St. Mary's, Waterloo Park

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8th November
Remembrance Sunday
Sunday and Weekday Service

Welcome!

The Collect
God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymns
547 O God our help in ages past
62 Be still
198 For the healing of the nations
499 Make me a channel of your peace

First Reading, *Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16*
Description of Wisdom.
Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Second Reading, *1 Thessalonians 4.13-end*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

Gospel, *Matthew 25.1-13*

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the

anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Intercessions

The World: For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources.

The Church: The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishops Stephen and Sarah, Bishop Ruth, Bishop Simon, Archdeacon Pete, Interim Area Dean Louis. Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, Our Larger Single Parish, Christ the River of Life and local ecumenical partners.

The Diocese: Christchurch and Holy Trinity, Walton Breck, Four Oaks Primary, St Luke, St John, Walton, St Nathaniel, St Aidan, St Mary, Walton on the Hill , Arnot St Mary Primary School, St Paul, Emmanuel, Fazakerley, All Saints Worship Centre Kensington.

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: Hewie, Graham Forrest, Olga Gregor, Jess Farrell, Edith Keeton, Joy Billington, Revd. Gregor Cuff, Michael Mahon.

For the recently departed: Paul St John Lynch.

For the departed remembered at this time: Elizabeth Jones, Mary Wright, Christopher Davis, Edith Lander, Joan Page, William Farmer.

Notices

- **Sefton Churches' Christmas Toy Appeal:** The annual toy appeal is once again being facilitated by St Nicholas's Church this year. Hardships faced by families continue, and donations will be gratefully received. We need new toys for children of all ages. Gift

vouchers are helpful as gifts for the teenagers. Please do not wrap the gifts as they need to be sorted for age groups and gender. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Liz Sinker on 07796628901 / alsinker@hotmail.com.

We will be collecting for this appeal during our service on **Sunday 29th November,** so please do bring donations along, and we will arrange for them to be delivered to St Nicholas' Church.

Events

- **Bingo at St Faith's Parish Hall:** Our last bingo of the year will take place on **Friday 13th November** at **1:00pm**. £5 including tea and coffee, good company and cash prizes! Plus extras – raffle and a spot the ball! In aid of St Faith's Church and the Plaza Community Cinema.

- **Advent Course:** Peter Walker will be leading an Advent Course in St Mary's meeting room, beginning at **2:30pm** on **Monday 23rd November** – it will run for four Mondays. Each meeting will end at approx. 4:00pm and will be followed by Evening Prayer, for those who wish to stay. Each week we will explore one of the Advent themes of **Hope, Peace, Joy** and **Love.** The sessions will include prayer, personal reflection and Bible study and seek to link them to both Christ's mission and to our own understanding of his call to us. If you can, bring a Bible, a pen and some paper - but most of all, an open mind!

Services at St Mary's	
This Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist **Remembrance Sunday**	Janet Bissex
Monday – Thursday, 5:00pm **Evening Prayer**	

Wednesday, 10:30am **Eucharist**	Louis Johnson
Next Sunday 10:00am, Eucharist **Second Sunday before Advent**	Louis Johnson / Judith Aveling

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