

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

*I said  
here I am  
send me  
Isaiah 6:8*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**Sidespeople today:** Jim Wallace, Janet Wallace, Gill Cook, Bev Price.

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

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

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

**Sung Evensong  
Tonight at 6.30pm**

Thoughts for the week:

You cannot hope to build a better world without improving the individuals. To that end, each of us must work for his or her own improvement and, at the same time, share a general responsibility for all humanity, our particular duty being to aid those to whom we think we can be most useful.

*Marie Curie*

When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't, they don't.

*William Temple*

Judith Van Ingen has kindly offered to bake some homemade bread. Anyone wishing to place an order please speak to Charles this morning.

Prayer for the week:

I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing, put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you,  
or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you, or brought low for you;  
let me be full, let me be empty,  
let me have all things,  
let me have nothing:  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours.  
And the covenant now made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

Methodist Covenant Prayer

**Rose Queen Quiz  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 5.15pm  
Tickets available today.**

Judith Nederlof has retired from working in the Parish Office after more than 4 years and we'd like to buy her a gift. Please leave any contributions with Rhona Snelson, Gary Shaw or the Parish Office. Many thanks.

The first reading is from Isaiah 43:1-7. (NIV UK)

But now, this is what the Lord says –  
he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

‘Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;  
I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.

Since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I  
love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in  
exchange for your life.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the

west. I will say to the north, “Give them up!” and to the south,

“Do not hold them back.”

Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the  
earth –everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my  
glory, whom I formed and made.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:15-17,21-22)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Everyone became excited and wondered, “Could John be the  
Messiah?” John said, “I am just baptizing with water. But  
someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good  
enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the  
Holy Spirit and with fire. His threshing fork is in his hand, and  
he is ready to separate the wheat from the husks. He will store  
the wheat in his barn and burn the husks with a fire that never  
goes out.” While everyone else was being baptized, Jesus himself  
was baptized. Then as he prayed, the sky opened up, and the  
Holy Spirit came down upon him in the form of a dove. A voice  
from heaven said, “You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased  
with you.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

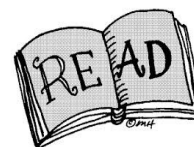
Thanks to all who tidied away our Christmas decorations last week and to those who have been working to create more storage space for us. It's very much appreciated!

Pastoral Visitors Team Meeting **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January** at 1.00pm in Troughton Room.



An opportunity to make prayer a priority in 2019 on **Mondays at 9am** Start the Week with Morning Prayer and **Tuesdays at 6.30pm** Pause and Pray. Starting this week in church. All are welcome.

A new reading group starts on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**  
at 10.30am.  
Singing Café in  
Kings Hall. All are welcome.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** at 12.15pm  
4C's Carer's Group. Guest speaker  
**4Cs** Christina Spencer will give her  
talk 'Life on the Other Side'.



**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10.00am-12.00noon**  
Connect Café in the Kings  
Hall. All are very welcome.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**  
at 1.30pm  
Knit & Natter in Kings Hall.  
All are very welcome.



Ministry Team Meeting **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** at 6.00pm.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am** Food Hygiene course in Kings Hall for those who registered.

Men's Supper Club on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** at Fox & Hounds, Barnston at **7.30pm**. Meet in church car park at 7.00pm. Contact John Theobald for more details 645 1083.



**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2.00 - 3.45pm** Tea Dance in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.

Candlelit Concert with members of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Orchestra on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm** at Christ Church. Tickets available from the Parish Office or [ticketsource.co.uk/18thcco](http://ticketsource.co.uk/18thcco). All proceeds to the Church Organ Appeal.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will run from **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	Christ Church, Port Sunlight
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	St. John's, New Ferry
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christ Church, Higher Bebington
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Luke's, Church Road
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Life Church
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Lower Bebington Methodist Church
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	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 26<sup>th</sup> January.** Any donations can be left in the church porch. Many thanks.



### Funerals this week

Thursday	12 noon	Margaret Quinn	Christ Church
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**Anniversaries:** Jean Evans, Victor Hellaby, Harry Larkin, Guy Sloman, John Williams, Les Griffiths, Jack Cunningham, Emily Atkinson, Denis Taylor, Jean Casement, Eileen Pratt, Albert Banks, Iris Banks, Robert Henry Davies, Florence Esther Lamey, Constance Jane Minards, Joseph Butterworth, Mike Henrickson, Peggy 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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