

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 1st October 2017

16th Sunday after Trinity

Sidespeople today: Michael Blackburn, Linda White, John Boisson, Gail Boisson.

Next Week: Tracy O'Connell, Matthew O'Connell, Rose Rogers. John Rogers.

This morning Ted Jones will preach at our 10am Parish Communion service.
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: christchurchbeb.org.uk

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**HYMNS**  
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<i>Processional</i>	46
<i>Gradual</i>	220
<i>Offertory</i>	243
<i>Communion 1</i>	148
<i>Communion 2</i>	312
<i>Recessional</i>	532

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## Prayer for the week:

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

A HUGE "Thank You" to all those who gave their time and resources to ensure that our church looked stunning over the harvest period. School and Toddler services contributed to hundreds of people coming into our building and many commented on how beautiful the displays were. This is an important part of both our worship and mission to the local community and I'm very grateful to all those who are and who have been involved in this work.

## Thoughts for the week

"I will not deny but that the best apology against false accusers is silence and sufferance, and honest deeds set against dishonest words."

*John Milton*

"Allow yourself to think only those thoughts that match your principles and can bear the bright light of day. Day by day, your choices, your thoughts, your actions fashion the person you become. Your integrity determines your destiny."

*Heraclitus*

The first reading is from Philippians 2: 1-13.  
 If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:  
 Who, being in very nature God,  
 did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,  
 but made himself nothing,  
 taking the very nature of a servant,  
 being made in human likeness.  
 And being found in appearance as a man,  
 he humbled himself  
 and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!  
 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
 and gave him the name that is above every name,  
 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.  
 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.  
 This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Choir Practice 7-8pm**

**Coffee Club**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 10.30am**  
 There will be a talk by Roy Mayers  
 on the Salvation Army.

**Men Only**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
 7.30pm

Connect Coffee  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**October 9.30am**  
 All are very welcome.



**Wednesday**  
**4<sup>th</sup> October**  
**1.30pm**  
 Knit and Natter



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21: 23-32)

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?"

Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. John's baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or from men?" They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven', he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But if we say, 'From men' – we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet."

So they answered Jesus, "We don't know."

Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.'

"I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

"Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go.

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The first," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Ministry Team Meeting  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
2pm in the Troughton Room

Reading Group  
in Storeton Room  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
**2.00pm - 3.30pm**

Befrienders Lunch  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
12.30-2.00pm  
Troughton Room.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm**  
Talk organised by Wirral Trade  
Justice titled  
"Global Justice Now"  
at St Andrew's Parish Hall,  
Graham Road, West Kirby.

### **Christmas Day Lunch.**

There will be a meeting on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm, in the Storeton Room for anyone who might be willing and able to help with the planning and/or running of this year's event. Please do come along and feel free to bring a friend if you feel you can help in any way.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**, 6.30pm at Christ Church - **Faiths Together** Evening led by Anne Wong to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah, the Founder of the Baha'i Faith, a world religion whose principle teaching is the oneness of humankind and a vision of a just and peaceful world.

**First Aid Course:** We will be running a First Aid course this will include Defibrillator training on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 6.00pm - 9.00pm**  
If you are interested please let John Potter in the Parish Office know.

Please don't forget to contact  
Rev Paul Dempster Head of Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care on 678 5111 ext 2275 at  
Wirral Hospitals (Arrowe Park and Clatterbridge)  
if you or a loved one has been admitted and would value a visit.

**Funerals last week:** Jean Colligan, Geraldine Russell.

**Anniversaries:** William Lee-Gallon, Cyril Cliffe, Frances Roberts, John Fairbrother, May Scott, Florence Dabbs, Barbara Longhurst, Christopher Mann, Elsie Johnson, Florence Wynne, Walter Perry, Ronald Short, John Duckworth, Muriel Fraser-Smith, Shirley Roberts, Charles Brown.

If you have a concern or a thanksgiving for which you would appreciate prayer please come forward to the Lady Chapel after the service where a member of the pastoral team will pray confidentially with you.

**Prayer List:** Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Pietr Buckley, Helen Byrne, Marjorie Byrne, Yvonne Cranny, Nora Duncan, Denise Foster, Mary Garland, Paul Goulden, Simon Hayes, Pam Hollinshead, Lyndsey Howard, Charlie Isitt, Wendy Martin, Brenda McGrattan, Rita Quine, Sheila Rogers, Joanne Russell, John Russell, Ina Shorrocks, Janet Shorrocks, Sam Smith, Keira Taylor, Judy Tomlin, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Kathleen Whittaker, Whittaker Family, Cliff White, Cara Elise.

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