

Christ Church Higher Bebington

MY LORD and MY GOD



Sunday 8th April 2018

Second Sunday of Easter

Sidespeople today: Jim Wallace, Janet Wallace, Gill Cook, John Champion.

Next Week: Jill Loach, Graham Loach, Amanda Buckley, Mike Thorne.

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

| <u>HYMNS</u> | |
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| <i>Processional</i> | 46 |
| <i>Gradual</i> | 232 |
| <i>Offertory</i> | 480 |
| <i>Communion 1</i> | 69 |
| <i>Communion 2</i> | 56 |
| <i>Recessional</i> | 228 |

Prayer for the week

**Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and
peace, to the praise of God the Father
Amen.**

Thoughts for the week

"Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness."

Floyd W. Tomkins

"The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake."

Basil C. Hume



**Sung Evensong
6.30pm**

Thank you to all who contributed to make our Holy Week services and events so poignant and memorable. Our Maundy Thursday supper and reflections, the Good Friday outreach and meditations, the stunningly popular Holy Saturday coffee morning and egg hunt, the Easter vigil and Easter Sunday celebrations were all very well received and offered our community a genuine opportunity to connect with the spiritual themes of the season. I was very proud!

Huge thanks to all those who gave so much time and effort to deliver around 4500 cards around the parish in under 4 days! It was a considerable achievement and succeeded in making important connections and bringing some new faces to our services and events.

Please come and support our eight Confirmation candidates at our Confirmation service with the Bishop of Birkenhead on **Sunday 15th April at 10am.**

The first reading is from 1 John 1: 1-2:2.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Film Morning on **Tuesday 10th April 10.30am** will be showing “Wonder” in the Kings Hall. £3.50 donation including unlimited light refreshments.

**Wednesday 11th April
9.30-11.45am**

Connect Café in the Kings Hall.
All are very welcome.



Wednesday 11th April 1.30pm

Oasis Mental Health Support
Group in Troughton Room.
All are very welcome.



‘Not Quite a Reading Group’

Thursday 12th April 2.00 - 3.30pm
in Troughton Room.

Thirsty Thursday in the Traveller's
Rest 9pm on **Thursday 12th April.**
All are welcome.

Art Club Friday 13th April 2.00pm-4.00pm



Noisy Church
**Sunday 15th
April at 4.00pm**

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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20: 19-31).

Glory to you O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A service of thanksgiving for Andrew Scaife (Hospital Chaplain) will take place on **Saturday 14th April at 2.00pm** at St Luke's Methodist Church Hoylake.

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.**

Knit & Natter would like to thank everyone who bought their Easter chicks and rabbits. We raised £175 which will be shared for the Community Centre and the organ fund.

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



The Church Electoral Roll is being revised for the Annual Meeting on 29th April. Please check that you are on the current roll, if your name is not on the list please complete and return an application form (available in the red box). If any of your details have changed since you were entered on the roll, please advise Catherine Scott. All additions or amendments need to be notified by **Saturday 14th April**. Any queries, please speak to Catherine Scott, Electoral Roll Officer.

Men's Supper Club: on **Wednesday 25th April** at the White Lion in Childer Thornton. The table is booked for 7.30pm. There is a limit of 17 places so be in touch as soon as you can. Thanks John Theobald 645 1083

There will be an opportunity to see a short DVD of the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land on **Sunday 13th May 3.15pm**. Tickets £5 will include a cream tea and will be available from Jill Wright or the Parish Office.

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

Paul Goulden's funeral will take place at the Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church, Altway, Aintree Village L10 2LG on **Friday 13th April at 11.30am**. Donations in memory of Paul will be made to KIND (A Liverpool Children's Charity)

Funerals next week:

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| Monday 9 th | 12 noon | George Hunter | Christ Church |
| Wednesday 11 th | 11.30am | Edna Kathleen Whittaker | Landican South |
| Friday 13 th | 11.00am | Barbara Jean Bradshaw | Landican Centre |
| Friday 13 th | 2.00pm | Thomas Roy Bentley | Christ Church |

Anniversaries: John Anderson, William Raymond Jones, Samuel Ledsome Williams, Harold Dwerryhouse, Audrey Furlong, Bernard Ryan, Arthur Cook, Joyce Johnson, Muriel Hannah Garland, James Henry Williams.

Prayer List: Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Yvonne Cranny, Elsa Dowling, Nora Duncan, Denise Foster, Mary Garland, Sylvia Haswell, Simon Hayes, Pam Hollinshead, Lyndsey Howard, Richard Kelly, Kathleen Mary Malcolm, Wendy Martin, Brenda McGrattan, 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, Whittaker Family, Cara Elise.

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