

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 10th March 2019

First Sunday of Lent

Sidespeople today: Jim Wallace, Janet Wallace, Gill Cook, John Champion.

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

This morning Rev Mike Loach will lead our 10am All Age Worship service.
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: christchurchbeb.org.uk

Please do stay behind after church this morning to take part in some of our Eco activities and then share lunch together.

If you are interested in joining our Eco Church Steering Group, please speak to Alan or Pam Hollinshead.

BAPTISM WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism. By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
We are children of the same heavenly Father,
we welcome you.**



Please be sure to return your **Electoral roll forms** as soon as possible.

Prayer for the week:

**Lord God, we pledge ourselves to your service in caring for your creation, that your kingdom may grow from the seed of hope into a tree of righteousness and justice for the world, and the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

“Away, away, from men and towns,
To the wild wood and the downs, —
To the silent wilderness,
Where the soul need not repress its music.”
Percy Bysshe Shelley

“One of the first conditions of happiness is that the link between man and nature shall not be broken.”
Leo Tolstoy

“The ultimate test of a person’s conscience may be their willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard.”
G Nelson

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
Margaret Mead

The first reading is from Psalm 65 (NIVUK)
 Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.
 You who answer prayer, to you all people will come.
 When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions.
 Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts!
 We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.
 You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Saviour,
 the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas,
 who formed the mountains by your power,
 having armed yourself with strength, who stilled the roaring of the seas,
 the roaring of their waves, and the turmoil of the nations.
 The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
 where morning dawns, where evening fades, you call forth songs of joy.
 You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.
 The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn,
 for so you have ordained it.
 You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
 you soften it with showers and bless its crops.
 You crown the year with your bounty,
 and your carts overflow with abundance.
 The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
 the hills are clothed with gladness.
 The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with
 corn; they shout for joy and sing.
 This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Lent Resources are now available at the back of church. Please do take a look.

Monday 11th March 9am
 Start the Week with
 Morning Prayer.

Monday 11th March at 2.15pm.
 Happy Reading Group will be meeting in
 the Storeton Room.
 New members are most welcome.



Film Morning will be showing "The Lavender Hill Mob" on
Tuesday 12th March at 10.30am in the Kings Hall. £3.50
 donation including unlimited light refreshments.

Refresher/Training session for Bible Readers on **Tuesday 12th March 8pm** in
 church. This session is for all those who already participate and anyone who
 would love to do so.

Wednesday 13th March
10.00am -12.00noon
 Connect Café
 All are very welcome.



Wednesday 13th March 10.30am
 Lent Meeting at Higher Bebington
 Methodist Church followed by soup
 lunch at 12 noon.

The second reading is from James (2:14-18)(CEV)

Glory to you, O Lord.

My friends, what good is it to say you have faith, when you don't do anything to show that you really do have faith? Can that kind of faith save you? If you know someone who doesn't have any clothes or food, you shouldn't just say, "I hope all goes well for you. I hope you will be warm and have plenty to eat." What good is it to say this, unless you do something to help? Faith that doesn't lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead!

Suppose someone disagrees and says, "It is possible to have faith without doing kind deeds."

I would answer, "Prove that you have faith without doing kind deeds, and I will prove that I have faith by doing them."

This is the word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Wednesday 13th March
1.30pm

Oasis Mental Health
Support Group in Troughton Room.



Wednesday 13th March
2.00pm or 7.30pm

Group Bible studies for Lent.
Theme: Exploring Happiness
All are very welcome.



Thursday 14th March
1.30pm Mothers' Union
in the Kings Hall with guest
speaker Graham Loach.

Thirsty Thursday in the Travellers
Rest, Mount Road from 9pm on
Thursday 14th March.

Friday 15th March 7-9pm Boulders Social in the Kings Hall.



Saturday 16th March Rose Queen bingo.

Doors open 6 pm, first game 6:30 pm.

All welcome - tickets available on the door

(Adults £3 children £2) Hot snacks available at 6pm.

The next Men's Supper Club is on **Wednesday 20th March** at the Refreshment Rooms in Rock Ferry. Table provisionally booked for 16 at **7.30pm**. Please let John Theobald know if you would like to come. (645 1083). All are welcome.



Calling all cake makers - at the SingMe Merseyside choir concert on **22nd March** we will be holding the Grand CCHB cake stall. Please see Judith Van Ingen or Jill Loach if you could make us cakes to sell. All to help boost the organ fund.

Billy Hui and the SingMe Merseyside Choir with the Liverpool Signing Choir with Graham Loach as MC.

Friday 22nd March 7.30pm

Tickets: Adult £10, students £5 available from the Parish Office or Graham Loach.

Birkenhead School, under the direction of our organist Philip Robinson, are performing West Side Story at the end of March. The choir will be attending on **Tuesday 26th March 7 pm**. If you would like to join us please speak to Rev. Eunice or June Fogg today as tickets are selling out fast.

Coming Soon: A nostalgic 60's Night in the Community Centre. **Saturday March 30th 6.30pm** onwards. Tickets available shortly. £5 Adults, £2 for under 16's. A Buffet style supper with tea, coffee & juice provided. Bring your own Babycham!

Anyone willing to oversee the planning of this year's Summer Fair on **Saturday 22nd June.**, please let Rev. Mike or Rev. Eunice know.

Please return any planned giving envelopes (**Giving in Grace**) as soon as possible.

Ellie Coulter is raising money to help fund her Voluntary Service Overseas trip to Bangladesh this Summer. Anyone willing to sponsor her, please sign the form at the back of church. Many thanks.

Forthcoming Funerals

Monday 11 th	1.00pm	George Ramsden	Christ Church
Thursday 14 th	11.00am	Hilary Jones	Landican Centre

Funerals last week: Noel Fletcher.

Anniversaries: Reginald Chalkley, David Ellis, Thomas Wood, Madeline Harford, Kathleen Whittaker, Olive Vera Ogden, Oriel Parnell, Marguerite Constance Hellaby, Margaret Edge, Sheila Jones, Stephen Brennan, Roy Bentley.

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, Jenny Rome, 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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