

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 22nd April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

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

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

<u>HYMNS</u>	
<i>Processional</i>	17
<i>Gradual</i>	220
<i>Offertory</i>	4
<i>Communion 1</i>	<i>Organist</i>
<i>Communion 2</i>	<i>Organist</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	532

Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into
one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Contemplative Service tonight at **6.30pm.**

Please do join us as we
welcome Revd Sue Talbot
who will be speaking about
"finding the holy in the
everyday".

Thoughts for the week

We often think of great faith as something that happens spontaneously so that we can be used for a miracle or healing. However, the greatest faith of all, and the most effective, is to live day by day trusting Him. It is trusting Him so much that we look at every problem as an opportunity to see His work in our life.

Rick Joyner

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

"... it is presumptuous in me to wish to choose my path, because I cannot tell which path is best for me. I must leave it to the Lord, Who knows me, to lead me by the path which is best for me, so that in all things His will may be done."

Teresa of Ávila, Interior Castle

The first reading is from Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10: 1-16

Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus said: "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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



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.

Tuesday 24th April 10.30am
Art Café in Kings Hall.

Wednesday 25th April 9.30-11.45am
Connect Café in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.



Men's Supper Club: on **Wednesday 25th April** at the White Lion in Childer Thornton. The table is booked for 7.30pm. Thanks John Theobald 645 1083



'Not Quite a Reading Group' **Thursday 26th April 2.00 - 3.30pm** in Troughto Room.

SCOUT JAMBOREE FUNDRAISING - SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Edwin Price is one of four scouts from Bebington district selected to attend the World Scout jamboree in West Virginia next year. If you would like to take part in the group's competition to grow the tallest sunflower he will be selling kits for £2 after the service. Family cinema tickets to be won. A selection of vegetable seeds and tomato plants will also be available.

Ahead of the APCM (29 April) advance copies of the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement for 2017 are available at the back of church along with hard copies of the Annual Report for anyone who is unable to access it electronically.

Hi everyone. Just a short note from Knit and Natter- many thanks to all who bought our chicks and rabbits- a great success in fund raising. We are busy all year round making things for good causes. Please come and join us as many hands and all that!
All are welcome - bring your own knitting if you wish. It is a good opportunity to make new friends and even learn new skills.

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 29th April 2018.** No amendments or additions may be made until after the meeting.



CARPET BOWLING

Indoor bowling in the Centre will be starting on May 11th from 10am-1pm. We have 2 mats and several sets of bowls for people to borrow. Mike would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to serve tea and coffee between 11am-12pm and/or be able to bake a cake. All ages/abilities are very welcome.

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 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.



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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