

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 21st April 2019
Easter Day

Sidespeople today: Tracy O'Connell, Matthew O'Connell, Rose Rogers, John Rogers.
Next week: Derek Fogg, June Fogg, John Theobald, Judith Renton.



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

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Prayer for the week:
**God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death
and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**



**Easter Praise
6.30pm Tonight**

A huge THANK YOU to all who have worked so hard to make our church look so beautiful for this special day and to those who have helped with all our events and services over the past week. Your efforts and your ministry are very much appreciated.

Thoughts for the week:
But with Christ, we have access in a one-to-one relationship, for, as in the Old Testament, it was more one of worship and awe, a vertical relationship. The New Testament, on the other hand, we look across at a Jesus who looks familiar, horizontal. The combination is what makes the Cross. *Bono*

There is only one secure foundation: a genuine, deep relationship with Jesus Christ, which will carry you through any and all turmoil. No matter what storms are raging all around, you'll stand firm if you stand on His love. *Charles Stanley*

The first reading is from Acts 10: 34-43. (NIVUK)

Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24:1-12) (ICB)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Very early on the first day of the week, the women came to the tomb where Jesus' body was laid. They brought the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance of the tomb. They went in, but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, two men in shining clothes suddenly stood beside them. The women were very afraid; they bowed their heads to the ground. The men said to the women, "Why are you looking for a living person here? This is a place for the dead. Jesus is not here. He has risen from death! Do you remember what he said in Galilee? He said that the Son of Man must be given to evil men, be killed on a cross, and rise from death on the third day." Then the women remembered what Jesus had said.

The women left the tomb and told all these things to the 11 apostles and the other followers. These women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and some other women. The women told the apostles everything that had happened at the tomb. But they did not believe the women. It sounded like nonsense. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. He looked in, but he saw only the cloth that Jesus' body had been wrapped in. Peter went away to be alone, wondering about what had happened.

Tuesday 23rd April 6.30pm Pause & Pray in church.

Tuesday 23rd April 7.15pm Summer Fair Planning Meeting in Storeton Room for all who are willing to help out at this year's fair on Saturday 22nd June.



Wednesday 24th April 10.00am -12.00noon
Connect Café in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.



Indoor bowls is on **Friday 26th April** from 10am - 12 noon. All are very welcome. Please do invite friends and neighbours along.



Travel with Alan and Vera! A film show on **Saturday 27th April 2 - 4 pm**, taking you to some exotic places, including Vietnam, India and Chile. Refreshments included. £2 for adults and £1 for children available in advance or on the door.

The APCM will be held on **28th April**. If anyone wishes to nominate PCC members, there are forms at the back of the Church. If anyone is willing to take on the role of the Electoral Roll officer, please speak to Gary Shaw before 28th April.

Hard copies of the Annual Report will be available from Wednesday 24th. If you would like to receive an electronic copy, please email the Parish Office.

Sunday 28th April 6.30pm Alternative Service

Monday 29th April 9am Start the Week with Prayer.

Monday 29th April 1.30pm
Community Centre Management Meeting.

Monday 29th April 7.30pm
Joint PCC meeting with St Paul & St Luke's, Tranmere, to be held at St Paul's Church.

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



Tuesday 30th April 6.30pm
Pause & Pray in church.

Tuesday 30th April 6.30pm
Buildings & Finance Meeting in Storeton Room.

Wednesday 1st May 7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Troughton Room.



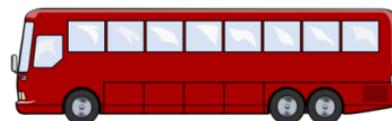
The Eco Church Steering Group are encouraging us to fulfil a weekly pledge: When shopping for food and groceries, use your 'L.O.A.F.' and make it Local, Organic, Animal friendly and Fair trade.

Come and support Christian Aid week and enjoy bacon/ sausage rolls or eggs on toast on **Saturday 11th May** from 9.15-11.00am. All are very welcome.



Vicki Midgley is looking into organising a Ladies Pottery Painting evening at Bisque in Oxtun 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. Light refreshments bring your own drinks. There is a list at the back of church.

There are still 15 seats left for the coach trip to Llandudno on **Tuesday 21st May**. If you would like to go, please sign the list at the back of church or speak to Graham Loach. Tickets £10. The coach will leave church at 9.30am and return by 5.00pm.



Funerals this week

Friday	12 noon	Sam Smith	Christ Church
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The funeral service of Susan El Akaad will be held in the chapel at Mayfields Remembrance Park, Eastham on **Tuesday 30th April at 1.00pm**, followed by a burial there at 1.30pm.

Anniversaries: Dennis Miller, John Morgan, Joyce Entwistle, Thomas Tierney, Jessie Hillhouse, John Evans, William M. Bosworth, Leslie Hamilton, Annie Frances Meadowcroft, Elizabeth Whittaker.

Prayer List: Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Roger Bunn, Yvonne Cranny, Elsa Dowling, Nora Duncan, John Evans, Wendy Edwards, 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, Lynn Scott, Ina Shorrocks, Janet Shorrocks, Barbara Smith, Ann Tait, Keira Taylor, Roisin Terris, Jean Thelwell, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Whittaker Family.

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