

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Sidespeople today:** Fiona Murphy, Joan Rippon, Heather Whitehead, Liz Bird.

**Next Week:** Barbara Mayers, David Evans, Diane Shaw, Terry Cunningham.

This morning Rev. Mike Loach will lead our 10am All Age Worship service.  
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: [christchurchbeb.org.uk](http://christchurchbeb.org.uk)

**Hymns will be on the screen this morning.**

## **BAPTISM WELCOME**

There is one Lord, one faith,  
one baptism. By one Spirit we  
are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the  
fellowship of faith;  
We are children of the same  
heavenly Father,  
we welcome you.**



## **APCM**

**11.30am Today**



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.

## Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

## Thoughts for the week

You will find as you look back upon your life  
that the moments that stand out, the moments  
when you have really lived, are the moments  
when you have done things in a spirit of love...  
The test of a man then is not, 'How have I  
believed?' but 'How have I loved?' The test of  
religion, the final test of religion, is not  
religiousness, but love. Not what I have done,  
not what I have believed, not what I have  
achieved, but how I have discharged the  
common charities of life.

*Henry Drummond*

"It is only with gratitude that life becomes  
rich!"

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

The first reading is from Acts 8: 26-40 (MSG)

Later God's angel spoke to Philip: "At noon today I want you to walk over to that desolate road that goes from Jerusalem down to Gaza." He got up and went. He met an Ethiopian eunuch coming down the road. The eunuch had been on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and was returning to Ethiopia, where he was minister in charge of all the finances of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. He was riding in a chariot and reading the prophet Isaiah.

The Spirit told Philip, "Climb into the chariot." Running up alongside, Philip heard the eunuch reading Isaiah and asked, "Do you understand what you're reading?"

He answered, "How can I without some help?" and invited Philip into the chariot with him. The passage he was reading was this:

As a sheep led to slaughter, and quiet as a lamb being sheared,  
He was silent, saying nothing.

He was mocked and put down, never got a fair trial.

But who now can count his kin since he's been taken from the earth?

The eunuch said, "Tell me, who is the prophet talking about: himself or some other?" Philip grabbed his chance. Using this passage as his text, he preached Jesus to him.

As they continued down the road, they came to a stream of water. The eunuch said, "Here's water. Why can't I be baptized?" He ordered the chariot to stop. They both went down to the water, and Philip baptized him on the spot. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of God suddenly took Philip off, and that was the last the eunuch saw of him. But he didn't mind. He had what he'd come for and went on down the road as happy as he could be.

Philip showed up in Azotus and continued north, preaching the Message in all the villages along that route until he arrived at Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2pm**

Building and Finance Meeting

Men Only

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm**



**Coffee Club**

with Callie and Sue Yates

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10.30am**

Admission £1 all welcome.



Knit and Natter

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**1.30pm - 3.30pm**

in Community Centre

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



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15: 1-8).

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Jesus Is Like a Vine

“I am the true vine; my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that does not produce fruit. And he trims and cleans every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. You are already clean because of the words I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can produce fruit alone. It must remain in the vine. It is the same with you. You cannot produce fruit alone. You must remain in me.

“I am the vine, and you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I remain in him, then he produces much fruit. But without me he can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, then he is like a branch that is thrown away. That branch dies. People pick up dead branches, throw them into the fire, and burn them. Remain in me and follow my teachings. If you do this, then you can ask for anything you want, and it will be given to you. You should produce much fruit and show that you are my followers. This brings glory to my Father.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

PCC Meeting  
**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 12.30pm**  
Befrienders Lunch in  
Troughton Room

**Friday 4th May, 7-9pm**  
Boulders' Cellar Night. Games and  
a chance to hang out with friends  
for all children of secondary  
school age.



**EUROVISION FUN NIGHT (ROSE QUEEN FUNDRAISER)**

Jennifer's final event will be held on **Saturday 12th May 7-9pm.**

Enjoy some Eurovision Fun! Quizzes, Music, Desserts and Fancy Dress for those that want to! (contest will be shown in full for those who wish to stay and watch). Tickets available after the service or from the Parish Office: £3 Adults and £2 Children.

We're looking for volunteers once again..... and just wondered if any of you are free this coming **Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-3 pm.** We have year 2 (I think) from Brackenwood Infants coming – split into 2 groups – an hour each 1-2 pm and 2-3 pm. See Eunice if you are able to help.

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

**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 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:** Sally Gouldson.

**Anniversaries:** Dennis Miller, John Morgan, Joyce Entwistle, Thomas Tierney, Jessie Hillhouse, John Evans, William M. Bosworth, Annie Frances Meadowcroft, Elizabeth Whittaker, E. Ashton Hebron, Robert Gillis, Clive Palmer, Cyril Adams, James Curtis, Cath Reece, Anthony Fawcett, Sheila Holcroft, Elsie Roche, Beryl Preston, Dorris May Thwaites, Stephen Michael Berry, Audrey Smith, Cuthbert Cave, Doris Bolton, Albert Edwin Grey.

**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, 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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