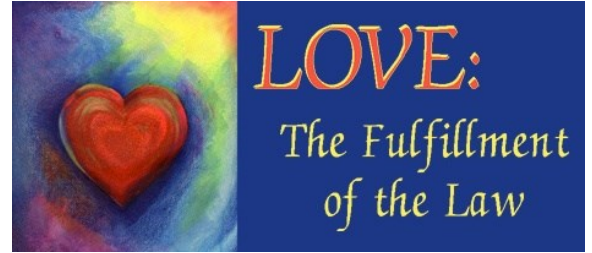


# Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Sidespeople today: Alan Abbott, Jim Lloyd, Sheila Clarke, Beryl Withy.

Next Week: Fiona Murphy, Jill Loach, Graham Loach, Liz Bird.

This morning Rev Eunice Blackmore will preach at our 10am Parish Communion  
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: [christchurchbeb.org.uk](http://christchurchbeb.org.uk)

## HYMNS

Processional	9
Gradual	73
Offertory	106
Communion 1	298
Communion 2	463
Recessional	422

## Prayer for the week:

**Almighty God,**  
**you search us and know us:**  
**may we rely on you in strength**  
**and rest on you in weakness,**  
**now and in all our days;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen**

## Thoughts for the week

The gospel being what it is and always will be, "the message of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19), our churches should be the most reconciling, peaceable, relaxed, happy places in town. We are so open to enemies, so meek in the face of insults and injuries, so forgiving toward the undeserving — if we do make people angry, let this be the reason. We refuse to join in their selfish battles. We're following a higher call. We are the peacemakers, the true sons of God. (Matthew 5:9).

Reference: Blog Post: The Ministry of Reconciliation, April 19, 2012, Used by Permission Author: [Ray Ortlund](#)

"Nothing breaks down barriers and preconceived ideas about 'Christians and Christianity' more than when we treat people the way Jesus treated His enemies."

Chip Ingram

Boulders will meet in the  
Storeton Room during the  
10am service today.



**TONIGHT 6.30pm**  
Sung Evensong

## BAPTISM WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith,  
one baptism. By one Spirit we  
are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the  
fellowship of faith;**  
**We are children of the same  
heavenly Father,**  
**we welcome you.**



The first reading is from Romans 13 (MSG)

Don't run up debts, except for the huge debt of love you owe each other. When you love others, you complete what the law has been after all along. The law code—don't sleep with another person's spouse, don't take someone's life, don't take what isn't yours, don't always be wanting what you don't have, and any other "don't" you can think of—finally adds up to this: Love other people as well as you do yourself. You can't go wrong when you love others. When you add up everything in the law code, the sum total is *love*.

But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18: 15-20)

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said: "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

First Aid Course: We will be running a First Aid course (which will include Defibrillator training) on a **Wednesday evening** towards the **end of November**. If you are interested please let John Potter in the Parish Office know.



Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September Film Morning will be showing  
'The Viceroy's House' at 10.30am.  
£3.50 admission to include unlimited light refreshments.



**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
Choir Practice 7-8pm



Connect Coffee  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 9.15am**  
All are very welcome.



Oasis Mental Health Support Group  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 1.30pm**  
in Troughton Room.  
All are very welcome.

Reading Group in Storeton Room.  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September.**  
**2.00pm - 3.30pm**



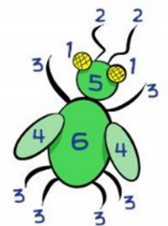
Mothers' Union Campfire  
with John Theobald on  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September**  
in Kings Hall from **7.45pm**

Thirsty Thursday in Traveller's Rest from **9pm** on **14<sup>th</sup>** . All are very welcome.



**Churches Together Prayer Walk:** Meet outside Higher  
Bebington Methodist **at 10am**. We will then walk across  
Bebington praying for local churches and communities,  
concluding with soup lunch at Lower Bebington Methodist  
Church **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 6-8pm** Rose Queen Beetle  
Drive in **Kings Hall**. Adult £3 Child £2.  
Tickets available from Rose Queen or Parish Office.  
Raffle & Light refreshments available.



Harvest Second Supper Chips and Chilli (plus alternatives)  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 6-10pm**  
Live band: Final Nails  
£4 a ticket with the opportunity to buy a 2<sup>nd</sup> supper  
on the night for charity.

The next Men's Supper Club will be on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** at The  
Oriental Delight Chinese Restaurant in Bebington. We will meet at the venue at  
7:15pm and tables are booked for 7:30pm. If you do wish to go, please let John  
Theobald know by 22<sup>nd</sup> September 645 1083 or johntheobald44@yahoo.co.uk

House Groups will recommence **week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September:-**

Monday 2.30pm	Ted Jones	Community Centre	Women in the Bible
Monday 7.45pm	Roy & Barbara Mayers	Quarry Lodge, Village Rd	Acts
Wednesday 7.30pm	Ted Jones	Community Centre	Women in the Bible
Thursday 2.00pm	June Fogg	47 Derwent Road	Hospitality
Thursday 7.45pm	Ian Murray & Jill Wright	21 Mount Park	Romans

Please sign up at back of church or with Jill Wright /Ian Murray.

The **Lewis Club** reading group will next meet in the Vicarage at **7.30pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** to explore Lewis' *"The Screwtape Letters"*. Copies are available from all major booksellers - please speak with Mike for more information. ALL are very welcome.

**Funeral last week:** Rob Parker.

**Funeral this week:**

Thursday 12.30pm Doreen Kirkwood Christ Church

**Anniversaries:** Arthur Yarker, Gertrude Duncan, Michael John Worthington, David Richard Worthington, Grace Isabel Culshaw, Sybil Fairs, Sydney Francis Kerry, Mavis Potter, Charles John Blackburn, Anne Lesley Keeley, May Penston, Helen Elizabeth Hebron.

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:** Andrew Ashman Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Pietr Buckley, Helen Byrne, Marjorie Byrne, Yvonne Cranny, Denise Foster, Mary Garland, Paul Goulden, Simon Hayes, Pam Hollinshead, Lyndsey Howard, Charlie Isitt, Wendy Martin, Brenda McGrattan, Rita Quine, Sheila Rogers, Geri Russell, 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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