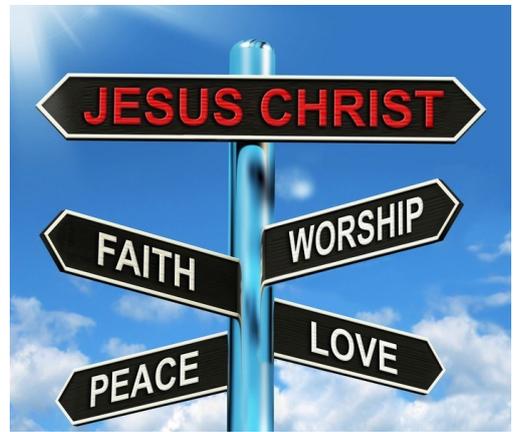


Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 20th January 2019

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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

Next Week: Maureen Lloyd, Jim Lloyd, Sheila Clarke, Graham Loach.

This morning we welcome Rev. Al Metcalf from St Andrew's who will preach at our 10am Parish Communion as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Weekly sermons are available on the church website: christchurchbeb.org.uk

<u>HYMNS</u>	
<i>Processional</i>	9
<i>Gradual</i>	39
<i>Offertory</i>	<i>sheet</i>
<i>Communion 1</i>	<i>Philip</i>
<i>Communion 2</i>	<i>to play</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	275

Prayer for the week:
**God of all mercy
 your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
 release to the captives,
 and freedom to the oppressed;
 anoint us with your Holy Spirit
 and set all your people free
 to praise you in Christ our Lord.
 Amen**

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.

Thoughts for the week:
 When God causes miracles, He doesn't want us to just believe in miracles, signs, and wonders. He wants us to believe in Him and to cause others to believe in Him. The purpose of signs and wonders is to point to the power, person, and reality of God. Not for us to have our fill of wine, bread, money, glory, fame or whatever we get out of a miracle.
Patrick Mabilog

Jesus' miracles are not just a challenge to our minds, but a promise to our hearts.
Tim Keller

Monday 21st January 9am
 Start the Week with Morning Prayer.

Monday 21st January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity meeting will be hosted here. The meeting begins at 10.30am with coffee for an **11.00am start**.

Jean Lippiatt will be selling home made pies & bakes in the Kings Hall **after the 10am service today.**

The first reading is from Isaiah 62: 1-5.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.

The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.

You will be a crown of splendour in the Lord's hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate.
But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah;
for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married.

As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (2: 1-11)(ESV)

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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:

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



Tuesday 22nd January
at 10.30am.
Art Café in Kings Hall.
All are welcome.



Tuesday 22nd January
at 6.30pm.
Pause & Pray in church

Men's Supper Club on **Tuesday 22nd 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 23rd January
10.00am-12.00noon
Connect Café in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.



Wednesday 23rd January
2.00-3.45pm
Tea Dance in the Kings Hall.
All are very welcome.

There will be no Holy Communion service here on Wednesday, instead lifts are available to go to Life church as part of the Week of Christian Unity meetings. Meet at Christ Church at **10.20am** if you would like a lift.

Candlelit Concert with members of 18th 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.

Diane Shaw will be having a table of nearly new toys at the Christian Aid Attic Sale on **Saturday 26th January** at St. Andrew's Church hall 10am - 12 noon. Please do come and support the event. Other stalls and refreshments will be available.



Sunday 27th January 6.30pm United service at St. Andrew's.

House Group sign up sheets are available at the back of church.

Organ Update: While David Wells Organ Builders are overhauling our organ (completion expected by Easter 2019), we have a temporary electronic facility driven from the new moveable console. The overall project to clean and enhance our 1927 Rushworth & Dreaper organ will cost £173,000. From a combination of donations (and associated Gift Aid), fundraising, interest-free loans, one small grant (so far) and one large legacy, we have raised £138,700 so we need a further £34,300.

The Arklight Church and Community Night Shelter whose aim is to provide hospitality and welcome to rough sleepers have approached us to take part in a pilot scheme running every Monday from 4th February until 11th March. We have committed to offering overnight accommodation in the Community Centre, a hot evening meal and breakfast for up to 12 people and urgently require some help! Anyone willing to help provide/serve the evening meal (8-10pm) or breakfast (6-9am) please speak to Mike, Eunice or Gary Shaw for further details.

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.

Funerals last week: Margaret Quinn.

Anniversaries:

Joseph Butterworth, Mike Henrickson, Peggy Evans, Alan Atkinson, Winifred Louise Gibson, Walter Meadowcroft, Stanley Nelson, Chris Green, John Scarffe, Jack Hussey, Mildred McGrey, Audrey May Evans, Doreen Tierney, John McGreevey, George Henry Burkey.

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

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