

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

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

This morning Rev. Eunice Blackmore will preach at our 10am Service of the Word.  
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: [christchurchbeb.org.uk](http://christchurchbeb.org.uk)

<b><u>HYMNS</u></b>	
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**Today 11.30am**

APCM in Kings Hall.

Please do stay after coffee  
for the meeting.

**Tonight 6.30pm**

Alternative Service

A huge THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to make our church look so beautiful for Easter and to those who helped with all our events and services during Holy Week. Also to everyone who helped deliver the Easter cards. Your efforts and your ministry are very much appreciated.

Prayer for the week:

**Risen Christ,**

**for whom no door is locked, no  
entrance barred:**

**open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice  
and peace,**

**to the praise of God the Father.**

**Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

"If God called us to a task, He will then  
qualify us for the job." *Jack Hyles*

"Trying to do the Lord's work in your own  
strength is the most confusing,  
exhausting, and tedious of all work. But  
when you are filled with the Holy Spirit,  
then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of  
you." *Corrie Ten Boom*

"The Holy Spirit is the gift of the Risen  
Christ. His anointing filling, empowering  
work is a baptism of love that gives power  
to make Jesus real to you and known to  
others." *Winkie Pratney*

"Relying on God has to start all over  
everyday, as if nothing has yet been  
done." *C. S. Lewis*

The first reading is from Acts 5: 27-32 (NIVUK)

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,' he said. 'Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood.' Peter and the other apostles replied: 'We must obey God rather than human beings! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead – whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.' This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:19-31) NIVUK)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 9am** Start the Week with Prayer.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1.30pm**  
Community Centre Management Meeting.

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

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm.** Men's Supper Club at Sunlight Restaurant, Bromborough Road, Bebington.



**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm**  
Pause & Pray in church.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**  
Buildings & Finance Meeting in Storeton Room.



**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 10.00am -12.00noon**  
Connect Café in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.



We have invited our local schools to Experience Church during the first week of June. The first planning meeting will be on **Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon**. Do join us if you can - or let Eunice know if you'd like to be involved.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 6.30pm**  
Ministry Team Meeting in the Storeton Room.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 7.30pm**  
PCC Meeting in the Troughton Room.

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 12.30pm** Befrienders' Lunch in the Troughton Room

Boulders will meet in the Kings Hall for their 'Talking through Faith' discussion session during the **10am** service **next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 4pm** Noisy Church for pre-school aged children and their families. All are very welcome.



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

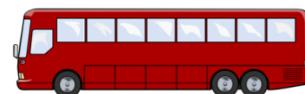
Rachael's last Rose Queen fundraising event will be an Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2.30 - 4.30pm** in the Kings Hall. If you would like to take part in the Scavenger Hunt in the local area, please arrive at 2pm.



The Eco Church Steering Group are encouraging us to fulfil a weekly pledge: 'Try and buy local - The Little Grocer and Fruiterer, 169, New Chester Rd., New Ferry sells fresh organic and non-organic produce, fresh smoothies and juices, artisan sourdough bread, vegan cakes and organic wholefoods. 100% plant based including vegware smoothie and juice cups. Plastic free where possible. Promotes 'reuse and recycle'

Vicki Midgley is looking into organising a Ladies Pottery Painting evening at Bisque in Oxton Village on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 seats available for the coach trip to Llandudno on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

Tuesday 12.30pm

Jean Henrikson

Christ Church

The funeral service of Susan El Akaad will be held in the chapel at Mayfields Remembrance Park, Eastham on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm**, followed by a burial there at 1.30pm.

### Funerals last week: Sam Smith.

**Anniversaries:** E. Ashton Hebron, Robert Gillis, Clive Palmer, Cyril Adams, James Curtis, Cath Reece, Anthony Fawcett, Sheila Holcroft, Elsie Roche, Beryl Preston, Doris May Thwaites, Stephen Michael Berry, Audrey Smith.

**Prayer List:** Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Roger Bunn, Yvonne Cranny, Mavis Dodd, 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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