

FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER

The summer newsletter of St Hilary's Wallasey



As August arrives, I hope you're able to enjoy some rest and refreshment over the summer. Whether you're away on holiday or staying closer to home, I pray that you'll know God's peace and presence in the weeks ahead.

Looking ahead, there's much to be excited about this autumn.

On 13 September we begin a new eleven-week sermon series in Philippians called **Following Jesus Together**. As we journey through Paul's letter, we'll ask a simple but challenging question: What kind of church are we becoming? Together we'll discover how Jesus is shaping us into a welcoming, courageous, humble, peaceful and generous community. Each week we'll return to the reminder, "Because of Jesus...", because lasting transformation is his work before it is ours.

We're also launching **Naturally Supernatural**, a six-session course beginning on 15 September. As our services continue to grow as a place of worship, prayer and expectancy, this course will help us grow in confidence in living lives empowered by the Holy Spirit including hearing God's voice and praying for healing. It will also complement our new monthly **Evening Worship** gatherings and Prayer Ministry Training as we seek to become a church that is both deeply rooted in Scripture and open to the Spirit's leading.

September also brings **Heritage Open Days**, giving us a wonderful opportunity to welcome our community into St Hilary's and share the story of God's faithfulness through the generations.

Thank you for being part of all that God is doing here. Enjoy the rest of the summer, and I look forward to seeing what God will do among us as we continue **following Jesus together**.

for Christ, for you, for 1,500 years.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Recycling Collection – Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent recycling collection. Together we donated an amazing 305kg, raising £100 for St Hilary's!

As well as supporting the church financially, the scheme also helps us work towards our *Eco Church Bronze Award* by giving unwanted textiles a new life. Thank you to everyone who donated, sorted and helped make the collection such a success.

Tue 18 Aug | In Loving Memory of Val Jones

Val Jones was a much-loved member of St Hilary's for many years and played a significant part in the life of our church. She faithfully led the Sunday School for many years, nurturing generations of children in the faith, and was a source of kindness, encouragement, and support to so many.

Her funeral will take place at Landican on Tuesday 18 August at 2.00pm.

Sat 5 Sep | Gardening Party

Join us on Saturday 5 September for our next Gardening Party as we care for the churchyard and help keep St Hilary's looking its best. Whether you can stay all morning or just drop in for an hour, your help will make a real difference. No gardening experience is needed. There'll be plenty of tea, coffee and bacon baps!

Sun 6 Sep | Creationtide Guest Speaker

We're delighted to welcome Jill Elston, the Diocese of Chester's Environment Adviser, to St Hilary's on Sunday 6 September as our guest preacher for Creationtide.

Jill has encouraged and supported churches across the diocese in their Eco Church journey, and we're looking forward to hearing her speak as we celebrate God's creation and continue our own commitment to caring for it.

Sun 13 Sep | NEW Sermon Series: Following Jesus Together (Philippians)

From Sunday 13 September, we'll begin a new eleven-week journey through Paul's letter to the Philippians. Together we'll explore what it means to be a church shaped by Jesus: a welcoming church, a courageous church, a humble church, and much more.

Each week we'll discover a simple truth beginning with the words "Because of Jesus...", helping us see how the good news transforms not just our individual lives, but our life together as a church.

Whether you're new to St Hilary's or have been following Jesus for many years, we'd love you to join us as we ask together: What kind of church is God calling us to become?

12-13, 19-20 Sep | Heritage Open Days

Our annual Heritage Open Days take place on 12–13 and 19–20 September, and we'd love as many of our church family as possible to be involved.

These weekends are a wonderful opportunity to welcome visitors into St Hilary's and share the story of our church. There'll be tower tours, the Teddy Zipline, refreshments, tuck shop, and plenty of opportunities to chat with visitors.

If you're able to help by welcoming guests, serving refreshments, stewarding, or simply being a friendly face, please speak to one of the Churchwardens. Even an hour or two would make a real difference.

