

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**Sidespeople today:** Michael Blackburn, Linda White, John Boisson, Gail Boisson.

**Next Week:** Tracy O'Connell, Matthew O'Connell, Rose Rogers, John Rogers.

This morning Rev Mike Loach will lead our 10am Parish Communion.  
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: [christchurchbeb.org.uk](http://christchurchbeb.org.uk)

<b><u>HYMNS</u></b>	
<i>Processional</i>	309
<i>Gradual</i>	53
<i>Offertory</i>	464
<i>Communion 1</i>	<i>Organist</i>
<i>Communion 2</i>	<i>to play</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	62

Prayer for the week:

**Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

"I was just a child," related a retired Baptist preacher, "when one spring day my father called me to go with him to old man Russell's blacksmith shop. He had left a rake and a hoe to be repaired and they were ready, fixed like new. Father handed over a silver dollar for repairing them but Mr. Russell refused to take it. 'No,' he said, 'there's no charge for that little job.' But father insisted. And if I live a thousand years," said the preacher, "I'll never forget that great blacksmith's reply. 'Sid,' he said to my father, 'Can't you let a man do somethin' just to stretch his soul?'" ***Erich Fromm***

"A hospital visitor saw a nurse tending to the sores of a leprosy patient, and said, "I'd never do that for a million dollars!" The nurse answered, "Neither would I. But I do it for Jesus for nothing."

Let us give up our work, our plans, ourselves, our lives, our loved ones, our influence, our all, right into God's hand; and then, when we have given all to Him, there will be nothing left for us to be troubled about." ***Hudson Taylor***

The first reading is from Deuteronomy 15: 7-11 (NIVUK)

If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards them. Rather, be open-handed and freely lend them whatever they need. Be careful not to harbour this wicked thought: 'The seventh year, the year for cancelling debts, is near,' so that you do not show ill will towards the needy among your fellow Israelites and give them nothing. They may then appeal to the Lord against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be open-handed towards your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (26: 6-13) (NIVUK)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. 'Why this waste?' they asked. 'This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.'

Aware of this, Jesus said to them, 'Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Our Summer Fair will be on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. Although there have been many offers of help, as yet, no one has stepped forward to oversee the planning of the event. If you feel able to take on this task, please let Mike or Eunice know.

Thank you once again for all your support, time, donations and prayers for Arklight. Although the number of guests continues to be low, they are all very appreciative of the hospitality received. Do keep praying! The project continues for another 4 weeks.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 9am** Start the Week with Morning Prayer.

The Alice Experience is a 90 minute interactive production with a Christian message suitable for all ages. Every day **18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10am - 7.30pm** at St. George's Hall, Liverpool. Tickets available from [www.ticketquarter.co.uk](http://www.ticketquarter.co.uk) or 08448 000 410. For more information, please see flyers in Community Centre foyer.



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am.**  
 Singing Café in Kings Hall.  
 All are welcome.

4C's Carer's Group will be meeting in the Troughton Room on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 12.15pm.** All carers past or present are welcome to join us for a light lunch and talk by guest speaker Wendy Randall – Estate planning (Changes re Wills, Taxes, Care etc)



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm.**  
 Pause & Pray in church



 **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am-12.00noon**  
 Connect Café in the Kings Hall.  
 All are very welcome.

 **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 1.30pm**  
 Knit & Natter in Kings Hall.  
 All are very welcome.

The next Men's Supper Club will be a fish & chip supper in the Troughton Room on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.** Please let John Theobald know if you would like to come. (645 1083). All are welcome.



 Indoor bowls is on again on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** from 10am - 12 noon. All are very welcome and please do invite friends and neighbours along. Anyone who is available to help with refreshments and setting up the mats etc. on 22<sup>nd</sup>, please let Sarah Loach know.

Ladies Night at the Acorn **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 7.00pm.** All welcome!

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 box marked Acorn House in the church foyer or pass them to June. Many thanks.

Once every six years the preparation of new church electoral rolls takes place, which means that everyone has to come off the roll and re-apply. Therefore all persons who wish to have their names entered on the new roll, whether their names are entered on the present roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment no later than **SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**.

Forms have been circulated and are also available at the back of the Church. Please can you complete the application for enrolment form and either place in the box at the back of the Church or alternatively pass into the Parish Office. Any queries please speak to Lynn Ion, Electoral Roll Officer.

There is a service at Chester Cathedral on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 11am** to celebrate the ministry of Bishop Libby Lane and bid her farewell as she takes up her new appointment as Bishop of Derby. There are 4 tickets available for this event. If you would like to go, please speak to Mike.

Dates for your diaries:

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm** Concert in church with SingMe Merseyside Choir & Liverpool Signing Choir

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March** 60's Night in the Community Centre. See magazine for information, more details to follow soon.



The Foodbank has sent through a list of items that they urgently need which includes sponge puddings, fruit squash, tinned potatoes, toothbrushes, tinned tomatoes, sugar, shampoo, UHT milk, toothpaste and tinned fruit.

**Anniversaries:**

Robert Lindley, Avril Jones, Jean Crawford, Joan Harris, Norma Richley.

**Prayer List:** Chris Abbott, 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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