

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 30th September 2018

Harvest Sunday

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

Next Week: Maureen Lloyd, Jim Lloyd, Sheila Clarke, Bev Price.

This morning Rev. Mike Loach will lead our 10am Harvest Service
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: christchurchbeb.org.uk
We welcome our Rose Queen, Rachael and her retinue to the service
along with Sue Yates and her therapy dog, Callie.

Many thanks to Libby and her team for all their hard work in organising our Harvest Supper. All donations are being split between the Thomas Robinson Charity and the Charles Thompson Mission whilst the food donations will be shared with Wirral Foodbank.

Prayer for the week:

**Creator God,
You made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
As we thank you for the harvest
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

This week, our Centre Manager, John, has moved on to pastures new after 6 years serving our community. We wish him every happiness in his new job.

HYMNS:

9, 557, 137, 534.

Thoughts for the week:

Gratitude ... goes beyond the "mine" and "thine" and claims the truth that all of life is a pure gift. In the past I always thought of gratitude as a spontaneous response to the awareness of gifts received, but now I realise that gratitude can also be lived as a discipline. The discipline of gratitude is the explicit effort to acknowledge that all I am and have is given to me as a gift of love, a gift to be celebrated with joy.

Henri J. M. Nouwen

"It is the preoccupation with possessions, more than anything else, that prevents us from living freely and nobly."

Bertrand Russell

"If everyone demanded peace instead of another television set, then there'd be peace."

John Lennon

The first reading is from 1 Timothy 6: 6-10.

Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (6: 25-33).

Glory to you, O Lord.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Men Only **Tuesday 2nd October** 7.45pm meet at 27 Mount Road.

Wednesday 3rd October
9.30-11.45am

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



Wednesday 3rd October
1.30pm - 3.30pm

Knit & Natter in the Kings
Hall. All are very welcome.



Thursday 4th October 12.30pm
Befrienders Lunch in
Troughton Room

Thursday 4th October 2.00pm
‘Not Quite a Reading Group’ in
Storeton Room



Sunday 7th October 4pm Noisy Church.
Musical activities, story and refreshments for pre-school children and their families.

Film Morning on **Tuesday 9th October 10.30am** will be showing 'The Titfield Thunderbolt' in the Kings Hall.
£3.50 donation including unlimited light refreshments.



Bishop's Visitation on **Tuesday 9th October at 7.30pm**, venue St John the Baptist, Meols (CH47 6AF) for all Readers, Pastoral Workers, Licenced workers, Churchwardens, Paid church workers and any others who are in Lay Leadership roles to attend the meeting.



**Wednesday 10th October
9.30-11.45am**
Connect Café in the Kings Hall.
All are very welcome.

Wednesday 10th October 1.30pm



Oasis Mental Health Support Group in Troughton Room.
All are very welcome.



'Not Quite a Reading Group' **Thursday 11th October
2.00 - 3.30pm** in Storeton Room.



**Thursday 11th October
7.45pm** in Kings Hall
Mothers' Union -
Christmas shoebox appeal.



Thursday 11th October
Thirsty Thursday in the Traveller's Rest **9pm**
All are welcome.

Friday 12th October 10.30am
Indoor Bowls in Kings Hall.

Art Club **Friday 12th October
2.30pm** in Kings Hall.



Saturday 13th October 7pm (in church)
A celebration evening to pay tribute to and remember Paul Goulden. Paul was our organist and musical director for over 12years.

Many of his friends from his "world of music" will be performing. All are very welcome.
Refreshments will be served during the interval.

Parish Weekend Away Oriol Hotel St Asaph **27th-29th September 2019.**
Details at the back of the church or see Tracy O'Connell. Numbers are limited so early booking is advisable.

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 18th October at 7.30pm**. For further details, please speak to Mike.



Blackpool Coach Trip Sunday 21st October. If you have signed up for the trip, please pay for your seat(s).
Adult £10 Child £5. Payment can be made to Tracy O'Connell or the Parish Office.

Weddings at Christ Church: Our beautiful church is a popular venue for wedding ceremonies and our extensive grounds provide a beautiful background for photographs. Now we are exploring the possibilities of offering a reception venue here as well. We are working on proposals with a local wedding planner and the first step is to host a Wedding Fair here on **Saturday 27th October, 2018**. Please join us and spread the word amongst your family and friends to encourage them to come and view the options and meet potential providers.



Funerals last week: Eva Hill, Comfort Blessing.

Anniversaries: Brenda Wynne, Carl Michael Collier, Agnes May Jones, Dot Scott, William Lee-Gallon, Cyril Cliffe, Frances Roberts, John Fairbrother, May Scott, Florence Dabbs, Barbara Longhurst, Christopher Mann, Elsie Johnson, Florence Wynne, Walter Perry, Ronald Short, John Duckworth, Muriel Fraser-Smith.

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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