

Christ Church Higher Bebington



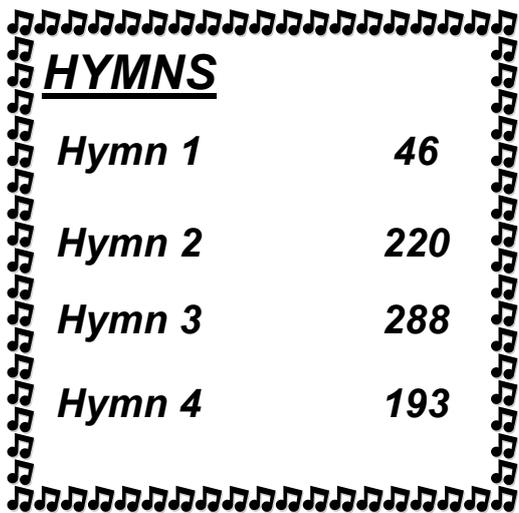
Sunday 28th January 2018

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Sidespeople today: Tracy O'Connell, Matthew O'Connell, Rose Rogers, John Rogers.

Next Week: Derek Fogg, June Fogg John Theobald, Judith Renton.

This morning Rev Eunice Blackmore will preach at our 10am Service of the Word service. Weekly sermons are available on the church website: christchurchbeb.org.uk

	<u>HYMNS</u>	
Hymn 1	46	
Hymn 2	220	
Hymn 3	288	
Hymn 4	193	

Prayer of the week:

Lord Jesus Christ
light of the nations and the glory of Israel
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God and our God.
Amen.

Thoughts for the week

"The first century money changers were in the temple, but they didn't have the spirit of the temple... They were out of sync with the whole purpose of the Lord's house. "The atmosphere of my Father's house," Jesus seemed to say, "is to be prayer. The aroma around my Father must be that of people opening their hearts in worship and supplication. This is a house for calling on the Lord."

Jim Cymbala

"The Kingdom of God is not going to be advanced by our churches becoming filled with people, but by people in our churches becoming filled with God."

Duncan Campbell

Buildings should be tools for ministry, not monuments.

Rick Warren



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.

The first reading is Psalm 84: 1-4, 8-12.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, O Lord God Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob. Look on our shield, O God; look with favour on your anointed one. Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked. For the Lord God is a sun and shield the Lord bestows favour and honour; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2: 22-40)

Glory to you O Lord.

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons”.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Friday Night Life meeting
Monday 29th January at 7pm in the Centre.

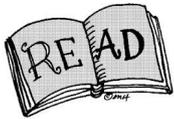
Please do come along if you're interested in exploring new and fun ways of bringing the local community together.

Games Café **Tuesday 30th January** 10.30am - 12.00pm

Connect Café
Wednesday 31st January
9.30-11.45am
in the Community Centre
All are very welcome.



Befrienders Lunch
Thursday 1st February
12.30 - 2.00pm
Troughton Room



Reading Group **Thursday 1st February 2.00pm - 3.30pm**
in Troughton Room.

Besom Conference at Hope Church, Hoylake on
Saturday 3rd February, 10am-3pm. Anyone involved in Besom's work on the Wirral or those interested in getting involved are most welcome to attend. Please see Mike or Jill Loach for further details.

An open meeting to discuss possible developments within our church building will be held in the Centre after our morning services on
Sunday 4th February starting at around 11.45am.
Everyone is welcome.

Eco meeting - Monday 5th February at 7pm in the Centre.
A meeting for anyone interested in exploring how we might improve awareness of our responsibilities to the environment and consider what more can be done on a local level. All are very welcome.



Tuesday Coffee Club
Talks by Mary Ward
St Andrew's Church plus a "Parish Presentation"
Tuesday 6th February at 10.30am
in the Kings Hall
Admission £1.00



“Men in Sheds” Rev Mike and Alan have visited the Ellesmere Port Men in Sheds group, and came back with “shedloads” of ideas so watch this space!

As a special treat for members, the PCC will be having an additional meeting on **Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm** in the Troughton Room.

Lewis Club - the group will be concluding their reading of C S Lewis' Screwtape Letters on **Thursday 8th February at 7.30pm** in the Vicarage.

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: . George Martin

Forthcoming funerals :

Norma Johnson	2.00pm	Monday 5th February	Christ Church
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Anniversaries: Stephen Ryder Jones, Joyce Williams, Doreen Alexander, Brian Roberts Rob Williamson, Colin Peter Williams, Pat Dodd, Constance Pamela (Pam) Smyth,

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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