

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 31st March 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sidespeople today: Fiona Murphy, Joan Rippon, Heather Whitehead, Liz Bird.

Next Week: Barbara Mayers, Diane Shaw, David Evans, Terry Cunningham.

This morning Rev Mike Loach will preach at our 10am
All Age Service for Mothering Sunday.

Weekly sermons are available on the church website: christchurchbeb.org.uk

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| <u>HYMNS</u> | |
| <i>Processional</i> | 354 |
| <i>Gradual</i> | 321 |
| <i>Offertory</i> | 311 |
| <i>Communion 1</i> | 464 |
| <i>Communion 2</i> | 535 |
| <i>Recessional</i> | 169 |

Prayer for the week:

**God of love, passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**



Mothers' Union will be collecting donations for our "Make a Mother's Day" appeal. Those of us who no longer have a mother to give a gift to, give a sum to help buy a gift for a poor mother elsewhere. This is open to everyone, not just MU members.

Thoughts for the week:

Smile at each other, smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other -- it doesn't matter who it is -- and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other. *Mother Teresa*

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.

Henri Nouwen

I've never known any human being, high or humble, who ever regretted, when nearing life's end, having done kindly deeds. But I have known more than one millionaire who became haunted by the realization that they had led selfish lives. *B. C. Forbes*

The first reading is from Exodus 2:1-10 (ICB)

There was a man from the family of Levi. He married a woman who was also from the family of Levi. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw how wonderful the baby was, and she hid him for three months. But after three months, she was not able to hide the baby any longer. So she got a basket made of reeds and covered it with tar so that it would float. She put the baby in the basket. Then she put the basket among the tall grass at the edge of the Nile River. The baby's sister stood a short distance away. She wanted to see what would happen to him.

Then the daughter of the king of Egypt came to the river. She was going to take a bath. Her servant girls were walking beside the river. She saw the basket in the tall grass. So she sent her slave girl to get it. The king's daughter opened the basket and saw the baby boy. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. She said, "This is one of the Hebrew babies."

Then the baby's sister asked the king's daughter, "Would you like me to find a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby for you?"

The king's daughter said, "Yes, please." So the girl went and got the baby's own mother.

The king's daughter said to the woman, "Take this baby and nurse him for me. I will pay you." So the woman took her baby and nursed him. After the child had grown older, the woman took him to the king's daughter. She adopted the baby as her own son. The king's daughter named him Moses, because she had pulled him out of the water.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ from John 19:25-27 (CEV)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' mother stood beside his cross with her sister and Mary the wife of Clopas. Mary Magdalene was standing there too. When Jesus saw his mother and his favourite disciple with her, he said to his mother, "This man is now your son." Then he said to the disciple, "She is now your mother." From then on, that disciple took her into his own home.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Monday 1st April 9am
Start the Week with
Morning Prayer.



Pause & Pray in
church.
Tuesday 2nd April
at 6.30pm.





The Eco Church Steering group will meet in the Storeton Room on **Tuesday 2nd April** at 1.00pm and again at 7.30pm. Please speak to Pam or Alan Hollinshead for more information.

Wednesday 3rd April
10.00am -12.00noon
Connect Café
All are very welcome.



Wednesday 3rd April 10.30am
Lent Meeting at St. John's, New Ferry followed by soup lunch at 12 noon.



Wednesday 3rd April
at 1.30pm
Knit & Natter in Kings Hall.
All are very welcome.

Wednesday 3rd April
2.00pm or 7.30pm
Group Bible studies for Lent.
Theme: Creating Community
All are very welcome.

Thursday 4th April 12.30pm Befrienders' Lunch in the Troughton Room.



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

The Summer Fair is fast approaching (**Saturday 22nd June**). Anyone willing to help out in any way please let Mike, Sarah, Diane Shaw or the Parish Office know.



Beb Shed is open for new members every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am - 1pm.
Anyone interested, please come along.

Maundy Thursday: We are planning to share a meal and communion together: if you are willing to provide a pan of scouse for the Maundy Thursday supper 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. I'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 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. 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!).

Please bring any Children's Society collecting boxes to Richard Woolham as soon as possible so that he can do the annual count.

If you have a concern or a thanksgiving for which you would appreciate prayer please approach a member of the pastoral team who will pray confidentially with you.

Funerals this week

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| Wednesday 3 rd | 10.30am | Nicole Forster | Christ Church |
| Friday 5 th | 2.00pm | Margaret Howard | Christ Church |

Anniversaries: Donald Anderson, Rita Cann, Ada Hill, Donald Hamilton, Jean Eley, Robert McKee, Mary Taylor, Sheila Whitehead, Ellen Coker, Nora Powell, Connie Cave, Marie Claude Evans, Derek Wild, Jean Taylor.

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, 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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