

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 6th January 2019

1st Sunday of Epiphany

Sidespeople today: Derek Fogg, June Fogg, John Theobald, Judith Renton.

Next Week: Jim Wallace, Janet Wallace, Gill Cook, John Champion.

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

<u>HYMNS</u>	
<i>Processional</i>	41
<i>Gradual</i>	357
<i>Offertory</i>	103
<i>Communion 1</i>	328
<i>Communion 2</i>	546
<i>Recessional</i>	<i>on sheet</i>

Prayer for the week:

**Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Thoughts for the New Year:

Let go of yesterday. Let today be a new beginning and be the best that you can, and you'll get to where God wants you to be.

Joel Osteen

The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become - because He made us. He invented us. He invented all the different people that you and I were intended to be. . . It is when I turn to Christ, when I give up myself to His personality, that I first begin to have a real personality of my own.

C.S. Lewis

Christmas Day Lunch - over 80 people sat down together to enjoy a fantastic meal, prepared and served by a wonderful team of volunteers. Thank you to the many people who contributed in all sorts of ways to make this important event possible and especially to Sarah Loach for pulling it all together.



Noisy Church
Today at 4.00pm
for pre-school aged children and their families.

"Rose Queen Quiz"
Saturday 19th January 2019.
Tickets available next Sunday.

The first reading is from Isaiah 60:1-6

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1-12

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Wanted! Rented 3 bed accommodation for a local family in need
for more information see Mike

Please save any used Christmas stamps for the Leprosy Mission box at the back of church. Many thanks, Fiona Murphy.



Film Morning will be showing "Christopher Robin" on **Tuesday 8th January at 10.30am** in the Kings Hall. £3.50 donation including unlimited light refreshments.

Building and Finance Committee meeting **Monday 7th January 7.30pm** in the Community Centre



Wednesday 9th January 10.00am-12.00noon
Connect Café in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.



Wednesday 9th January 1.30pm
Oasis Mental Health Support Group in Troughton Room.

Wednesday 9th January PCC Meeting 7.30pm in Troughton Room.

Thursday 10th January 1.30pm
Mothers' Union will meet in the Kings Hall.

Thirsty Thursday in the Travellers Rest, Mount Road from **9pm** on **Thursday 10th January**.



Indoor bowls is on again on **Friday 11th January** from 10am - 12 noon. All are very welcome and please do invite friends and neighbours along.

Interfaith Football **Friday 11th January 9pm** at Tranmere Rovers Football Club



Sung Evensong Sunday 13th January at 6.30pm

Candlelit Concert with members of 19th Century Orchestra on **Friday 25th January 7.30pm** at Christ Church. Tickets available from the Parish Office or ticketsource.co.uk/18thcco. All proceeds to the Church Organ Appeal.

Called to Serve is a great opportunity to come and find out more about how you might serve God and the church. This course is on **Saturday 26th January 9am - 3pm** at Foxhill Conference Centre. For more details, please speak to Mike.



Love at the Musicals

Saturday 16th February 7.30pm

An evening of musical theatre favourites from Birkenhead Operatic Society Adults £10 under 18s £5 tickets available from Ian Millington 334 8560 or the Parish Office all proceeds to the Organ Restoration Fund.

A new reading group starts on **Monday 14th January at 2.15pm** in the Troughton Room. Bring your favourite poems, stories, books to share and talk about and help to plan future meetings. What would you like to read? We will meet alternate Mondays.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will run from **Friday 18th - 25th January** at various local churches. Daily meetings, will begin with coffee at 10.30 for an 11.00 start at the following churches:

Friday 18 th	Christ Church, Port Sunlight
Saturday 19 th	St. John's, New Ferry
Monday 21 st	Christ Church, Higher Bebington
Tuesday 22 nd	St Luke's, Church Road
Wednesday 23 rd	Life Church
Thursday 24 th	Lower Bebington Methodist Church
Friday 25 th	Higher Bebington Road URC

There will be a United Service at St Andrew's at **6.30pm** on **Sunday 27 Jan.**

Diane Shaw will be having a table of nearly new toys at the Christian Aid Attic Sale on **Saturday 26th January**. Any donations can be left in the church porch. Many thanks.



Anniversaries: John Woods Wharton, Isobel Cave, Mary Gallagher, Thomas Kendrick, Patrick Collins, Ray Jones, Fred Diggles, Carol Allen, John Peters, Alex Griffiths, John Neilson, Elsie Isabella McCarthy, David Simmons, Jim Mottram, Jean Evans.

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

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