Please also be praying for everyone who visits, that they would experience not only the history and beauty of our church, but also the love and welcome of Christ.

Tue 15 Sep | The Naturally Supernatural Course

Over the past year we've seen our services grow in worship, prayer, expectancy and welcome. As we continue to seek God's leading, we'd love as many people as possible to join us for *Naturally Supernatural*, six-sessions exploring what it means to live a Spirit-filled life.

Beginning on Tuesday 15 September, we'll explore: Hearing the Voice of God, Healing the Sick, and a Biblical Theology of the Holy Spirit.

Whether you're completely new to these areas or have been walking with the Holy Spirit for many years, our hope is that this won't simply be a course, but another step in becoming the kind of church God is calling us to be. Everyone is welcome!

Sun 20 Sep | Prayer Ministry Training

Join us for Prayer Ministry Training on Sunday 20 September at 4.00pm. Whether you're already part of the prayer ministry team or would like to explore serving in this way, everyone is welcome.

Sun 27 Sep | NEW Monthly Service: Evening Worship

This autumn we're beginning a new monthly Evening Worship gathering. Together we'll make space to sing and pray, listen and wait on the Holy Spirit. There'll be extended worship, times of silence, prayer ministry, and an opportunity to encounter God's presence.

Come expectant. Come as you are. Come and make room for God to speak.

Tue 29 Sep | Autumn 321 Course

Curious about Jesus? Want to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and welcoming environment? The 321 Course begins on Tuesday 29 September. Over four sessions we'll explore three surprising truths at the heart of Christianity, with plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion.

Everyone is welcome! Whether you're exploring faith for the first time or returning after many years.

MONTH BEGINNING SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

Series: Summer in the Psalms

Readings: Psalm 43; Matthew 14.13-21

Sun 2	9:30am	Parish Eucharist
	10:45am	Refreshments
	11:15am	Informal Communion
	2:00pm	Wedding
Tue 4	7:30pm	The Prayer Course
Thu 6	10:00am	Midweek Communion (BCP)

Series: Summer in the Psalms

Readings: Psalm 121; Matthew 14.22-33

Sun 9	9:30am	Parish Eucharist
	10:45am	Refreshments
	11:15am	Informal Worship
	6:30pm	Choral Evensong
Thu 13	10:00am	Midweek Communion (BCP)

Series: Summer in the Psalms

Readings: Psalm 116; Matthew 15.21-28

Sun 16	9:30am	Parish Eucharist
	10:45am	Refreshments
	11:15am	Informal Worship
Mon 17	12:00pm	Lunch Club

Series: Summer in the Psalms

Readings: Psalm 91; Matthew 16.13-21

Sun 23	9:30am	Parish Eucharist
	10:45am	Refreshments
	11:15am	Informal Worship
Tue 25	10:00am	FUSS
Thu 27	10:00am	Midweek Communion (BCP)
Sat 5	10:00am	Gardening Party

Series: Creationtide Service with Jill Elston

Readings: TBC; Matthew 18.21-35

Sun 6	9:30am	Parish Eucharist
	10:45am	Refreshments
	11:15am	Informal Communion
	1:00pm	Baptism
Thu 10	10:00am	Midweek Communion (BCP)
Sat 12	10:00am	Heritage Open Days

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

St Hilary's has stood at the heart of Wallasey for over 1,500 years, on a site of Christian worship dating back to Roman times.

Today, St Hilary's remains a living church, rooted in tradition, alive with faith, love, and open to all.

FOR YOUR PRAYER

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God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Those who are unwell including

Olga Bridger, Hilary Holden, Dot Mason, Dorothy Harris

Bereaved family and friends of those known to us including

Val Jones

If you or a loved one would like to be prayed for regularly, please contact the church office. Please ensure you have the person's permission before submitting their name.

If you would like to speak with a member of Clergy or the Ministry Team, please contact the church on 0151 630 5902 or hello@sthilarys.org

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