

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 23rd June 2019

First Sunday after Trinity

Sidespeople: Derek Fogg, June Fogg, John Theobald, Judith Renton.

Next week: Jim Wallace, Janet Wallace, Gill Cook, John Champion.

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

This morning we welcome our new Rose Queen, Charlotte and her retinue. Charlotte's chosen charity is Alder Hey Children's Charity. Please support her events throughout the year.

HYMNS

<i>ProceSSIONAL</i>	427
<i>Gradual</i>	39
<i>Offertory</i>	106
<i>Communion 1</i>	166
<i>Communion 2</i>	225
<i>Recessional</i>	186

Prayer for the week:

**God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen.**

Thoughts for the week:

If someone is too tired to give you a smile, leave one of your own, because no one needs a smile as much as those who have none to give.

Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. *Augustine*

There will be a special Communion service on **Sunday 30th June at 5pm** when Eunice will be licensed by Bishop Keith as Associate Curate (to be known as Associate Minister). Refreshments will be served afterwards. Donations of cakes, savoury buffet items and salads will be gratefully received. We will be serving hot dogs from the BBQ.

Alternative Service 6.30pm tonight
George will be leading us through an introduction to the Divine Mercy devotion.

The first reading is from Galatians 3:23-29 (NRSV)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed

yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Monday 24th June 9am Start the Week with Prayer

Monday 24th June 9.30 - 11.15am

Toddler Group for pre-school aged children and their parents/carers.

Monday 24th June 11.30 am- 12.30pm

Bumps and Babies for expectant mums and babies.



Tuesday 25th June

10.30am

Art Café in the Kings Hall.



Tuesday 25th June 6.30pm

Pause and Pray



The next Men's Supper Club will be on **Tuesday 25th June at 7.30pm** at The Galley, Ellesmere Port Boat Museum. Please contact John Theobald (645 1083) if you wish to go as meals must be pre-ordered.

Wednesday 26th June 10.00am - 12.00 noon Connect Café in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.



Wednesday 26th June 10.30am Holy Communion in church.



The next Tea Dance is on **Wednesday 10th July at 2.00pm** featuring live music and delicious cakes. Do come along and tell friends and neighbours.

Date for your diary: End of Term All Age Worship **Sunday 14th July at 10am** followed by Parish Picnic in the gardens. All are welcome.

Afternoon Tea Concert **Sunday 21st July 3.00pm** in church. Tickets £10, students £5. In aid of the organ restoration fund.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (8:26-39) (NIVUK)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus restores a demon-possessed man

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!' For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?'

'Legion,' he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over the town how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A HUGE "thank you" to all who have worked so hard to make our Summer Fair possible. We really are so blessed to have such a wonderfully committed and generous group of volunteers, willing to give their time and resources to serve our community and support the life of our church.

**Thank
You!**

Congratulations to the mysterious Ivana Wynne on winning the Christ Church Premier Fantasy League 2018/19! If s/he could please reveal his/her identity, then we can arrange for the presentation of the trophy!



One of the best ways to reduce your carbon footprint is to travel less often by plane. Consider taking the train or coach. Flights might seem less time-consuming, but factor in the trip to the airport, security, baggage check-in, then trains become a much more relaxing way to travel. If you must fly, pack light (less fuel used) and don't buy single use plastic toiletry containers. Offset your carbon emissions by donating to a charity, such as Eco Church! (www.society19.com)

Graham Loach is organising a trip to Theatre Clywd to see 'Oliver' on **Friday 1st November**. Tickets to include coach travel will be £25. Bookings are now being taken. Tickets are available from Graham Loach or the Parish Office.

Friends' Weekend 29th May to 1st June 2020. Following the successful friends' trip to Grange-over-Sands, Jill Wright is organising next year's excursion, which will be for three nights. If you are interested, please contact Jill.

Please pray for Chelsea and Anthony who will be married here next Saturday.



Funeral this week:

Friday 28 th	11.30am	Mavis Hetty Dodd	Christ Church
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Anniversaries: Eileen Farrant, Flo Jones, Bill Bowles, Colin Sloan, Margaret Randle, David Wright, Joyce Dean, Esther Whitehead, Peter John Hellaby, Gerry O'Neill, Vera Powell, William Whieldon, Jeff Lydiatt,

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, Howard 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, Ron White, Whittaker Family.

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