



The Halewood-Hunts Cross Team



Welcome to worship!

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Services today – Sunday 12 March 2017 Lent 2

St Hilda's		St Nicholas'		St Mary's	
9:00 AM	Holy Communion	9:00 AM	No Service	10.30 AM	No Service
11:00 AM	P1:HC P2:MW	11:00 AM	No Service	3:00 AM	50 th Anniversary Service
		12.45 PM	Baptisms		

Services next Sunday 19 March 2017 Lent 3

St Hilda's		St Nicholas'		St Mary's	
9:00 AM	Holy Communion	9:00 AM	Holy Communion		
11:00 AM	P1:HC P2:Baptism + AAW	11:00 AM	Morning Worship	10.30 AM	Morning Worship Baptisms

Duties in Church for next Sunday (19 March 2017)

	St Hilda's	St Nicholas'	St Mary's
Ministry Team		Joyce Marsden	CC
Duty Warden/Steward		GE/ST	NC
Sidespeople		V Bevan/ K&R Dunning	S&R Turnley
Readings		Dan 6:10-11 G Elliott	Dan 6:10-11 A Tones
		1 Tim 2:1-4 J Critchley	1 Tim 2:1-4 M Birchall
Prayers		J Barlow	M Cox
Tea Rota		M Holmes/D Kenwell	V Connor/E Crerar
Crèche		K Webb/F Knowles <i>J Fleming</i>	
Communion Stewards			
Communion Servers			

NOTICES

Midweek Worship and Forthcoming Services

St Mary's Care Centre Service

The next St Mary's Care Centre Service will take place on Tuesday 14th March 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 Monday's at St Nicholas at 9:15AM – 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

100% BOSS Alternate Tuesday's at St. Mary's from 5:30-7:00pm. For children in school years 4-7. We are Children's University registered.

"NEXT LEVEL" Alternate Tuesday's at St. Mary's from 5:30pm-7:00pm. For 7 - 11 year olds.

JAM Club Wednesday at St. Mary's, after school club 3:00pm - 5:00pm. For children in reception to school year 6. We are Children's University registered.

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

Other notices

What does it mean to have a relationship with God?

We are going to run some courses to enable anyone to find out!

There are three different options so pick the one that you like the sound of the most, and sign up at the back of church (to express your interest). There will be a number throughout the year, starting mid-March onwards and you'll be in small groups of up to 10 people.

Probably the most important part of any course is the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment

Option 1: Start! (6 weeks – one session per week)

Start! introduces Christianity through six DVD based interactive, small-group sessions. The Start! course makes no assumptions about participants' background or experience or knowledge of Christianity or the church. It really does start from scratch.

Each session lasts about 90 minutes and is based around short, lively DVD programmes - two per session. Down-to-earth 'vox pop' interviews and settings including Blackpool beach, a fun fair, shopping centre and a junk yard prompt lively discussion. There's time to chat, interactive exercises and space for reflection - all in a style that aims to be honest and enjoyable.

The six weeks look at:

- Is there a meaning to life?
- Does God exist?
- If he does how can we experience him?
- Why is our life often such a mess?
- Who was Jesus?
- How does this affect us?

Option 2: Pilgrim (6 weeks – one session per week)

A course for anyone who wants to know more about the Christian journey. It uses bible passages, DVD clips, a written reflection and discussion to help anyone who wants to find out more about the Christian faith. This is a more traditional and reflective course for those who are new to Christianity or who want to re-ignite their faith.

Six 90 minute sessions, based on the Baptism service, cover:

- Do you turn to Christ?
- Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
- Do you believe in his Son Jesus Christ?
- Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Do you repent of your sins?
- Do you renounce evil?

Option 3: Alpha (10 weeks – one session per week)

Alpha is a series of 10 sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe (29 million people have been on it), and everyone's welcome. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food (maybe), a talk and good conversation.

The DVD talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing the questions:

- Who Is Jesus?
- Why Did Jesus Die?
- How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?
- Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
- Why and How Do I Pray?
- How Does God Guide Us?
- Who Is the Holy Spirit?
- What Does the Holy Spirit Do?
- How Can I Be Filled With the Spirit?
- How Can I Resist Evil?
- Does God Heal Today?

- Why and How Should We Tell Others?
- How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?

