

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 2nd September 2018

14th Sunday after Trinity

Sidespeople today: Michael Blackburn, Linda White, John Boisson, Gail Boisson.

Next Week: Tracey O'Connell, Matthew O'Connell, Rose Rogers, John Rogers.

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>	
<i>Processional</i>	26
<i>Gradual</i>	69
<i>Offertory</i>	500
<i>Communion 1</i>	73
<i>Communion 2</i>	148
<i>Recessional</i>	494

Prayer for the week:

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Noisy Church Today at 4pm

Now every 1st Sunday of the month.
Many new instruments,
Programme includes noise, Bible
stories, great activities and
refreshments for all.
Designed for Pre-school children
and families.



Standing Committee Meeting
Monday 3rd September
at 2pm in the Centre

Building and Finance
Committee Meeting
Monday 3rd September
At 7.30pm in the Centre

Thoughts for the week:

"The Pharisees minded what God spoke,
but not what He intended. They were busy
in the outward work of the hand, but
incurious of the affections and choice of
the heart. So God was served in the letter,
they did not much inquire into His purpose;
and therefore they were curious to wash
their hands, but cared not to purify their
hearts."
Jeremy Taylor

"Flatter not thyself in thy faith in God if
thou hast not charity for thy neighbour."
Francis Quarles

"With their doctrine they build, and with
their lives they destroy."
Augustine

The reading is from James 1: 17-27

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do.

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

House Groups will start in September. There are four groups planned for this term with the first group starting on **Monday 3rd September**. All are welcome to attend please sign the list information at the back of church. If you would like more information please contact Ian Murray on 07709761781

Men Only Tuesday 4th September
7.45pm meet at 27 Mount Road

PCC Meeting
Wednesday 5th September 7.30pm



Wednesday 5th September 9.30-11.45am
Connect Café in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.

Men in Sheds - Planning meeting Wednesday 5th September at 11.30am....in the shed. All Welcome.



Knit and Natter
Wednesday 5th September
1.30pm - 3.30pm
in Community Centre.



Thursday 6th September
12.30pm
Befrienders Lunch in
Troughton Room



'Not Quite a Reading Group' **Thursday 6th September**
2.00 - 3.30pm in Storeton Room.

Organ Recital by Liverpool
Cathedral's organist Ian Tracey
Christ Church Port Sunlight **Saturday**
8th September at 7.30pm.



Ladies Night
Meet at the Acorn 7pm
Friday 7th September

Hear the gospel according to Mark (7: 1-8, 14, 15, 21-23)

Glory to you, O Lord

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the market-place they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, 'Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?'

He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules." You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.' Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, 'Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.' For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.'

Praise to you, O Christ

Men's Supper Club Wednesday 19th September at Noya Mediterranean Restaurant, Upton. Table booked for 7.30pm Contact John on 645 1083.

Rachel's first Rose Queen event is coming up soon, all welcome for the **Beetle Drive** on **Saturday 22nd September** Doors open 5.30pm for 6pm Start Ticket available next week.

A celebration evening to pay tribute to and remember Paul Goulden.

Saturday 13th October 7 pm (in church)

Paul was our organist and musical director for over 12 years. Many of his friends from his "world of music" will be performing. All are very welcome


Refreshments will be served during the interval.

Calling all volunteers!!

There's lots of opportunities ... would you be willing to consider any of the following

- **Helping with cleaning** – please contact Diane Shaw
- **Sunday club** – sharing the good news of Jesus with children – Sundays 10am during term time – please let Krista or Eunice know
- **First Tuesday morning** of the month – an opportunity to lead or assist with a new Church-run activity – please speak to Mike or Eunice
- **Harvest supper – Saturday 29th September** – please see Libby Potter

Sitting by the well Quiet Day at Foxhill **Thursday 27th September** 9.30am - 4.00pm £22 per person which includes lunch and refreshments. Please let Eunice or Pam know if you are interested.

Blackpool Coach Trip Sunday 21st October. The coach will be leaving Christ Church at 10am. We will have a service of Holy Communion en route in the coach. (bibs optional!!) On arrival there will be some free time until we will leave Blackpool at 6pm. Our journey home will include a drive through the lights arriving back at 9pm. All ages welcome - the cost is £10 per adult £5 per child.  Please sign the sheet at the back of church or see Tracy O'Connell for more details.

Anyone for Pie on Friday 5th October Birkenhead Operatic are performing Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd the Demon Barber of Fleet Street" at the Royal Court Liverpool. If we sell 50 tickets BOST will come to Christ Church and host a Musicals Concert for us in Spring 2019 as a fundraiser for the Organ Fund. Don't delay - contact Ian Millington for tickets on email icdcmilli@sky.com, or text 07952 099114, or call 0151 334 8560.

Congratulations to Sam, and Audrey Smith who are celebrating their 66th Wedding Anniversary on 6th September.

Please speak with Mike or Sarah if you know anyone who would benefit from using our Respite Room in the Vicarage for short time recovery/TLC .

Please don't forget to contact Rev Paul Dempster Head of Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care on 678 5111 ext 2275 at Wirral Hospitals (Arrowe Park and Clatterbridge) if you or a loved one has been admitted and would value a visit.

Funerals next week:

Friday 7th September	2.00pm	Lilian Buckley	Landican Centre
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Anniversaries:

Benjamin Jones, Christopher Hamilton, Brenda Dodd, Dorothy (Dot) Emmas, Brian Stewart, Bill Holcroft, Richard Thomas Gateland, Diana Heckle, Do Lattin, Jean Colligan, George Smyth, Jack Evans.

Prayer List: Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Yvonne Cranny, Elsa Dowling, Nora Duncan, David Evans, Denise Foster, Sylvia Haswell, Simon Hayes, Pam Hollinshead, Lyndsey Howard, Richard Kelly, Kathleen Mary Malcolm, Wendy Martin, Brenda McGrattan, Heather Millington, Caroline Murphy, Eunice Pass, Lorraine Petropoulou, Rita Quine, Jeffrey Robinson, Sheila Rogers, Joanne Russell, John Russell, Ina Shorrocks, Janet Shorrocks, Sam Smith, Ann Tait, Keira Taylor, Roisin Terris, Judy Tomlin, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Whittaker Family, Cara Elise.

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