



# The Halewood-Hunts Cross Team



## Welcome to worship!

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Services today – Sunday 12 February 2017 3 before Lent

St Hilda's		St Nicholas'		St Mary's	
9:00 AM	Holy Communion	9:00 AM	No Service	10.30 AM	Holy Communion
11:00 AM	P1:HC P2:All Age Worship	11:00 AM 12.45 PM	Parade Baptisms		

### Services next Sunday 19 February 2017 2 before Lent

St Hilda's		St Nicholas'		St Mary's	
9:00 AM	Holy Communion	9:00 AM	Holy Communion	10.30 AM	Baptisms
11:00 AM	P1:United AAW & Baptism	11.00 AM	Morning Worship		

### Duties in Church for next Sunday (19 February 2017)

	St Hilda's	St Nicholas'	St Mary's
<b>Ministry Team</b>		AS	CC/RG preach
<b>Duty Warden/Steward</b>		GE/LW	PB
<b>Sidespeople</b>		D Kenwell/K Hartley	C Blakeborough
<b>Readings</b>		<b>Gen 1:1-23</b> T Mason	<b>Gen 1:1-23</b> H Birch
		<b>Matt 6:25-34</b> A Mason	<b>Matt 6:25-34</b> A tones
<b>Prayers</b>		H Mason	C Blakeborough
<b>Tea Rota</b>		L Green/S Jones	V Connor/J Grace
<b>Crèche</b>		S Murphy/M Kane <i>S Macd'd</i>	
<b>Communion Stewards</b>			
<b>Communion Servers</b>			

# **NOTICES**

## **Midweek Worship and Forthcoming Services**

### ***St Mary's Care Centre Service***

The next St Mary's Care Centre Service will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017, starting at 11:30AM. A three-course lunch will be available after the service at a cost of £5.00. This will need to be booked in advance. Tel: 486 4873 before 9:30AM on the day of the service.

### ***Morning Prayers***

Most Tuesday's at St Mary's at 9:00AM – please check with a member of the Team, particularly across holiday periods!

### ***Thursday Holy Communion***

Each Thursday morning we meet at St Nicholas' for an informal Communion service, starting at 9:15AM. This is followed by Coffee Shop at the St Nicholas' Centre

## **Children and Young People**

### **Jam/Boss/Next Level**

### ***Vineyard Youth Club***

Meet Fridays 7.30pm to 9.30pm in term time in St Nicholas Centre. Waiting list for new members. Contact [hilary.mason24@gmail.com](mailto:hilary.mason24@gmail.com)

## Other notices

### Healing, History and Vision meetings

As I have met members of all three congregations it has been clear that many people still have questions and concerns about what led to Frank's resignation. Part of my role as Interim Minister is to help you as parishes examine your history and come to terms with the past. Also to claim your current identity as parishes and team, and look to the future. In order to move us forward the HCC have agreed that I should invite anyone in the three congregations or who is part of the wider church family to the following open meetings:

**Vision:** Monday 27th February 7.30pm at St Mary's, and Thursday 2nd March 11am St Nic's Centre

The two meetings on each subject will be identical so you should only need to come to the evening or daytime session.

I hope and pray that you will find these meetings a safe place to explore these topics together.

Richard

### **St Nicholas Church Painting Club**

The St Nicholas Church Painting Club will be meeting again in February for 3 weeks commencing on Thursday 9th February at 1.00 pm until 3.30pm

The cost for the 3 week session is £12.00 payable on the first session.

If you are not yet a member and wish to join, or if you want to visit and see what we do then please contact

Ken Allen on 487 5448 or email Ken on [allen556@btinternet.com](mailto:allen556@btinternet.com)

## **CHURCH WALK.**

There will be a walk around Sefton and Princes park on Saturday February 11th.

If you would like to join us come along to the St Nicholas centre at 9.45 am.

The walk will be around five miles long and mainly flat. We will start with bacon butties as usual. You will be made very welcome!

