

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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

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

This morning Rev. Mike Loach will lead our 10am Service of the Word. We also welcome Alan and Doreen McGraa who will share their experiences of mission work in Uganda.

Weekly sermons are available on the church website: [christchurchbeb.org.uk](http://christchurchbeb.org.uk)

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<i>Processional</i>	13
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Prayer for the week:

**Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

**Tonight 6.30pm**  
Fellowship Service  
'The Saints of the South'



**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
(doors open at **6pm**). Jacket potato and hot filling supper with delicious puddings to follow! Barn dance & raffle. Bring your own drinks. Donations of raffle prizes appreciated in the box in the church foyer. Tickets from Libby & John Potter. Adults £6, child under 16 £4, under 5s free.

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*

We seldom realize fully that we are sent to fulfil God-given tasks. We act as if we were simply dropped down in creation and have to decide to entertain ourselves until we die. But we were sent into the world by God, just as Jesus was. Once we start living our lives with that conviction, we will soon know what we were sent to do. *Henri J. M. Nouwen*

The first reading is from 1 John 4:7-21 New International Version - UK  
God's love and ours

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: in this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 10am** Town Lane Infant School Harvest Festival.

**Art Club Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
9.30-11.45am**

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



**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
2.00-3.45pm**

Tea Dance in the Kings Hall.  
All are very welcome.



'Not Quite a Reading Group' **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
2.00 - 3.30pm** in Storeton Room.



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (28: 16-20)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The great commission

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



**Indoor bowls** is on again on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September** from **10am-12noon**. All are very welcome and please do invite friends and neighbours along.

Churches Together Harvest Prayer Walk on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September** leaving from Christ Church at 10am, stopping at St. Andrew's church at approx. 11.35am and returning to Christ Church for a light lunch at about 12.30pm. The walk will include an opportunity to pray for all the churches in the area, as well as the communities they serve.



**Wanted (urgently!) - helpers to provide a soup lunch in the Centre this Saturday at 12.30pm for hungry ramblers returning from the Harvest Walk. Please speak with Mike or Sarah if you can help.**

The church will be decorated for Harvest on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September** from **10am - 12 noon**. Everyone is welcome to come along. Please bring any flowers, fruit, harvest gifts to decorate church with.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10am** All Age Worship and Rose Queen Parade for Harvest. Please bring donations of non perishable food items which will be shared between Charles Thompson Mission, Wirral Ark and the Wirral Foodbank.

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

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.*



**Lewis Club reading group** – This group meets to read and discuss interesting and provocative works from some of the key writers of faith. We will next be looking at *God With Us: The Meaning Of The Cross And Resurrection - Then And Now*, by Rowan Williams. We are a mixed group with all sorts of backgrounds and anyone is welcome to join. Our next meeting will be at the Vicarage on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**. For further details, please speak to Mike.



**Blackpool Coach Trip Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October.** The coach will be leaving Christ Church at 10am. 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.

**100 Club August Winners**

£104 raised for the Centre

1<sup>st</sup> Lynn Ion

2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Williams

3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Davies

**100 Club September Winners**

£104 raised for the Centre

1<sup>st</sup> Debs Kazuba

2<sup>nd</sup> Libby Potter

3<sup>rd</sup> Ann Davies

Pam Hollinshead would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support following her recent surgery.

**Funerals this week:**

Wednesday	12.30pm	Eva Hill	Landican South
Thursday	1.30pm	Comfort Blessing	Toxteth Cemetery

**Anniversaries:** Christine Scott McCulloch, Eric Savage, Baby William Taylor, John Charles Holmes, Walter Charles Spinks, Stanley Hall, Christmas Thomas, Barbara Rivers, Colin Trenbirth, Hilary Stringer, Robert Evans, Reginald (Reg) Worthington.

**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, Heather Millington, Caroline Murphy, 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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