Frank Cain would like to thank all those from Halewood who came to his licensing service on 26th February at St. Lukes church in Walton. There were a good number from St. Nicholas, St. Marys and St. Hilda's and it was most appreciated by Frank and Sue as they begin life in their new parish. He would also like to thank those who have sent cards and presents. It has been a bit overwhelming! Frank would like to add that his prayers are with the parish as it looks to the future and hopes that it will be a joyful and flourishing one.

IT and Process skills needed

We are looking for some help to re-structure our parish processes and IT. If you have some skills in the area of writing processes, role descriptions etc, or in setting up shared electronic filing and databases we would love to hear from you. Please contact Richard Gedge (rjagedge@gmail.com).

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING OF THE PARISH OF HALEWOOD AND THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF THE HALEWOOD LOCAL ECUMENICAL PARTNERSHIP

will be held in St Nicholas' Church Halewood on Sunday 2 April 2017 during the morning service, starting at 11am. At that meeting we will:

1. consider a proposal to amend the constitution of the Local Ecumenical Partnership to ensure that the constitution reflects the practice of the LEP regarding:
 - a. Definition of LEP membership (subject to clarification from Churches Together in the Merseyside Region)
 - b. The practice of Ordinary Congregational meetings and HCC/Trustee meetings
 - c. Number of Trustees / HCC members
 (further details of this proposal can be obtained from Kate Cooper nandkcooper@gmail.com)

2. elect lay members of the HCC/LEP trustees in accordance with the revised constitution if adopted or the current constitution if not
3. Elect 2 Churchwardens for each Church
4. Elect up to 5 Deanery Synod representatives, 3 St Nicholas, 2 St Mary.
5. Appoint sidespersons
6. Appoint the independent examiner
7. Review the life and witness of the LEP including its financial statements

Nominations

Nomination forms for Church Wardens, Deanery Synod Reps and HCC members will be available at the back of both churches. Please prayerfully consider who should be nominated. Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting. Sidespersons will also be appointed. If you would like to become a sidesperson please contact a Church Warden or Alison Shacklady (alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com)

Electoral Roll

If you would like to be on the Electoral Roll of the Church, which in practice denotes membership of the LEP, please ask your Church Warden for a form or contact Ray Cooper (St Mary's), Jan Fleming (St Nicholas).

ST. MARY'S ELECTORAL ROLL/MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Today is the final Sunday to have your name entered on the Church Electoral Roll before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. If your name is not listed on the Electoral Roll displayed on the notice board in the foyer and you wish your name to be entered on the Roll, please complete an enrolment form, which you will find at the back of Church, and hand to Ray Connor.

PLEASE COMPLETE NOW AND HAND TO RAY CONNOR

April Fools' Trivia Quiz Saturday 1st April in St Nicholas Centre.

Bring own refreshments. All proceeds to St Nicholas Building Fund.

Ticket price £5 now available from Gill Muir or Pat Hatchard.

Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday 2nd April

1pm St Nicholas Centre

Tickets £2.50 to include hunt and Easter egg!

Arts & Crafts

Tea & homemade cake

Please see Kat Griffin, Debbie Kenwell, Vanessa Bevan, Liz Simon, Claire Madelosa, Jayne Ryland for tickets

Halewood Theatre Club presents.....'**Listen**' a comedy ghost story with strong offensive language on **Friday 7th and Saturday 8th April** in the WI Hall Baileys Lane. Ticket price £4.50 now available from Gill Muir or any member of Halewood Theatre Club.

THE REAL EASTER EGG!!

We are again taking orders for "The Real Easter Egg" there are order forms at the back of St Mary's and in the porch at St Nicholas.

This year there are 4 types of egg available - The Original Real Easter Egg, the Special Edition and the Dark Chocolate one. All of these have a chocolate bar and an Easter story leaflet. There is also a Divine Milk Chocolate Gourmet Popcorn Egg available.

If you would like to order any of these please fill in the form and give it to one of the Fairtrade team or contact Penni on 0151 498 4240 or 07990953334.

Holiday Club Monday 24th – Friday 28th July.

The theme this year is 'Daniel'

Holiday Club volunteer meeting 1 pm on Sunday 19th March, at St Mary's Centre. For anyone who has volunteered in the past or would like to volunteer for this year.

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

Future fundraising events at St Nicholas' Centre

Afternoon Tea - 7th May
Quiz - 14th October
Murder Night - 18th November

Mulled Wine & Mince Pie
Film Night 21st December