For more details please contact Penni on 0151 498 4240 or 07990953334

## **Communion before Confirmation**

The Diocese of Liverpool introduced measures in 2006 to allow children to take communion before confirmation. The Halewood Church Council has agreed that we should follow the Diocesan process of discernment within our LEP. We do this with the blessing of the Methodist Superintendent.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm for 7.45pm at the St Nics Centre, we will hold an open meeting to begin the process of looking at this issue afresh. Rev Clive Doran, the Bishop's advisor, will lead the meeting. All are welcome and we look forward to having a full and open discussion on the subject with members of both churches.

**The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of St Mary's** will be celebrated on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm at St Mary's. The Bishop of Liverpool will be there with the Chair of the Methodist District. There will be no morning service at St Mary's that day nor at St Nicholas. The parade service will take place on Mothering Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> March.

## **ST. MARY'S ELECTORAL ROLL/MEMBERSHIP ROLL**

Commencing on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 (TODAY) and ending on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017 a revision of the Church Electoral Roll will take place. If your name is not on the Roll displayed in the Foyer and you wish your name to be entered, please complete an enrolment form, which you will find at the back of Church, and hand to Ray Connor before the final date of the revision.

## **Knowsley Foodbank @ St Mary's**

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Knowsley Foodbank. In the three months before Christmas 558.39kg of food were donated. These donations included both food and toiletries and everything was sent to the main warehouse of the Knowsley Foodbank in Kirkby.

However, the system is changing slightly and we are being asked to keep any donated toiletries in Halewood which our volunteers will then make up into small parcels. Each one will include a note to say that it is a gift from the churches in Halewood. We still need food, but please consider including one toiletry item with your donation which can be placed in the box in either church or handed in at St Mary's on a Saturday morning. We do not need toilet rolls as these are provided from Kirkby. Items required for both men and women are:

**Shampoo Shower gel Soap Toothpaste Deodorant**

### **Would anyone like to be an assistant vergger?**

I am the vergger for St Nicholas' and St Mary's and the assistant is currently Flo Owens, who was previously vergger. We are looking for someone who would like to be trained as a further assistant, to help especially at large weddings and funerals and who could act as vergger on their own once trained if I am not available (or by agreement). You would need to agree to a DBS (criminal records) check for safeguarding purposes.

The vergger's duties are concerned with weddings and funerals at St Nicholas' and St Mary's and an assistant vergger therefore needs to be reasonably available during the day on weekdays and weekends. Most weddings are on Saturdays, but funerals are usually on weekdays and burials of ashes are often on Sundays after services.

The role involves liaising with the church office or churchwardens about dates and arrangements, attending any wedding rehearsal, opening and setting up the church beforehand, meeting the families and assisting during the service (eg playing CDs, taking the collection), and clearing up afterwards and locking up. The vergger also completes the burial and service records and counts the collection (and may be asked to complete marriage records). The assistant would only have to complete records once they were confident enough to do a service on their own. I would provide on the job training and written guidance, and nobody would be asked to "go solo" before they were ready! The vergger is paid a fee for each service, and once fully trained, the assistant vergger would either

share the fee with me or receive the whole fee if they were doing a service by themselves.

As St Mary's does not have many weddings or funerals, the role would mainly involve work at St Nicholas' – but that doesn't mean someone at St Mary's can't apply! I have found the verger's role really rewarding – it is a chance to give something back to the church, meet people and serve God by making a difference to people's lives at an important time, helping either a sad or happy event run as smoothly as possible.

Please do have a think about whether this appeals to you, and contact me at church, on 425 3517 or 07759 007299, or via email on

[nandkcooper@gmail.com](mailto:nandkcooper@gmail.com).

Kate Cooper

### **Future fundraising events at St Nicholas' Centre**

Quiz - 1<sup>st</sup> April  
Afternoon Tea - 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Quiz - 14<sup>th</sup> October  
Murder Night - 18<sup>th</sup> November

Mulled Wine & Mince Pie  
Film Night 21<sup>st</sup> December