

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 25th February 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sidespeople today: Alan Abbott, Jim Lloyd, Sheila Clarke, Beryl Withy.

Next Week: Fiona Murphy, Joan Rippon, Heather Whitehead, Liz Bird

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

| <u>HYMNS</u> | |
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| Hymn 1 | 46 |
| Hymn 2 | sheet |
| Hymn 3 | 235 |
| Hymn 4 | 560 |

Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Alternative Service

Tonight at 6.30pm

A quiet and reflective service of
Holy Communion.
All are very welcome



Viola's Pop-Up
Bakery will be here
after the 10am

service. Sourdough loaves,
wholemeal & white bread.
Come and buy in aid of church
funds.

Thoughts for the week

Suffering is actually at the heart of the
Christian story.
Jesus Christ did not suffer so that you
would not suffer. He suffered so that when
you suffer, you'll become more like him.

Timothy Keller

He is no fool who gives what he cannot
keep to gain that which he cannot lose.
I seek not a long life, but a full one, like you
Lord Jesus.

Jim Elliot

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.

The first reading is from Acts 20:17-24

From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents. You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given

me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Confirmation classes will begin on **Monday 26th February** in the Vicarage please speak to Mike if you are interested in attending.

Card Making **Monday 26th February** at **1.00pm** in **Troughton Room.**

Art Café **Tuesday 27th February** **10.30am**



Lent Film Nights: There will be an opportunity to discuss last weeks' film "The Shack" on **Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm** in the Troughton Room. Please do feel most welcome to invite friends and family along. Refreshments will be served

On **Tuesday 28th February from 8.15pm** there will be Compline in the Chancel lasting for about 20mins. This will continue every Tuesday during Lent.



Connect Café **Wednesday 28th February 9.30-11.45am** in the Community Centre. All are very welcome.

Many congratulations to Nora Duncan who celebrates her 100 birthday on **Wednesday 28th February!** Rev Mike has signed a special card on behalf of all of us, which we will be sending together with a basket of spring plants. Knit and Natter members are giving her a lovely shawl. We wish her a very special time with all her family.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (8: 38)

Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus Predicts His Death

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said:

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Churches Together in Bebington Lent Meeting at Christ Church Port Sunlight on **Wednesday 28 February**. Meet at 10.30am for coffee, discussion from 11am.

Thursday 1st March 12.30pm Befrienders Lunch in Troughton Room



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



We're hoping to run a visual interactive Easter Experience for our local schools on March 19th and 21st 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.

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.



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

Meet 7.00pm in church car park.

John Theobald 645 1083

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



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.



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 last week: Gabriella Garner and Florence Higgins.

Funerals next week:

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| Thursday 1 st | 12.00noon | William Banks | Landican Centre |
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Anniversaries: Patricia May Benson, George Stanley (Stan) Chiocchi, Frederick Fox, Martha Brown, Megan Rhonwen Shaw, Robert Howarth, Elizabeth Marion Porter, Lisa Light, Jean Christian, Elaine Johnson, Mona Hall, Charles Dillon, Edna Chiocchi, Anne Alexandra Hughes.

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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