St Hilary's Church Wallasey

SUNDAY 9th MARCH 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READING

Deuteronomy 26 : 1 - 11 (OT p 188)
Luke 4 : 1 - 13 (NT p 58)

Monday (10th March)	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
Tuesday (11th March)	7.30pm	Music Team
Wednesday (12th March)	9.30am –12pm	Bowls Group (*Indoors at the Church)*
	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Online
Thursday (13th March)	10.00am	Holy Communion
Friday (14th March)	9.30am	Morning Prayer – Online
	10-12pm	Little Movers

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Prayers

Prayer Cycle - Please pray for the following people and places within our parish – Wirral Youth for Christ, Men's Ministry, Lymington Rd, Monmouth Rd, Willoughby Rd, Palmerston Rd, Dawlish Rd.

For the Bereaved families of: Brian Hughes, Diane Piercy and Nicky Pugh.

For the healing, hope and strength of: Catherine & Helen Godfrey, Betty Cross, Denis Holmes, Hilary Holden, Ben Parkinson, Olga Bridger, Joan Foster, Rachel Foster, Alison Richardson, Val Jones, Sean Conway, Lyndsey Kiernan, Dorita Atherton, Ann & Ken Fraser, Peter John Kneebone, Sarah Brooks, Ruben O'Halloran, Joy Boyce & Graham Pye.

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 for the homeless shelters and foodbanks during this colder weather.

We bring before you Josh and his family as they prepare to come to our worshipping community; asking that their move may go well and we will be a welcoming and supportive community ready to work together for your Kingdom. May this season of transition strengthen our faith.

We pray that Josh will be a faithful shepherd, who will guide us with wisdom, inspire us with their teaching, and walk alongside us in love and humility.

We pray for his family that they will settle in well in our Parish and Lord may your presence be with them as they start the next part of their journey with you.

Amen

Notices

SUNDAY 16th MARCH – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT –
10.30am Service of the Word

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP - Our next meeting is on March 10 in church 2pm. Our speaker will be Louise Jones. Again, all friends and members of the congregation will be welcome at our meeting as we start our Lenten journey.

EXPERIENCE EASTER – Sign-up sheets are on the side table if you can help out. This year we are not just hosting Year 4 ST Georges on the 25th and 26th but also the Cadets on the evening of the 28th March. We also have the church open on the afternoon of 25th and 26th so that the community can enjoy "Experience Easter" too. We rely on volunteers for these events. Please do sign up and help.

LENT LUNCHES – These will begin on Saturday 15th March. There is a sign-up sheet on the church table for anyone who would like to help or provide goods **LENT COURSES –** The meetings at Wallasey URC take place on Thursday 1pm to 2pm (ish) from 6th March.
"Meeting Jesus" at Claremount Methodist Church
"From now on", based on the book of the same title by Rachel Mann and clips from the film The Greatest Showman, on Wednesdays 10.15am to 11.45am from 5th March.

ELECTORAL ROLL – The Electoral Roll is due for revision this year. EVERYONE has to reapply this month. Please collect a form from the side table and return the completed form to Ann Hughes by the end of the month. Thank you

SUSPENSION OF OPEN CHURCH - St Hilary's is temporarily suspending the openings for private prayer on Mondays & Tuesdays between 9.00-10.00am and Fridays between 7.00-8.00pm, until further notice.

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

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- I have been allocating gift envelopes for this new 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:
November – -£3673.01
December – -£1888.51
January - -£2831.47

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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