

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 25th March 2018

Palm Sunday

Sidespeople today: Tracy O'Connell, Matthew O'Connell, John Rogers, Rose Rogers.

Next Week: Derek Fogg, June Fogg, John Theobald, Judith Renton.

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

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<i>Processional</i>	309
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Prayer for the week

**True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love
you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.**

Thoughts for the week

I am sure that there are many Christians who will confess that their experience has been very much like my own—that we had long known the Lord without realizing that meekness and lowliness of heart should be the distinguishing feature of the disciple, as they were of the Master. Such humility is not a thing that will come on its own. It must be made the object of special desire, prayer, faith and practice.

Andrew Murray

We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.

Brother Lawrence

Fellowship Service
tonight at 6.30pm

A huge "**THANK YOU**" to all those who contributed to make our "Experience Easter" event such a success. Teachers, parents and children all enthused about the experience and it really did seem to connect people with the Easter story. Well done!

Easter Cards are here! PLEASE help us to get the cards out this week by taking as many as you can and, if possible, returning in the week to pick up what's left. We need a very special effort to get them out on time, but I have every confidence...!

The first reading is from Philippians 2: 5-11 (International Children's Bible)

Be Unselfish Like Christ

In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus.

Christ himself was like God in everything. He was equal with God. But he did not think that being equal with God was something to be held on to. He gave up his place with God and made himself nothing. He was born as a man and became like a servant. And when he was living as a man, he humbled himself and was fully obedient to God. He obeyed even when that caused his death—death on a cross. So God raised Christ to the highest place. God made the name of Christ greater than every other name. God wants every knee to bow to Jesus—everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. Everyone will say, “Jesus Christ is Lord” and bring glory to God the Father. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (12:12-16).

Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus comes to Jerusalem as king

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, ‘Hosanna!’ ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ‘Blessed is the king of Israel!’

Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written:

‘Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.’

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realise that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Congratulations to our wonderful organist, Philip, for directing an incredibly successful production of "Fiddler on the Roof" at Birkenhead School. Several of our members attended and all commented on the professional quality of the performance and their overall enjoyment of the evening.

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

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)

Services at Christ Church during Holy Week

Tues. 27th March	8.15pm	Compline
Wed 28th March	10.30am	Communion
Maundy Thursday	6.30pm	Holy Communion followed by stripping of the altars
Good Friday	10.45pm	Meet at church to walk behind the cross to Teehey lane shops for the Churches Together witness. Refreshments at the British legion club afterwards
	2.00pm	Hour at the foot of the cross
Holy Saturday	7.30pm	Easter Vigil - a short reflective service of anticipating the coming light.
Easter Sunday	8.30am and 10am	Celebration Communion
Easter Sunday	6.30pm	Easter Praise Top 10

Tuesday 27th March 10.30am Art Café in Kings Hall.

Wednesday 28th March 9.30-11.45am Connect Café in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.



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

There will be an opportunity to discuss the film "Chocolat" in a relaxed setting on **Wednesday 28th March** in the Troughton Room at **7.30pm**.

'Not Quite a Reading Group' **Thursday 29th March 2.00 - 3.30pm** in Troughton Room.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (29th March)– Shared supper with communion and (optional) foot washing 6.30 pm. Sign up **today** 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. Please bring drinks to share.

Saturday 31st March 10am - 12 noon Easter Coffee Morning & Egg Hunt (50p for children). **Any willing bakers, please could you prepare cakes for the Easter Coffee morning and let Vicki or Terry know.**



Christ's Passion For Wirral

Four days, Three parks, Two rivers, uncover the Easter Story on a fun filled weekend of music, art and drama for all the family.
For more information visit www.wirralpassionplay.co.uk.



PLEASE could anyone with a Children's Society collection box drop it to the Parish Office for the attention of Richard Woolham.

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**.

The Summer Fair will be on **Saturday 23rd June** from 2.00pm-5.00pm
donations of screw top wine bottles both full and empty are required.

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.

Anyone interested in attending **Big Church Day Out** can pick up a flyer in Church this morning. Booking and payment to be made by **15th April**.
(See Ian Millington for more information).

Anniversaries: John Elwyn Legge Jane Louise Heley, Maureen Hemmings, Myra Rowan, George Jones, Roy Faulkner, Brenda Blackburn, Dorothy Benley, Elsie Marion Ritchie, Donald Anderson, Rita Cann,

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, Whittaker Family, Cara Elise.

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