



The Halewood-Hunts Cross Team

Welcome to worship!



Risen Christ,
 you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh
 hope:
 strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
 and fill us with your peace,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Services today – Sunday 7 May 2017 Easter 4

St Hilda's		St Nicholas'		St Mary's	
9:00 AM	Holy Communion	9:00 AM	Holy Communion		
11:00 AM	P1 Morning Worship P2 Holy Communion	11:00 AM	Morning Worship	10.30 AM	Morning Worship

Services next Sunday 14 May 2017 Easter 5

St Hilda's		St Nicholas'		St Mary's	
9:00 AM	Holy Communion	9:00 AM	No Service		
11:00 AM	P1 Holy Communion P2 All-age Worship	11:00 AM	Parade	11.00 AM	Service at Hope
		12.45 PM	Baptisms		

Duties in Church for next Sunday (14 May 2017)

	St Hilda's	St Nicholas'	St Mary's
Ministry Team		RG	
Duty Warden/Steward		ALL	
Sidespeople		G McIver/ J Shaw-Walker	
Readings		Acts 7:55-60 Cubs	
		Jn 21:15-22 Cubs	
Prayers		RG	
Tea Rota		T'Craft Team	
Crèche		P Hatchard/J Fleming J Wells	
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 16th May 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

Exploring Faith Groups

Thanks to a brilliant response there will be 5 groups meeting during the spring in homes across the parish. Through interactive sessions, discussion, drinking coffee, and learning together we are looking to deepen our relationship with God and with each other.

If you would like to come along to a group, now or later in the year, please contact Vanessa Harrison (ness.harrison@gmail.com) or speak to a member of the clergy team – we would be only too pleased to tell you more about it.

Junior Church

Junior Church runs at 11am on most Sunday mornings and gives teaching and fun for school age children. Some of our leaders are standing down - we are so appreciative of their service to the children and the church. If you would like to consider becoming a leader or helper at Junior Church please contact Richard Gedge rjagedge@gmail.com or Alison Shacklady alison1.shacklady@btinternet.com

Caterpillars Baby and Toddler Group

We are pleased to say that we are hoping to start a new Baby and Toddler Group in the St Nic's Centre on Tuesday mornings. Laura Burke will be leading the group, assisted by Hannah Kirkwood. We are aiming to start the group in June.

We are looking for assistants to help with the general running of the group (training will be provided) and also for kitchen helpers to make drinks and refreshments. If you would be interested please contact Richard Gedge (rjagedge@gmail.com), 07758 466743.

We also need some good quality items to enable us to run the group. The things we need are:

- Two playmats
- A Baby bouncer
- Two Baby walkers
- A Jumperoo
- Two children's prams
- Dolls
- Books - bible based picture books and story books

If you have any of these items can you please give them to Barbara in the Parish Office, St Nic's Centre.

WALK

The may walk will take place on Saturday May 13th. It is being led by Alan and Margaret and is a lovely flat walk of around five miles along lanes and canal paths around Hoscar near Burscough. If you would like to come meet at the St Nicholas centre at 9.25 - the early start will mean we can get to the bacon butty stop as it opens. Looking forward to seeing you there.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2017.

Christian Aid Week this year is from the 14th to the 20th of May.

Every year we raise around £2000 from our door to door collection.

There are still many areas of Halewood not covered and we need more helpers as every year one or two retire.

If you feel you could help with this important fund raiser please contact Penni Conlon on 0151 498 4240 or 07990953334.

If you would like to help but don't want to go alone we can pair you up with someone else.

Angels and Poppies

Our next Angels and Poppies knitting workshop will be on Sat 20 May 10.30-12.30 at St Mary's Coffee Shop

We now have 400 completed angels and around the same number of poppies. So please keep up the good work and come along and join us on 20 May.

We have some experienced knitters who are very keen to help newcomers get started so why not give it a go?

Alison

HOLIDAY CLUB at St Mary's Church.

Halewood Holiday clubs next and final planning meeting is Sunday 16th July St Mary's 7pm - 9pm. We are still looking for volunteers to support groups so please get in touch with Natasia before this meeting. We are also looking for people to help set up on Saturday 22nd July ahead of the club which commences Monday 24th July and concludes on Sunday 30th July.

We are also still collecting cardboard boxes and glass jars.

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St Nicholas Gift Aid

The new 2017 Gift Aid Envelopes are available for collection in the church porch.

This scheme allows you to give on a regular weekly basis and also enables the church to claim back the tax on your gift if you are a tax payer. If you would like to sign up for the envelope scheme or better still give your gift by regular standing order, please see either Gill Muir or Tom Beesley for a gift aid form.

Would anyone like to be an assistant verger?

I am the verger for St Nicholas' and St Mary's and the assistant is currently Flo Owens, who was previously verger. 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 verger 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 verger's duties are concerned with weddings and funerals at St Nicholas' and St Mary's and an assistant verger 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 verger 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 verger is paid a fee for each service, and once fully trained, the assistant verger 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.

Kate Cooper

Future fundraising events at St Nicholas’ Centre

Quiz - 14th October
Murder Night - 18th November

Mulled Wine & Mince Pie
Film Night 21st December