

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 11th February 2018

Sunday next before Lent

Sidespeople today: Derek Fogg, June Fogg John Theobald, Judith Renton.

Next Week: Jim Wallace, Janet Wallace, Gill Cook, John Champion.

This morning Lay Reader Pam Hollinshead will preach at our 10am All Age worship service. Weekly sermons are available on the church website: christchurchbeb.org.uk

Hymns will be on the screen this morning.

Evensong

tonight at **6.30pm**
in the chancel.

A peaceful, contemplative service held in a special part of the church.
All are welcome.

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.**



Collect:

**Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer
with him and be changed into his
likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Thoughts for the week

Remember that vision on the Mount of Transfiguration; and let it be ours, even in the glare of earthly joys and brightnesses, to lift up our eyes, like those wondering three, and see no man any more, save Jesus only.

Alexander MacLaren

Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration.

Pope Francis

Christ illustrates the purport of life as He descends from His transfiguration to toil, and goes forward to exchange that robe of heavenly brightness for the crown of thorns.

Edwin Hubbell Chapin

Deanery Synod

Monday 12th February, 7.30pm at St John the Baptist, Meols.

The Archdeacon of Chester will be talking about "Setting God's people free", a recent publication from the Church of England aimed at encouraging and empowering all people to take their faith out into their everyday lives. There is also a particular focus on encouraging the laity to take a lead in the Church. All are welcome.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (9:2-9).

Glory to you O Lord.

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!'

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The second reading is from 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (MSG)

If our Message is obscure to anyone, it's not because we're holding back in any way. No, it's because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention. All they have eyes for is the fashionable god of darkness. They think he can give them what they want, and that they won't have to bother believing a Truth they can't see. They're stone-blind to the dayspring brightness of the Message that shines with Christ, who gives us the best picture of God we'll ever get.

Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Our confirmation service is pencilled in for **Sunday 15th April** and classes to prepare candidates (young and old!) will take place during Lent. Please speak with Mike or Eunice if you or someone you know might be interested in making this important commitment.

Lunch at the Acorn
Sun 18th February

Please see Eunice for more details

Volunteers needed to deliver letters

Please collect from the table in the entrance. Thank You.

Card Making **Monday 12th February at 1.00pm** in **Troughton Room.**

Monday 12th February 7.00pm
Summer Fair Planning Meeting in **Storeton Room.**

Tuesday 13th February 10.30am Film Morning will be showing 'Three Coins in a Fountain' in **Kings Hall.**
£3.50 admission including unlimited light refreshments.



Connect Café
Wednesday 14th February 9.30-11.45am
in the Community Centre
All are very welcome.



Oasis Mental Health Support Group
Wednesday 14th February 1.30pm
in Troughton Room.
All are very welcome.



Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm
Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday.



Reading Group **Thursday 15th February 2.00pm - 3.30pm** in Troughton Room.



Friday 16th February 7-9pm Boulders Social in Kings Hall



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.

We're hoping to run a visual interactive **Easter Experience** for our local schools around March 21st or 22nd. If you are willing to help either on the day or designing the various scenes please join us on **Monday February 19th at 10am** in the **Troughton Room.**

Lent at Christ Church: As we approach Lent, please look out for seasonal resources on the bookshelves at the back of church. Also, please do consider joining in with some of the special events taking place over the Lenten period: Compline (Night Prayer) **Every Tuesday night in Lent (starting on 20th Feb) from 8.15pm in the Chancel** and lasting for about 20 minutes.

Litter pick - Christ Church is now an official "Love where you Live" Hub! In practice, this now means that we are the custodians of 30 litter grabbers! To celebrate this fact, our local councilors have asked if we will help them tidy up Town Lane Cemetery this **Saturday (17th) between 12pm-2pm** - meet at the Town Lane gates. Please do come along and help.

Lent Film Nights

An opportunity to look at two films containing themes important to the Christian life. For each, the film will be shown in full on one week and discussion will follow (in a relaxed setting) on the following week. Please do feel most welcome to invite friends and family along (both films are certificate 12).

Wednesday 21st February: 7.30pm Film - *The Shack*

Wednesday 28th February: 7.30pm Discussion

Wednesday 21st March: Film - *Chocolat*

Wednesday 28th March: Discussion

Lent Reading group

We will be looking at "How to be a bad Christian (and a better human being)" by Dave Tomlinson. Copies can be found at most good book stores or online for around £7.

Meetings will be held at the Vicarage on the following dates:

Thursday 1st, 15th & 29th March at 7.30pm

It would be helpful if those attending could have read up to the end of chapter 6 before the first meeting. All are very welcome!

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 next week:

Wednesday 14th

3.30pm

Arina Jones

Landican South

Anniversaries: Robbie Richardson, Sybil Carberry, John Ambrose Thomas, Tom Wood, Fay Davies, Christopher Wort, Eric Williams, Wilfred Wallace Chapman, Bill Taylor, John Agnew, Bill Thomas, Robert Lindley, Avril Jones.

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, Kathleen Mary Malcolm, 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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