

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



*You are the body of Christ!  
Each one of you is a part of it.*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**Sidespeople today:** Maureen Lloyd, Jim Lloyd, Sheila Clarke, John Champion.

**Next Week:** Fiona Murphy, Joan Rippon, Heather Whitehead, Liz Bird.

This morning Rev Eunice Blackmore will preach at our 10am Service of the Word.  
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: [christchurchbeb.org.uk](http://christchurchbeb.org.uk)

HYMNS

Hymn 1	362
Hymn 2	61
Hymn 3	13
Hymn 4	457

## Prayer for the week:

**God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

God is not calling us to go to church; He is calling us to be His church, the hope of the world. *Unknown*

The Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members. *William Temple*

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours. *Teresa of Avila*

Tonight 6.30pm  
United service at  
St. Andrew's.

## **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 9am**

Start the Week with  
Morning Prayer.

The Happy Reading Group will be meeting in the Storeton Room on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 2.15pm**. New members are most welcome.

## **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm**

Meeting in Kings Hall for all those able to assist with the Arklight Homeless project which begins on 4<sup>th</sup> February for the next 6 Mondays.

**Work to remove the Leylandii trees from the churchyard has now been completed and landscaping of the new space has begun. Any donations for new trees would be warmly received!**

The first reading is from 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!” On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honour to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



From 29<sup>th</sup> January, the Shed will be open for new members every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am - 1pm. Anyone interested, please come along.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm. Pause & Pray in church.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (4: 14-21)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

because he has anointed me

to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,

to release the oppressed,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am-12.00noon**

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



Noisy Church on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** at **4.00pm** for pre-school aged children and their families.

Arklight: Every Monday from 4<sup>th</sup> February until 11<sup>th</sup> March we will be providing hospitality and welcome including overnight accommodation in the Community Centre, a hot evening meal and breakfast for up to 12 men as part of the Arklight Church and Community Night Shelter project. We would welcome more volunteers. If you are able to provide food (dinner or breakfast), wash bed linen, be overnight watchers please attend this Monday’s meeting or talk to Sarah or Eunice.

**Love at the Musicals Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

Food Hygiene Level 2: Basil Gillett from Risk Associates has been in touch to say that everyone who was on the Food Hygiene course last Saturday has passed! Certificates will be available shortly.

Diane Shaw would like to say a great big thank you for all the kind donations of children's toys and games for the Christian Aid Attic Sale. It was a tremendous response and very generous. The amount raised will be announced shortly.



June Fogg recently visited one of the local nursing homes to discover that some residents who do not have family living locally often run out of basic toiletries. Anyone willing to donate items, please leave them in the church foyer or pass them to June. Many thanks.

**Funerals this week**

Wednesday	9.30am	Margaret <b>Shirley</b> Taylor	Christ Church
Friday	9.30am	Olive Jones	Landican South

**Anniversaries:** Lewis Emrys Jones, Jean Adlard, Tilly Woods, Marc Clarke, Maurice Rawsthorne, Stephen Ryder Jones, Joyce Williams, Doreen Alexander, Brian Roberts, Rob Williamson, Colin Peter Williams, Pat Dodd, Constance Pamela (Pam) Smyth.

**Prayer List:** Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Roger Bunn, Yvonne Cranny, Elsa Dowling, Nora Duncan, 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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