



St Hilary's Church  
Wallasey

# SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## TODAYS BIBLE READINGS

Hebrews 10:19-25 (NTp221)  
Matthew 6:5-13 (NTp5)

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER – ADVENT SUNDAY** 10.30am Service of the Word, 12.00 midday Christmas Choir practice, 4.00pm Christingle Service, 6.30pm Deanery Advent service (at St Nicholas' church)

<b>Monday</b> (4 <sup>th</sup> Dec)	10.00am 12.00pm 2.00pm 7.30pm 7.30pm	Experience Christmas set-up Midday Prayers ( <i>Side Chapel</i> ) Ministry Team Meeting Home Group ( <i>Rectory</i> ) Parent Support Group ( <i>Side Chapel</i> )
<b>Tuesday</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> Dec)	9.00am – 3.00pm 7.30pm	Experience Christmas Pastoral Team ( <i>Online</i> )
<b>Wednesday</b> (6 <sup>th</sup> Dec)	9.00am – 1.00pm 1-2.30pm	Experience Christmas Busy Bees Toddler Group
<b>Thursday</b> (7 <sup>th</sup> Dec)	10.00am	Holy Communion ( <i>Side Chapel</i> ) followed by Group Bible Exploration
<b>Friday</b> (9 <sup>th</sup> Dec)	9.15am 10.00 & 11.00am	Morning Prayer ( <i>Online</i> ) "Little Movers"

## Prayers

**Prayer Cycle - Please pray for the following people and places within our parish – Claremount Methodist Church, Keighley Av, Wetherby Av, Whitby Av, Kelmscott Dr, Mossland's Drive.**

**Prayers for the bereaved family of:** Evelyn Lewis

**For the healing, hope and strength of:** Catherine & Helen Godfrey, Betty Cross, Dot Vyskocil, Joyce Hill, Bob Romanoff, John Sayle, Dorothy Prestwich, Caroline Houghton, Dorothy Harris, Denis Holmes, Patricia McGrogan, Dave Holden, Geoffrey Prince & Graham Robb.

*If you wish for a name to be retained, please contact Lisa.*

### 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
- 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 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – THE SECOND SUNDAY**

**OF ADVENT** 10.30am Holy Communion *with children's Sunday Club*

**CALLING ALL LESSON READERS** - Could all Bible lesson readers please let me know asap if they will be unavailable to read at services over the Christmas and New Year period. Thank you. Valerie

**DEANERY SECRETARY** - Could this be you? You don't have to be elected to the Deanery Synod - it can be anyone with a bit of admin experience who will work alongside the Lay Chair and Rural Dean. The main tasks are to take minutes of meetings three times per year, circulate agendas and other documents and keep an up to date list of members and their contact details. Interested? Have a chat with Alan Ward, Linda Booton Parry or Jimmy or Caroline Houghton.

**BOWLING CLUB** – Will take place throughout November, but will not take place on 6<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> December as the church is in use. Bowling will resume on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

**OPEN-AIR NATIVITY** - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 4.30pm at St Mary's College car park. Flyers and posters are available in church - please spread the news. If you can help in any way, speak to Ann Hughes, Alan or email Frank Nance ([fance@btinternet.com](mailto:fance@btinternet.com)).

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** - Our final meeting of the year is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December in church 2pm start. We are having our usual carols and mince pies and if anybody has a favourite poem bring it along and join the festivities. We are also having our Secret Santa again. Members are asked to bring a wrapped gift of up to £5 with a Christmas card "To all my friends at Saint

Hilary's Fellowship". We wish you all our members a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Our January Lunch is at Wallasey Golf Club on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and will talk about details at the December meeting. Any problems please get in touch with one of our committee members, the numbers are on your programme.

**CAROLS AT ASDA** - Wallasey Churches Together is gathering a group of singers - 2 or 3 from each church - to sing Christmas carols at Asda Liscard on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 4pm for an hour. We will also collect for Wirral Food Bank. Just come along!

**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:-*

*September – £1379.04*

*October – £1119.04*

**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](mailto: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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