



St Hilary's Church
Wallasey

SUNDAY 17th 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

TODAYS BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (OT p702)
John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NT p88)

SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 10.30am Service of the Word, Christmas Choir practices at 12 midday & 4.00pm, 6.30pm Christmas Carols and Readings

Monday (18 th Dec)	12.00pm 12.30pm 7.30pm	Midday Prayers (<i>Side Chapel</i>) Lunch Club Parent Support Group (<i>Side Chapel</i>)
Tuesday (19 th Dec)	9.15am 9.00am – 3.00pm 4-5.00pm	Morning Prayer (Online) St George's Primary Rehearsals in church Carol Singing at Asda, Liscard
Wednesday (20 th Dec)	9.00am – 12.00pm	St George's Primary Christmas Performances in Church
Thursday (21 st Dec)	10.00am 2.00pm	Holy Communion (<i>Side Chapel</i>) Service at Aynsley Care Home
Friday (22 nd Dec)	9.15am	Morning Prayer (<i>Online</i>)

Prayers

Prayer Cycle - Please pray for the following people and places within our parish – Men's Society, Local Sports & Social Clubs, Seaview Rd, Valkyrie Rd, Ailsa Rd, Burns Ave, Massey Park

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 & Martin Pin. *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
- For the ongoing conflict in Gaza
- 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 24th DECEMBER- CHRISTMAS EVE –

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 10.30am

Holy Communion, 4.00pm Crib Service,
11.15pm Midnight Communion

MONDAY 25th DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY -

10.30am Holy Communion

SHARING THE CUP AT COMMUNION - From January onwards, we will resume the practice of sharing the cup of wine at all communion services, which we haven't done since before the pandemic. This decision has been taken by the PCC after consultation with the congregation. More information and guidance on this will be distributed soon.

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

CHARLES THOMPSON MISSION - Charles

Thompson Mission are in need of hats, scarves and gloves for the homeless. If you have any of these items that you can donate to the Mission, can you please put them in the box in church and I will take them to the mission.

Louise.

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

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Our January Lunch is at Wallasey Golf Club on Wednesday 10th 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. We wish you all our members a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful. New Year.

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 19th 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 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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