

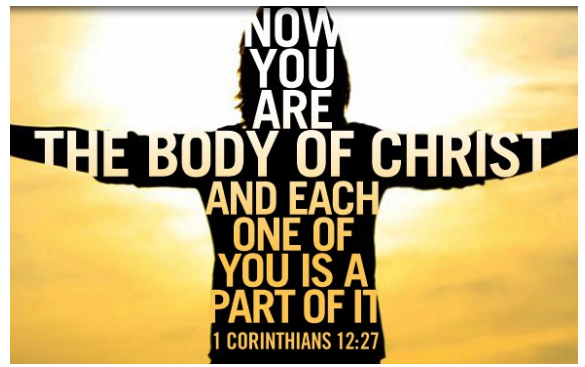
Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 18th February 2018

1st Sunday of Lent

Sidespeople today: Jill Loach, Graham Loach, Amanda Buckley, Mike Thorne.

Next Week: Alan Abbott, Jim Lloyd, Sheila Clarke, Beryl Withy.



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

HYMNS

<i>Processional</i>	55
<i>Gradual</i>	145
<i>Offertory</i>	312
<i>Communion</i>	Philip to play
<i>Recessional</i>	346

Collect:

**Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert;
Help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness your saving love
In Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.**



Noisy Church Today 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.

Thoughts for the week

How can we, ordained and lay together, enable one another to live out the Good News of Jesus in all our life, Monday to Saturday, as well as Sunday?

(Setting God's people free)

"No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."

St John Chrysostom

This morning, following the 10 o'clock service, Bruce and Jean Lippiatt will be offering her delicious bakes for sale in aid of church funds.

The first reading is from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

One Body with Many Parts

The body of Christ has many different parts, just as any other body does. Some of us are Jews, and others are Gentiles. Some of us are slaves, and others are free. But God's Spirit baptized each of us and made us part of the body of Christ. Now we each drink from that same Spirit.

Our bodies don't have just one part. They have many parts. Suppose a foot says, "I'm not a hand, and so I'm not part of the body." Wouldn't the foot still belong to the body? Or suppose an ear says, "I'm not an eye, and so I'm not part of the body." Wouldn't the ear still belong to the body? If our bodies were only an eye, we couldn't hear a thing. And if they were only an ear, we couldn't smell a thing. But God has put all parts of our body together in the way that he decided is best.

A body isn't really a body, unless there is more than one part. It takes many parts to make a single body. That's why the eyes cannot say they don't need the hands. That's also why the head cannot say it doesn't need the feet. In fact, we cannot get along without the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest. We take special care to dress up some parts of our bodies. We are modest about our personal parts, but we don't have to be modest about other parts.

God put our bodies together in such a way that even the parts that seem the least important are valuable. He did this to make all parts of the body work together smoothly, with each part caring about the others. If one part of our body hurts, we hurt all over. If one part of our body is honoured, the whole body will be happy.

Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of his body. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Singing Café **Tuesday 20th February 10.30am - 12 noon**
in Kings Hall. All are welcome.



4Cs

4 C's Carers' Group: **Tuesday 20th February at 12.15pm** in the Troughton Room. All carers past or present are welcome to join us for a light lunch and a talk by Kath Ford entitled "Memories".

Every Tuesday night in Lent **starting on 20th February from 8.15pm** there will be Compline in the Chancel lasting for about 20 minutes.



Connect Café **Wednesday 21st February 9.30-11.45am** in the Community Centre. All are very welcome.

Churches Together in Bebington Lent Meeting at Higher Bebington Methodist Chapel on **Wednesday 21st February**. Meet at 10.30am for coffee, discussion from 11am.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:9-15)

Glory to you O Lord.

The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Temptation of Jesus

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

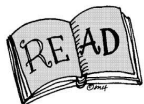
Praise to you, O Christ.



Lent Film Nights: An opportunity to look at films containing themes important to the Christian life. On **Wednesday 21st February at 7.30pm** we will be showing The Shack in the Kings Hall.

Refreshments will be available during the interval.

Discussion will follow (in a relaxed setting) on Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm in the Troughton Room. Please do feel most welcome to invite friends and family along. (The film is certificate 12).



Reading Group **Thursday 22nd February**
2.00pm - 3.30pm in Troughton Room.



Friday 23rd February Ladies night 7pm at the Acorn.



ViOla's Pop-Up Bakery will be here next **Sunday 25th February** after the 10am service. Sourdough loaves, wholemeal & white bread. Come and buy in aid of church funds.

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 26th February at 11am** in the Woodhey Room

Sunday 25th February 6.30pm Alternative Service in church.

Men's Supper Club **Tuesday 27th February** at Ella, Storeton Road, Prenton.

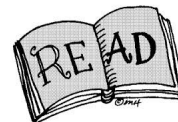
Meet 7.00pm in church car park.

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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 7th 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.

Lent Reading group meetings will be held at the Vicarage on the following dates: **Thursday 1st, 15th & 29th March at 7.30pm.**

All are very welcome!



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 who will have stocks from the middle of February in their larger stores.

Or buy direct:- by visiting online shop www.realeasteregg.co.uk. Alternatively, order from our **Parish Office by 6th March.**

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:

Monday 19 th	9.30am	Gabriella Garner	Landican South
Thursday 22 nd	1.30pm	Florence Higgin	Landican South

Anniversaries:

Jean Crawford, Joan Harris, Norma Richley, Malcolm Brown, Tom Wood.

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, Jeffry 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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