

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

**Sidespeople today:** Fiona Murphy, Joan Rippon, Heather Whitehead, Liz Bird.

**Next Week:** Barbara Mayers, David Evans, Diane Shaw, Terry Cunningham.

This morning our Reader Ted Jones will preach at our 10am Parish Communion.  
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: [christchurchbeb.org.uk](http://christchurchbeb.org.uk)

**HYMNS**

<i>Processional</i>	15
<i>Gradual</i>	549
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Prayer for the week

**Eternal God,**  
give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thoughts for the week

"This focus on money and power may do wonders in the marketplace, but it creates a tremendous crisis in our society. People who have spent all day learning how to sell themselves and to manipulate others are in no position to form lasting friendships or intimate relationships... Many people hunger for a different kind of society -- one based on principles of caring, ethical and spiritual sensitivity, and communal solidarity. Their need for meaning is just as intense as their need for economic security."

*Michael Lerner*

"So many people walk around with a meaningless life. They seem half-asleep, even when they're busy doing things they think are important. This is because they're chasing the wrong things. The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."

*Morrie Schwartz*



**Real Easter Eggs** - Chocolate Easter eggs, ethically sourced and carrying

the Christian message are available to buy again this year at £3.99 each. **Stockists**

**include:-** Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose and Asda or buy direct by visiting online shop [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) Alternatively, order from the Parish Office **by 6<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Confirmation classes in the Vicarage. Children's class starts at **6.30pm.** Adult's class starts at **8.00pm.**



The first reading is from 1 Corinthians 1:18-25.

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise man? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (2: 13-22).

**Glory to you O Lord.**

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!” His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

Then the Jews demanded of him, “What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

The Jews replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Coffee Club  
'Tax, Care and Toyboys'  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10.30am - 12.00noon**  
in the Kings Hall

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**  
Men Only at 27 Mount Road

On **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March from 8.15pm** there will be Compline in the Chancel lasting for about 20 minutes. This will continue every Tuesday during Lent.



**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**9.30-11.45am**  
Connect Café  
in the Kings Hall  
All are very welcome.

Churches Together in Bebington Lent Meeting at St Luke's on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Meet at 10.30am for coffee, discussion from 11am followed by light lunch.

Anyone working with children or vulnerable adults who needs to organise a DBS, please contact the Parish office to start an application. There will then be an opportunity to drop in on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30am - 12 noon** to complete the application with Mike. You will need to bring your identification documents with you. Please speak to Mike or Diane Shaw if you have any questions.



Knit and Natter  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**1.30pm - 3.30pm**  
in Community Centre

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1.00pm**  
Ministry Team Meeting

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**  
PCC Meeting in Troughton Room.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm  
Mothers' Union in Kings Hall



Reading Group **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March**  
**2.00pm - 3.30pm** in Troughton Room.

Thirsty Thursday in the Traveller's Rest 9pm on 8<sup>th</sup>. All are very welcome.



Please bring in any Children's Society collecting boxes for Richard Woolham to count.

Anyone interested in being a part of a prayer group to regularly meet and pray for the needs of our parish and the wider world please speak with Mike or Eunice.



Several members of staff at the Nat West Bank in Port Sunlight village are taking the challenge of doing a parachute jump to raise funds for the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in Chester. Should anyone wish to sponsor this event, there is a form at the back of church.



The foodbank is making an urgent plea for the following items please: tea, tinned spaghetti, shampoo, fruit squash and toothpaste. Any donations can be left in the collection boxes in the foyer of the Community Centre. Many thanks.

It is that time of year when church warden's minds turn to making lists and rotas!. The first on the horizon is the Sidespersons rota. We are very grateful for all the assistance that these people have given over the last year. Thank you so much. We would be delighted if all the current Sidepersons remain on the list. If you are unable to continue or are willing to join our merry band please let either Rhona or Gary know A.S.A.P.

St Johns, Meols have been working on a whole Parish project re-imagining the Stations of the Cross. This is open to the public from 12<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> March each day between 10am & 4pm. The *journey* is suitable for all ages. There will be prayer ministry for those who want it and refreshments.

**Funerals last week:** William Banks.

**Funerals next week:**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Valerie Craft	Landican South
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Diane Lawrence	Christ Church

**Anniversaries:** Charles Dillon, Edna Chiocchi, Annie Alexandra Hughes, Joyce Rathbone, Joyce Wilkins, Jean Lowe, Gordon Edwards, Sheila Roberts, Nancy Elizabeth Porter, Queenie Bowen, Graham Mercer, Leonard Reginald Clinch, Nevil Wade. Reginald Chalkley, David Ellis.

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, Sylvia Haswell, 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, 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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