

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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

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

This morning we welcome the Bishop of Birkenhead, The Rt. Revd. Keith Sinclair to our Confirmation service and our candidates Bradley Cottrell, Oliver Cottrell, Freya Fury, Benjamin Hatch, Andrew Potter, Georgina Smiley, Thomas Taplin and Jack Wilkinson and their family and friends.

<u>HYMNS</u>	
Processional	134
Gradual	52
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### Prayer for the week

**Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen**



Noisy  
Church  
Today at  
4.00pm

### Thoughts for the week

"Journeying is the art of looking toward the horizon, thinking where I want to go but also enduring the fatigue of the journey, which is sometimes difficult. ... There are dark days, even days when we fail, even days when we fall ... but always think of this: Don't be afraid of failures. Don't be afraid of falling. What matters in the art of journeying isn't not falling but not staying down. Get up right away and continue going forward. This is what's beautiful: This is working every day, this is journeying as humans. But also, it's bad walking alone: It's bad and boring. Walking in community, with friends, with those who love us, that helps us. It helps us to arrive precisely at that goal, that 'there where' we're supposed to arrive."

*Pope Francis on the Christian life*

Nomination forms are available at the back of church for new Church Wardens and PCC Members to be elected at the **APCM on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April**. Should anyone wish to become a sidesperson, please speak to Rhona or Gary.

Booking & payment for anyone attending the Big Church Day Out need to be made by **today**. See Ian Millington for more info.

The first reading is from Acts 3: 12-19.

Peter said: "Men of Israel, why are you surprised? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24: 36b-48).

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Jesus stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm**

Summer Fair Planning Meeting in Storeton Room.  
All are very welcome.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**

An opportunity to discuss plans for Remembrance celebrations to mark the end of WW1. All are very welcome.



Singing Café **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am - 12 noon** in Kings Hall. All are welcome.

4C's Carer's Group will be meeting in the Troughton Room on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 12.15pm.**

All carers past or present are welcome to join us for a light lunch and a talk by Anne Jones entitled "Youthful Years in Birkenhead".

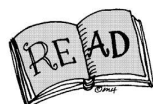
**4Cs**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-11.45am**

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



Knit and Natter  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm - 3.30pm**  
in Community Centre



'Not Quite a Reading Group' **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2.00 - 3.30pm** in Troughton Room.

Lewis Reading Group in the Vicarage will continue our reading of Dave Tomlinson's "How to be a bad Christian" on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.**

Men's Supper Club: on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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.



**REVISED ELECTORAL ROLL:** The booklet containing the newly revised Church electoral roll for 2018 is available for viewing. It is in the red box on the table at the back of the Church. All those listed are entitled to vote at the **Annual General Meeting on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018.** No amendments or additions may be made until after the meeting.



CARPET BOWLING

The Carpet Bowls group is hoping to start next month on Friday mornings. Please do spread the word amongst anyone you may know who might be interested.

As Mike has been struggling to keep a day off on Fridays he has decided to move it to a Tuesday. Any urgent pastoral needs or enquiries can be directed to our Church Wardens, Gary & Rhona or our Pastoral worker June Fogg.

There will be an opportunity to see a short DVD of the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June** from **2.00pm-5.00pm**. Donations of screw top wine bottles both full and empty will be greatly appreciated.



The foodbank is making an urgent plea for the following items please: tea, tinned spaghetti, shampoo, fruit squash and toothpaste. Any donations can be left in the collection boxes in the foyer of the Community Centre. Many thanks.

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.



If you wish to join a housegroup this term please do sign the sheet at the back of church. See group leaders for topics and start dates.

#### **Funerals last week:**

George Hunter, Edna **Kathleen** Whittaker,  
Barbara Jean Bradshaw, Thomas Roy Bentley.

Anniversaries: Archibald Dalziel, Elsie M. Jones, Irene Swann, Elsie Roberts, Maud Elsby, Harold Taylor, Matthew Siddorn.

**Prayer List:** Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Yvonne Cranny, Elsa Dowling, Nora Duncan, Denise Foster, 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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