

Christ Church Higher Bebington

*Scandalous
Love*

Sunday 7th April 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sidespeople today: Barbara Mayers, Diane Shaw, David Evans, Terry Cunningham.

Next week: Michael Blackburn, Linda White, John Boisson, Gail Boisson.

This morning Pam Hollinshead will preach at our 10am Parish Communion Service
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: christchurchbeb.org.uk

<u>HYMNS</u>	
Processional	422
Gradual	sheet
Offertory	103
Communion 1	66
Communion 2	67
Recessional	30



Noisy Church
today
at **4.00pm** for
pre-school
aged children
and their
families.

Prayer for the week:

**Gracious Father,
You gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his
passion,
that we may know eternal peace through
the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

*What is the "extraordinary"? It is the love of
Jesus Christ himself, love that goes to the
cross in suffering obedience.*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*A woman's heart should be so close to God
that a man should have to chase Him to find
her.*

C.S. Lewis

This morning, the Boulders (12-18 yrs) are gardening! They have been awarded a council grant from "South Wirral in Bloom" and are planting up 4 recycled wooden troughs, made by Men in Sheds, with flowering herbs and shrubs which will look lovely and attract insects. Gardening advice is from our volunteer gardener Duncan. A truly collaborative project to enhance our grounds and benefit our environment.

Friday 12th April 7-9pm, Boulders' social - making the Easter Garden for display in the community centre entrance.

Please be sure to return your **Electoral roll forms today**, or you will miss the deadline.

The first reading is from Philippians 3.4b-14 (NIV)

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee, as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ - the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his suffering, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brother, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead. I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ from John 12:1-8 (NIV)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived in Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected. Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages. He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sidespersons' rota - once again the time has come around for the renewal of the rota. We would be grateful for those already on the rota to remain so and for anyone interested in joining to contact Gary Shaw.



Tuesday 9th April, 10.30-12.30 Film Club. This month's film is *Monkey Business*, starring Marilyn Monroe and Cary Grant. £3.50 donation, including refreshments

**Wednesday 10th April
1.30pm**

Oasis Mental Health
Support Group in Troughton



Wednesday 10th April 10.30am

Lent Lunch here, followed by home made soup and cakes at 12 noon.

**Wednesday 10th April
10.00am -12.00noon**

Connect Café
All are very welcome.



**Wednesday 10th April
2.00pm or 7.30pm**

Group Bible studies for Lent.
Theme: Creating Community
All are very welcome.



**Thursday 11th April
7.30pm Mothers' Union
in the Kings Hall.**



Friday 12th April 2.pm
Art Café in the Kings Hall. All
welcome. No previous art
experience necessary

Thank you so much for supporting Ellie's fundraising for her trip to Bangladesh, which she greatly appreciates. We have now completed the 80km walk with no blisters just a sun tan and photos to prove it! . Ellie, Helen and Dawn (The Walking Trio!)

Travel with Alan and Vera! A film show on Saturday April 27th, 2 - 4 p.m., taking you to some exotic places, including Vietnam, India and Chile. Refreshments included.



Town Lane School are holding an exhibition called 'Plastics - our Schools, our Planet, our Earth' on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th April, 9am - 5.30pm.

Maundy Thursday 6.30 pm: We are planning to share a meal and communion together. To assist with catering please sign the sheet at the back if you are able to come. Also if you are willing to provide a pan of scouse please could you let Pam know.

Lent Reading group at the Vicarage on **Monday 15th April** and **Wednesday 17th April at 7.30pm**. The group will be following 'God with Us' by Rowan Williams. There are a limited number of copies available at the back of church. The group will focus on The Crucifixion on Monday and The Resurrection on Wednesday. For more details, speak to Mike.

Claire House and other local groups sometimes ask if we have any Bibles they can use. We'd like to be able to offer Bibles in good condition and would be grateful for any donations. If you can help, please pass Bibles to Mike, Eunice or the office .

Vicki Midgley is looking into organising a Ladies Pottery Painting evening at Bisque in Oxtou Village on **Friday 17th May** . A deposit of £3 is required. The overall price will be dependent on what you decorate, starting from about £12. There will be light refreshments and you can bring your own drinks. Please sign the list at the back of church if you are interested.

Hello Dolly! BOST at Liverpool Empire - Saturday 18 May 2.30pm - Anyone wanting tickets please pay Ian Millington or the office no later than Sunday 14 April. Tickets £25 adults; £12 under 18s (additional discount applies if we get enough interest!).

The next Men's Supper Club will be at Sunlight Restaurant, Bromborough Road, Bebington on Monday 29th April, 7.30 p.m. Please contact John Theobald on 0151 645 1083 to book a place.

Funerals this week

Tuesday 9th	11.00am	John Molloy	Christ Church
Thursday 11th	2.30pm	Sylvia May Haswell	Christ Church

Anniversaries: Judith Peat, Stan Jones, John Anderson, William Jones, Samuel Williams, Harold Dwerryhouse, Audrey Furlong, Bernard Ryan, Arthur Cook, Joyce Johnson, Muriel Garland, James Williams.

Prayer List: Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Roger Bunn, Yvonne Cranny, Elsa Dowling, Nora Duncan, John Evans, Denise Foster, Cara Elise Hartt, Simon Hayes, Pam Hollinshead, Lyndsey Howard, Brian Hughes, 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, Harry Scarsbrook, Lynn Scott, Ina Shorrocks, Janet Shorrocks, Ann Tait, Keira Taylor, Roisin Terris, Jean Thelwell, Jackie Turner, Keelin

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