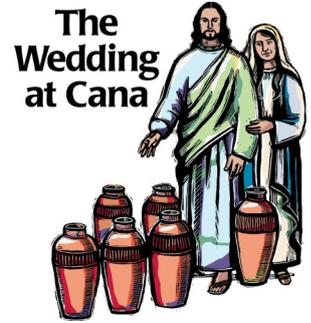


Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 21st January 2018

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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

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

This morning Rev Mike Loach will lead our 10am Parish Communion service.
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: christchurchbeb.org.uk

<u>HYMNS</u>	
<i>Processional</i>	451
<i>Gradual</i>	372
<i>Offertory</i>	106
<i>Communion 1</i>	<i>Philip</i>
<i>Communion 2</i>	<i>to play</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	228

Prayer of the week:

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Thoughts for the week

"I take literally the statement in the Gospel of John that God loves the world. I believe that the world was created and approved by love, that it subsists, coheres, and endures by love, and that, insofar as it is redeemable, it can be redeemed only by love. I believe that divine love, incarnate and indwelling in the world, summons the world always toward wholeness, which ultimately is reconciliation and atonement with God."

Wendell Berry

"Most people, when they are exposed to the Christian faith, are not being transformed. They take one step into the door, and the journey ends. They are not being allowed, encouraged, or equipped to love or to think like Christ. Yet in many ways a focus on spiritual formation fits what a new generation is really seeking. Transformation is a process, a journey, not a one-time decision."

David Kinnaman



Noisy Church Sunday 18th February at 4.00pm

a monthly interactive musical experience of Church for young families (pre-school children) with Bible stories, lots of noise, great activities and refreshments. Programme lasts less than an hour and will include teas and coffees and cake for parents.

If you are able to help with refreshments please let Eunice or Krista know.



David and Sandra Evans would like to invite everyone to join them **after morning service** for a glass of wine and cake to celebrate their marriage.

The first reading is from Psalm 128 (KJV)

Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord.

The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.

Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (2:1-11)(NIVUK)

Glory to you O Lord.

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



“Men in Sheds” Rev Mike and Alan Jackson will be visiting the Ellesmere Port Men in Sheds group on **Monday 22nd at 10am.** If you'd like to come along and get some ideas for setting up our own group, please speak with Mike or Alan.

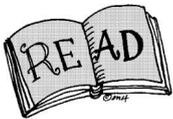
Monday 22nd January 1.30pm-3.00pm Card Making in Troughton Room

Art Café **Tuesday 23rd January** 10.30am - 12.30pm Kings Hall

Connect Café
Wednesday 24th January
9.30-11.45am
in the Community Centre
All are very welcome.



Tea Dance
Wednesday 24th January
2.00pm-3.30pm
in the Kings Hall



Reading Group **Thursday 25th January 2.00pm - 3.30pm**
in Storeton Room.

Men's Supper Club on **Thursday 25th January**
at the Villa Venezia Restaurant.
Meal booked for 7.30pm.

Charity Music Evening: Bill Hui and the "Sing Me Merseyside Choir"

Friday 26th January 7.30pm Christ Church

Guest Singer: Cally Hughes

Tickets £5 from the church office 608 4429 or on the door.

Price includes refreshments.

Proceeds to support our Carers' Group.



Christian Aid Coffee Morning
Saturday 27th January
at St. Andrew's Church Hall
10.00am-12noon

Diane Shaw will be having a nearly new stall and is asking for donations of unwanted gifts or nearly new items. These can be left in the plastic boxes in the church porch.

Rose Queen Quiz Night
Saturday 27th January
6.00pm-8.00pm

Adults £5.00 Children £2.50
Supper Included.

Please buy tickets in advance where possible to help with numbers for catering.

Fellowship Service – Sunday 28th January at 6.30pm. Please join us as we take the theme of "The Holy Land"! You may have heard that Jill and Rev Mike recently led a pilgrimage to Israel(!) and some pictures and reflections from this trip will be included.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25th January)

Once again, we are all invited to join our fellow Christians at local churches in a celebration of our shared faith and hopes for our world. At each venue (unless stated otherwise) coffee is served at 10.30am and prayers begin at 11am. Please do support this important event.

Sunday 21 st January	Lower Bebington Methodist	6.30pm
Monday 22 nd January	St Andrew's Church Lower Bebington	10.30am
Tuesday 23 rd January	Jireh Higher Bebington	10.30am
Wednesday 24 th January	Christ Church Higher Bebington	10.30am
Thursday 25 th January	Christ Church Port Sunlight	10.30am

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.

Forthcoming funerals :

George Martin 9.20am Friday 26th January Blacon Crematorium

Anniversaries: Alan Atkinson, Winifred Louise Gibson, Walter Meadowcroft, Stanley Nelson, Chris Green, John Scarffe, Jack Hussey, Mildred McGrey, Audrey May Evans, Doreen Tierney, John McGreevey, George Henry Burkey, Lewis Emrys Jones, Jean Adlard, Tilly Woods, Marc Clarke, Maurice Rawsthorne.

If you have a concern or a thanksgiving for which you would appreciate prayer please approach a member of the pastoral team who will pray confidentially with you.

Prayer List: Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Helen 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, Diane Murphy, Lorraine Petropoulou, Rita Quine, Jeffrey Robinson, Sheila Rogers, Joanne Russell, John Russell, Julie Scarsbrook, Ina Shorrocks, Janet Shorrocks, Sam Smith, Ann Tait, Keira Taylor, Judy Tomlin, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Kathleen Whittaker, Whittaker Family, Cliff White, Cara Elise.

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