St Hilary's Church Wallasey

SUNDAY 5th MAY 2024

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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR ASCENSION DAY

Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever.
Amen.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 12 : 1 - 8 (NT p 157) & Acts 11 : 19 - 26 (NT p 127)

SUNDAY 5TH MAY – THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 10.30am Service of the Word, 4.00pm Village Churches Together Covenant Service *at Claremount Methodist Church*

Monday (6th May)	-------	Bank Holiday
Tuesday (7th May)	9.00-10.00pm	Church Open for Prayer
	9.15am	Morning Prayer (*Online*)
	7.30pm	Life Source (Prayer Course - Rectory)
Wednesday (8th May)	9.45am – 12pm	Bowls Group (*Marine Park, New Brighton*)
Thursday (2nd May)	2.00pm	Service at Aynsley Care Home
	7.30pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion (*Side Chapel*)
Friday (3rd May)	9.15am	Morning Prayer (*Online*)
	7-8.00pm	Church Open for Prayer

Prayers

Prayer Cycle - Please pray for the following people and places within our parish – Flower Arrangers, Solar Campus School, Wallasey Rd, Turnley Rd, Colville Rd, Neville Rd, Rullerton Rd.

The bereaved families of: Neil Jones and Erica Allen

For the healing, hope and strength of: Catherine & Helen Godfrey, Betty Cross, Dot Vyskocil, Joyce Hill, John Sayle, Dorothy Prestwich, Caroline Houghton, Dorothy Harris, Denis Holmes, Patricia McGrogan, Dave Holden, Geoffrey Prince, Graham Robb, Martin Pin, Fr Phil Moor, Jess Richards and Joan Foster.

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

For the World-	For the Parish-
• 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.	• 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 12th MAY – THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 10.30am Holy Communion
with children's Sunday Club,
2.30pm Ministry Team meeting (Side Chapel)

ASCENSION DAY - Do join us for this special celebration of holy communion at 7.30pm on Thursday 9th May. (There will be no 10am communion on that day.)

SUNDAY SERMON SERIES - In the coming weeks we will be exploring the theme of spiritual gifts and how can best use them to serve the body of Christ and our future vision. Pray that the Lord will speak to each of us about what he is calling us to do.

THURSDAY MORNING COMMUNION - This will not take place on 2nd May (due to St Hilary's being an election polling station); nor on 9th May, when we will have Ascension Day communion at 7.30pm (all welcome).

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Our next meeting is on Monday 13th May in church 2pm. Our speaker this month is Mark Latham who will be telling us about the work of the Street Pastors. All members of the congregation will again be welcome at this meeting as well as friends and family. It will be an interesting afternoon so please come and support this organisation.

LIFE SOURCE - A practical course for deepening our prayer life in all its aspects. Please sign up on the sheet in church or speak with Alan. (This is a repeat of the course we ran as a Lent home group in Feb/March.) Tuesday 7.30pm at the Rectory.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED - A course for those who want to know the basics of Christian faith, based on Mark's gospel. If anyone is interested, please sign up on the sheet in church or speak with Alan.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING - Pray for those elected to office: Church Wardens - Ann Hughes & Jimmy Houghton; PCC members - Peter Lowe, Fiona Marnoch, Lisa Sheridan. Linda Booton Parry and Jimmy Houghton are our Deanery Synod reps.

OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER – St Hilary's Church will be open three times each week to allow anyone to use the church for their own Private Prayer. It will be open every Monday and Tuesday for an hour from 9.00am to 10.00am and every Friday evening from 7.00pm to 8.00pm

THANK YOU - Thank you all very much for the flowers, card, and generous gift given to me at the APCM last Sunday, and for the support and encouragement I have received over the years. It has been a privilege to serve as a Reader at St. Hilary's under three Rectors, and it is with a heavy heart I am 'retiring'. However, I feel the time is right as age takes its toll and we approach a vacancy. And I shall still be around to help out in any way I can. Valerie Sparks

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL CENTENARY - Liverpool Cathedral commemorates the centenary of its consecration in 2024. Do you knit, sew, crochet, quilt or weave? There are 2 Stitch in Public events and a centenary stitch-a-thon being held in the main space of the cathedral between 10 am and 4 pm Saturday 4 May and Saturday 15 June. Drop in, bring own project or use materials provided. Hand- made items also for sale. See noticeboard in Church for details.

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:
January: +£4332.62 (However this was due to receiving Gift Aid & 6-month interest).
February – -£2573.63
March - +£173.73 (However this is due to no insurance being paid in March- a double payment will be taken in April.)

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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