St Hilary's Church Wallasey

SUNDAY 22nd, 29th DECEMBER 2024 and 5th JANUARY 2025

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her. Our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	**READINGS** Hebrews 10 : 5 – 10 (NT p 221) Luke 1 : 39 – 45 (NT p 54)
THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE 4 PM Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	**READINGS** Hebrews 1:1-4 John 1:1-14

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS NIGHT **HOLY COMMUNION 11.15 PM** Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.	**READINGS** Isaiah 9: 2-7 Luke 2:1 - 14
THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY **HOLY COMMUNION 10.30 AM** Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.	**READINGS** Isaiah 9 : 2 – 7 (OT p 648) Luke 2 : 1 – 14 (NT p 55
NOTICE - There is no service on Sunday 29th December 2024. However, please do consider attending the services of other local churches such as Christ Church Moreton.	
5TH JANUARY 2025 **SERVICE OF THE WORD 10.30AM** **THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS** God our Father, In love you sent your Son that the world may have life: lead us to seek him among the outcast and to find him in those in need; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.	**READINGS** Ephesians 1 : 3 – 14 (NT p 189) John 1 : 10 – 18 (NT p 88)

Monday (23rd Dec)	9.00-10.00am	Church Open for prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer – all welcome
Tuesday (24th Dec)	4.00pm	Crib Service
	11.15pm	Christmas Eve Holy Communion
Wednesday (25th Dec)	10.30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion
Thursday (26th Dec)	7-8.00pm	Church Open for Prayer
Friday (27th Dec)	7.30pm	Evening Prayer – all welcome
Monday (30th Dec)	9.00-10.00am	Church Open for prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer – all welcome
Tuesday (31st Dec)	9.00-10.00am	Church Open for Prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer – all welcome
Thursday (2nd Jan)	10.00am	Holy Communion
Friday (3rd Jan)	7-8.00pm	Church Open for Prayer
	7.30pm	Evening Prayer – all welcome
Monday (6th Jan)	9.00-10.00am	Church Open for prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer – all welcome
Tuesday (7th Jan)	9.00-10.00am	Church Open for Prayer (*Side Chapel*)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer – all welcome
	7.30pm	Music Team
Wednesday (8th Jan)	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Online
	9.30am –12pm	Bowls Group (*Indoors at the Church)*
Thursday (9th Jan)	10.00am	Holy Communion
Friday (10th Jan)	10-12pm	Little Movers
	7-8.00pm	Church Open for Prayer
	7.30pm	Evening Prayer – all welcome

Prayers

Prayer Cycle - Please pray for the following people and places within our parish:
Week Beginning 22.12.2 24: Deanery Synod Reps, Out of School Clubs, Childminders, Mayfield Rd, Paignton Rd, Studley Rd, Claremount Rd, Wirral Mount
Week Beginning 29.12.24: Churchwardens, Those living around you, Shelton Rd, Malpas Rd, Broxton Rd, Queensway
Week Beginning 5.1.25: Flower Arrangers, Solar Campus School, Wallasey Rd, Turnley Rd, Colville Rd, Neville Rd, Rullerton Rd.
For the Bereaved families of: 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, Diane Piercy & Sarah Brooks.

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

For the World-	For the Parish-
• 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.	• Pray for the homeless, 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

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER – 4.pm Christmas Eve Crib Service,
11.15pm Christmas Night Holy Communion

SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER 2025 – 10.30am Service of the Word

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.

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

- **'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 displays 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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