St Hilary's Church Wallasey

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 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 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.

READINGS

Philippians 4:4 – 7
Luke 3:7 - 18

Monday (16th Dec)	9.00-10.00am	Church Open for prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer – all welcome
	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
Tuesday (17th Dec)	9.00-10.00am	Church Open for Prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer – all welcome
	10.30am	Funeral of Dorothy Prestwich
	7.30pm	Music Team
Wednesday (18th Dec)	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Online
	9.30am –12pm	Bowls Group (*Indoors at the Church)*
Thursday (19th Dec)	10.00am	Holy Communion
Friday (20th Dec)	10-12pm	Little Movers
	7-8.00pm	Church Open for Prayer
	7.30pm	Evening Prayer – all welcome

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 10.30 Holy Communion, 6.30pm Carols & Readings

Prayers

Prayer Cycle - Please pray for the following people and places within our parish: Bishops of Chester, Birkenhead & Stockport, Local Young People, St George's Rd, Walker's Croft, Perring Rd, St John's Rd, St George's Court.

For the Bereaved families of: Dorothy Prestwich & Catherine Allen.

For the healing, hope and strength of: Catherine & Helen Godfrey, Betty Cross, Denis Holmes, Nicky Pugh, Hilary Holden, Ben Parkinson, Olga Bridger, Joan Foster, Rachel Foster, Brian Hughes, Alison

Richardson, Val Jones, Sean Conway, Lyndsey Kiernan, Dorita Atherton, Ann & Ken Fraser, Peter John Kneebone, Stephen Laws and Diane Piercy. *If you wish for a name to be retained, please contact Lisa*

For the World-

- For those in Ukraine and those fleeing Ukraine.
- For the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.
- For all those suffering and in danger in war zones
- Pray from those affected by climate change especially the UK and Spain during the recent floods.

For the Parish-

- Pray for the homeless shelters and foodbanks as the colder weather approaches.

Notices

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 10.30 Holy Communion, 6.30pm – Pick a Carol

MORNING PRAYERS ONLINE - A 30-minute Morning Prayer session will be held on zoom, on Wednesdays at 9.30 a.m. Please contact Paul Jackson on 07546 464493 for him to send you the Zoom details.

PRAYER TIMES DURING THE WEEK - St Hilary's opens for private prayer on Mondays & Tuesdays between 9.00-10.00am; Morning Prayer will be led at 9.30am on these days. It will also be open on Fridays between 7.00-8.00pm with Evening Prayer being led at 7.30pm. Please come and join in these times of prayer and fellowship.

CATHERINE ALLEN – Can parishioners please pray for the friends of family of Catherine Allen who passed away recently.

DOROTHY PRESTWICH – Sadly Dorothy Prestwich passed away on Wednesday. Her funeral will be held at 10.30am on 17th December at St Hilary's and her burial will be at Frankby.

CHRISTMAS DATES- Please make a note of the following upcoming dates.

- **A Service of Carols & Reading** – Sunday 15th December at 6.30pm.
- **'Pick A Card' Christmas Event –** Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm
- **Christmas Eve Services** – 4.00pm Crib Service, 11.15pm Midnight Communion
- **Christmas Day Service** – Christmas Communion at 10.30am

DISPLAYS IN THE NARTHAX – Please do look at the new displays which are slowly going up in the Narthax. For the prayer requests board, parishioners and visitors are welcome to add, and display, any prayers that they wish the congregation to take note of and pray for.

ENVELOPE GIVING- This month I will be allocating gift envelopes for next year. If you would like to start contributing by using the envelopes please let me know. If you already use them, they will be allocated as usual unless you advise me otherwise. Thank you all for your kind generosity. Sue Jones.

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.

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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