role, along with two Assistant Wardens, to form a team who can support

each other and delegate as appropriate. Please speak to Alan or anyone on the PCC if you want to know more. A leaflet is available giving more information about this. There are also vacancies for the Church Council and Deanery Synod.

Nomination forms are available in church all these roles.

CHURCH QUESTIONNAIRE - Everyone was sent one of these before Christmas. If you haven't returned yours, please do so as soon as possible by bringing it to church or sending it postally. It will help us in planning for the future.

COLLECTION FOR TURKEY & SYRIA - This will be open until Easter Day.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY - An opportunity has emerged for a new Life Skills Manager with the CAP Wallasey project. See the notice boards in church.

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:-*

October: £2545.96

November: £3147.80

December: £2790.14

January: £3223.32

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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