

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 26th November 2017

Christ the King

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

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



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

*This mornings
hymns will be on the
screen.*

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.**



Fellowship Service
6.30pm tonight
celebrating the hymns
of Isaac Watts

Prayer of the week:

Stir-up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the
wills of thy faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the
fruit of good works,
may of thee be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Thoughts for the week

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to
someone's face? Did I say words of healing?
Did I let go of my anger and resentment?
Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real
questions. I must trust that the little bit of love
that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in
this world and the life to come.

Henri Nouwen

Where there is love there is life.

Mahatma Gandhi



Advent Carol Service by Candlelight
with a vigil of hope for Manchester
at **Chester Cathedral Sunday 3rd December 6.30pm**

The first reading is from 1 John 4:7-21 (NIVUK)

God's love and ours

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Card Making
Monday 27th November
at **1.00pm** in Troughton Room.

Monday 27th November
Christmas Day Lunch Planning Meeting
7.00pm in Storeton Room.

Choir practice on **Tuesday 28th November 7-8pm** in church.



Connect Coffee **Wednesday 29th November 9.30-11.45am**
All are very welcome.

Tea Dance Christmas Special **Wednesday 29th November at 2.00-3.45pm**
£2.50 to include afternoon tea

Joanne and her partner will be performing their Show Dance.



Sheep in shops - our knitted sheep are ready to go out to graze in local shops! If you are able to help herd them with Mike, please meet in the King's Hall at 11.30am on **Wednesday 29th November**. Any help would be most welcome!



The Lewis Club reading group will next meet at **7.30pm on Thursday 7th December** at the Vicarage when we will continue to look at C S Lewis' Screwtape Letters.

All are very welcome.

Mothers Union are collecting cash donations to buy Christmas presents for women in the Women's Refuge.

If you would like to donate please see Margaret, Ann, Heather or Liz.



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:31-40)

Glory to you O Lord.

The Final Judgment

When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all of his angels, he will sit on his royal throne. The people of all nations will be brought before him, and he will separate them, as shepherds separate their sheep from their goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, "My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me."

Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?"

The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Advent Course - So what are you waiting for?
4 weekly sessions on time and waiting for God
Thursdays 2.00 – 3.30 pm in Troughton room

Starts Thursday November 30th

Please see Eunice for more details; sign up sheet at the back of church.

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation



Reading Group in Storeton Room
Thursday 30th November 2.00pm - 3.30pm



Our Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on **Saturday 2nd December** between **10am and 12 Noon.**

If you are able to help at all please add your name to our sign up board in the Community Centre entrance. Thank you to everyone whose donated so far, we are very grateful for any items for this event—donations can be left in the boxes in the Church entrance.

"Men in Sheds" is a national movement that encourages people (not just men!) to come together, share skills and develop friendships...around a shed! We are hoping to start such a group at Christ Church in the New Year and Mike would LOVE to hear from anyone who might be interested in helping to set it up. It's likely to involve power tools and cake, so please spread the word!



Our Christingle service is on **Sunday 10th December at 4pm**. Please do tell family, friends and neighbours about our special seasonal services and events.

The Vicarage Christmas party is on Sunday 10th following the Christingle service (around 5.15pm) Please do come along for a glass of something warming, festive nibbles and maybe even a dance in the basement!

Called to Serve is a great opportunity to come and find out more about how you might serve God and the church. People at all different ages and stages offer themselves for Church Army, Ordained, Pastoral Worker, and Reader. It is an opportunity to listen to what you think God might be asking you to do. The event is free and held at our Diocesan Retreat and Conference Centre, Foxhill, just outside Frodsham, on **Saturday 27th January from 9.00am -3.00pm**

It includes lunch, but booking is essential via Peter Bacon at Church House (peter.bacon@chester.anglican.org or 01928 718834 ext 237)

We have had some problems with our standing order forms this year.
A revised version is available at the back of church.

Funerals this week:

Thursday 30 th	1.00pm	Irene Ada Lloyd	Landican Centre
Thursday 30 th	2.30pm	Lily Edith Rock	Christ Church
Friday 1st	2.30pm	Marion Peters	Landican South

Anniversaries: Nora Mottershead, Enid Scott, Gilbert Grainger, Doris Edith Croxton, Mavis Marjorie Carolan, Peter Harrison, Dorothy Alsbury, Elsie Nelson, David Wright, Robbie Royden, Kenneth Christian, Graham Renton, Mary Elizabeth Williams, Beatrice Alice Worthington-Roalfe, Elsie Hall, Janet Ivy Owen, Roy Whitehead, George Kirkwood.

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: Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Helen Byrne, Marjorie Byrne, Yvonne Cranny, Elsa Dowling, Nora Duncan, Denise Foster, Mary Garland, Paul Goulden, Simon Hayes, Pam Hollinshead, Lyndsey Howard, Richard Kelly, Wendy Martin, Brenda McGrattan, Lorraine Petropoulou, Rita Quine, Jeffry Robinson, Sheila Rogers, Joanne Russell, John Russell, Julie Scarsbrook, 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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