



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 21 May 2017 Easter 6

St Hilda's		St Nicholas'		St Mary's	
9:00 AM	Holy Communion	9:00 AM	Holy Communion		
11:00 AM	P1 Holy Communion P2 All-age Worship	11:00 AM	Morning Worship	10.30 AM	Morning Worship/Baptisms

Services next Sunday 28 May 2017 Easter 7

St Hilda's		St Nicholas'		St Mary's	
9:00 AM	Holy Communion	9:00 AM	No Service		
11:00 AM	P1 Morning Worship P2 : Morning Worship	11:00 AM	Holy Communion	10.30 AM	GMJC
		12.45 PM	Baptisms		

Duties in Church for next Sunday (28 May 2017)

	St Hilda's	St Nicholas'	St Mary's
Ministry Team		Jenny Rayner	NH/CC
Duty Warden/Steward		GE/ST	PB
Sidespeople		P Hatchard/L Green	G Kerfoot
Readings		Acts 1:1-14 K Allen	Acts 1:1-14 H Birch
		Lk 24:45-53 J Bullen	Lk 24:45-53
Prayers		J Barlow	NH
Tea Rota		M Holmes/D Kenwell	Dot & Harry
Crèche		S Brooks/S Mc'mid K Webb	
Communion Stewards			
Communion Servers		G Bullen/P Hatchard	

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 14th June 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 Baby walkers
- Children's kitchen

- Wooden puzzles
- Animal figures
- 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.

St Nicholas Church Crèche are also looking for donations of good quality WOODEN toys and colourful bible story books.

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

Thy Kingdom Come: Our Archbishops have encouraged Christians and the Church to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' between Ascension and Pentecost. St Hilda's will have some prayer stations set up to help us to pray, for people to know Christ, for justice and for our nation and the world. You are welcome to come and join us at any time that the church is open, for as long or as short as you are able. On Ascension Day the

church will be open in the lead up to the Ascension Day service, on the other two occasions the time will conclude with short time of communal prayer. St Hilda's will be open at the following times:

25/5/17 4 - 7:15pm followed by Holy Communion at 7:30pm

30/5/17 6-7pm followed by Evening prayer at 7:00pm

2/6/17 4-6pm followed by Evening prayer at 6pm

All welcome 'Come and pray'

2017 Hustings: your views - your voice - your vote!

St Peter's Church is delighted to be hosting a pre-election Hustings on Sunday 4th June at 7pm (for a 7.30pm start) with the candidates for the Garston and Halewood ward! This is your chance to come and hear directly from the candidates and to ask questions about the issues that matter to you! If you have a question, please submit it to sarah@stpeters-woolton.org.uk For more information about the Hustings, please contact Sarah Beresford on 0151 428 1853. The Hustings is for everyone in this community so please do spread the word!

Open garden, 53 Elwyn Drive, Saturday 10th June.

11am -4pm. Proceeds to Channel and Church Funds.

Tickets/Entry cost £3.50 (includes tea & cake)

Jean & Colin 487-5710.

Confirmation

Our confirmation service this year takes place on 8/10/17 in the afternoon at St Hilda's

If you would like to think about what it means to be a Christian and follow Jesus then please join the confirmation group and find out more about the Christian faith. The group will meet 6-8 times between July & September (with a break for the summer!) Please do speak to Richard, Jane or another member of the team if you are interested, as an adult or a young person. Precise details regarding preparation will follow in due course

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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Halewood Pastoral Visiting Team

We are setting up a Pastoral Visiting Team in the parish. The team might visit someone for a number of reasons, from supporting people who need a friendly face and someone to listen to them, to more specialist areas such as bereavement. Training would be given.

If you would like to be considered to become a Pastoral Visitor, please complete a form declaring your interest. Forms are available at the back of both churches, and further details from Anne Allen (anne.allen11@icloud.com) at St Nicholas' and Gill Dover (gillian.dover@gmail.com) at St Mary's.

This new Visiting Team is designed to be in addition to the work already done by Pastoral groups at St Mary's and the informal care we offer each other within the parish, not to replace those.

Thank you. Gill and Anne.

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 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 - 23rd September

Swing Night - 14th October

Murder Night - 18th November

Mulled Wine & Mince Pie

Film Night 21st December