

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 18th March 2018

5th Sunday of Lent

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

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

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

HYMNS	
<i>Processional</i>	536
<i>Gradual</i>	355
<i>Offertory</i>	384
<i>Communion 1</i>	<i>Organist</i>
<i>Communion 2</i>	<i>to play</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	501

Prayer for the week

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



**Noisy Church
TODAY at 4.00pm**

Thoughts for the week

Sometimes we don't need another chance to express how we feel or to ask someone to understand our situation. Sometimes we just need a firm kick in the pants.

An unsmiling expectation that if we mean all these wonderful things we talk about and sing about, then lets see something to prove it.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Plant a word in the mind, and you will reap an act. Plant the act and you will reap a habit. Plant a habit and you will reap a character. Plant a character and you will reap a nature. Plant a nature and you will reap a destiny.

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

Knit & Natter have prepared some Easter chicks and rabbits which will be on sale **next Sunday** after the 10am service

Compline Service

Tuesday 22nd March 8.15pm

The first reading is from Hebrews 5: 5-10.

Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

And he says in another place,

“You are a priest for ever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”

During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (12: 20-33).

Glory to you O Lord.

There were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

“Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Monday 19th March Confirmation classes in the Vicarage.
Children's class starts at **6.30pm**. Adult's class starts at **8.00pm**.



Experience Easter – Our local schools will be visiting on **Monday 19th March 9.30-11.30am** and **Wednesday 21st March 1.30 – 3.30pm**. There will be opportunity for adults to access the Easter Experience on Monday from 1pm-5pm and all day Tuesday.



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

Tuesday 20th March

4Cs

4C's Carer's Group will be meeting in the Troughton Room. All carers past or present are welcome to join us for a light lunch.



Wednesday 21st March 9.30-11.45am Connect Café in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.

Churches Together in Bebington Lent Meeting at **St. John's, New Ferry** on **Wednesday 21st March**. Meet at 10.30am for coffee, discussion from 11am followed by light lunch.



Knit and Natter
Wednesday 21st March
1.30pm - 3.30pm
in Community Centre

We will be showing 'Chocolat' on **Wednesday 21st March 7.30pm** in the Kings Hall as part of the Lent film series. There will be an opportunity to discuss the film in a relaxed setting on **Wednesday 28th March** in the Troughton Room at 7.30pm.

The venue for the March Men's Supper Club is the Cheshire Yeoman in Ledsham (off the Welsh Road). A table for 16 is booked for **Wednesday 21st March**. Please let John Theobald know on 645 1083 if you are interested in attending.

'Not Quite a Reading Group' **Thursday 22nd March 2.00 - 3.30pm** in Troughton Room.

Lent Reading Group in the Vicarage. Please note we will now next be meeting to continue our reading of Dave Tomlinson's "How to be a bad Christian" on **Thursday 19th April**.

Rose Queen Bingo **Friday 23rd March** 6.00pm-8.00pm in the Kings Hall, tickets on sale from the Parish Office or on the door. Adults £3 children £2

Saturday 24th March 10am-12 noon Jewellery Sale & Coffee Morning at St. Andrew's Church Hall to support The Oak Project run by Christ Church, Birkenhead.



Tea Dance **Wednesday 28th March** 2.00pm-3.30pm All are welcome.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (29th March)– Shared supper with communion and (optional) foot washing 6.30 pm. Please sign up if you are able to join us and indicate if you are willing to provide a cooked slow cooker casserole. French bread will be provided and apple pie for dessert.

Saturday 31st March 10am - 12 noon Easter Fun Morning.

Anyone willing to help out with this event, please let Vicki Midgley or Terry Sanderson know. More details to follow.



Easter Flowers We will be decorating the church on **Saturday 31st March from 9.30am -11.30am** Any donations of flower or money will be appreciated. All Helpers Welcome.

St John Passion by J S Bach
Chester Cathedral, **Good Friday 8pm**
Chester Cathedral Choir and Eighteenth Century Sinfonia
Free entry (retiring collection)

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.

C. C. Management Team Meeting
Monday 19th March 1.30pm

Pastoral Team Meeting
Thursday 22nd March 2.00pm
Storeton Room.

Funerals last week: Janet Silcock, Kenneth Allen.

Anniversaries: Vera Sefton, Tracey Ann Jones, Eric James Patten, John Newland, Gordon Youd, Elliot Wild, Ruth Callaghan, Reginald Duncan, Florence Tomkins.

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, 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, Lorraine Petropoulou, Rita Quine, Jeffry 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, Cara Elise.

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