

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 24th September 2017

15th Sunday after Trinity

Sidespeople today: Barbara Mayers, David Evans, Diane Shaw, Terry Cunningham.

Next Week: Michael Blackburn, Linda White, John Boisson, Gail Boisson.

This morning Rev Mike Loach will preach at our 10am all Age Worship service.
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: christchurchbeb.org.uk

<u>HYMNS</u>	
Hymn 1	534
Hymn 2	557
Hymn 3	Sheet
Hymn 4	571

Prayer for the week:

**Creator God,
You made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect this planet
and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Can this be Love?

Tonight 6.30pm

Revd. Prof. David Chester
will talk at the Fellowship
Service about how we can
reconcile our belief in a
merciful and loving God
with a world of natural and
man-made disasters.

Thoughts for the week

The name of our present society's connection to the earth is "bad work" – work that is only generally and crudely defined, that enacts a dependence that is ill understood, that enacts no affection and gives no honour. Every one of us is to some extent guilty of this bad work. This guilt does not mean that we must indulge in a lot of breast-beating and confession; it means only that there is much good work to be done by every one of us and that we must begin to do it."

Wendell Berry

Deanery Synod

**Tuesday 26th September,
7.30pm at
St. Hildeburgh's Church,
Hoylake.**

"The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face."

Pope Francis

The first reading is from James 5: 1-6 (NIVUK)

Warning to rich oppressors

Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves as in a day of feasting. You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Monday 25th September 1-3pm Card Making in Troughton Room

The Lewis Club reading group will next meet in the Vicarage at **7.30pm on Monday 25th 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.



Tuesday 26th September Choir Practice **7-8pm**

Art Club
Tuesday 26th September
10.30am - 12.30pm
Kings Hall

Connect Coffee
Wednesday 27th September 9.30am
All are very welcome.



Autumn Tea Dance
Wednesday 27th September
2.00pm-3.45pm
All Welcome

Wednesday 27th September
Men's Supper Club at The Oriental
Delight in Bebington. Meet at the
venue at **7:15pm**, tables are booked
for 7:30pm.

Friends of the churchyard
There will be a meeting to discuss
the removal of trees from the
churchyard on
Thursday 28th September at
7pm.

Reading Group in Storeton Room
Thursday 28th September
2.00pm - 3.30pm

Friday 29th September
Ladies' Night at The Acorn
From 7.00pm

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:31-46)(MSG)

The Sheep and the Goats

“When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what’s coming to you in this kingdom. It’s been ready for you since the world’s foundation. And here’s why:

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.’

“Then those ‘sheep’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?’ Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’

“Then he will turn to the ‘goats,’ the ones on his left, and say, ‘Get out, worthless goats! You’re good for nothing but the fires of hell. And why? Because—

I was hungry and you gave me no meal,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was homeless and you gave me no bed,
I was shivering and you gave me no clothes,
Sick and in prison, and you never visited.’

“Then those ‘goats’ are going to say, ‘Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or homeless or shivering or sick or in prison and didn’t help?’

“He will answer them, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you failed to do one of these things to someone who was being overlooked or ignored, that was me—you failed to do it to me.’

“Then those ‘goats’ will be herded to their eternal doom, but the ‘sheep’ to their eternal reward.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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

House Groups will recommence **week beginning 25th 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.

<p>Macmillan Coffee Morning Kings Hall 10.00am - 12.00 noon Friday 29th September All Welcome Cake donations welcome</p>	<p>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.</p>
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<u>Funerals this week</u>			
Wednesday	1.00pm	Jean Colligan	Landican Centre
Friday	11.30am	Geraldine Russell	Christ Church

Anniversaries: Christine Scott McCulloch, Eric Savage, Baby William Taylor, John Charles Holmes, Walter Charles Spinks, Stanley Hall, Christmas Thomas, Barbara Rivers, Colin Trenbirth, Hilary Stringer, Robert Evans, Reginald (Reg) Worthington, Brenda Wynne, Carl Michael Collier, Agnes May Jones, Dot Scott.

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 Shorrock, Janet Shorrock, Sam Smith, Keira Taylor, Judy Tomlin, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Kathleen Whittaker, Whittaker Family, Cliff White, Cara Elise.

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