

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 5th May 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

Sidespeople today: Jim Wallace, Janet Wallace, Gill Cook, Mike Thorne.

Next week: Jill Loach, Graham Loach, Amanda Buckley, John Champion.

This morning Rev. Eunice Blackmore will preach at our 10am Parish Communion.
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: christchurchbeb.org.uk

HYMNS

<i>Processional</i>	426
<i>Gradual</i>	327
<i>Offertory</i>	197
<i>Communion 1</i>	4
<i>Communion 2</i>	186
<i>Recessional</i>	235

Prayer for the week:

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness
and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen
life and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Thoughts for the week:

Our God is a master at turning
devastation into restoration.

Chuck Swindoll

Instead of concentrating on your problems
and getting discouraged, focus on God
and meditate on His promises for
you. You may have fallen down but you
don't have to stay down. God is ready,
willing and able to pick you up.

Joyce Meyer

Boulders will meet in the Kings
Hall for their 'Talking through
Faith' discussion session during
the **10am** service **today**.

Today 4pm

Noisy Church for
pre-school aged
children and their families.
All are very welcome.



Tuesday 7th May 6.30pm
Pause & Pray in church.



The Eco Church Steering
Group will meet in the
Storeton Room on **Tuesday**
7th May at **1.00pm** and again at **7.30pm**.
Please speak to Pam or Alan Hollinshead
for more information.

Tuesday 7th May 7.30pm Men's Group at 25 Regents Way.

The first reading is from Acts 9: 1-6. (NIV UK)

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked.

'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Wednesday 8th May 10.00am - 12.00noon

Connect Café in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.



If you enjoy sewing, please join us at Ladies in Stitches on **Wednesday 8th May** at **1.30pm** in the Kings Hall. Our first project will be making bunting for the Summer Fair so if anyone has any fabric they no longer need and would like to donate, please drop it to the Parish office or bring along it along to the first meeting. All are welcome.



Wednesday 8th May 1.30pm Oasis Mental Health Support Group in Troughton Room.

Sidespeople are invited to attend the Archdeacon's Visitation on **Wednesday 8th May** at St. Paul's, Seacombe commencing at 7.30 pm.

Thursday 9th May 7.45pm
Mothers' Union in the Kings Hall with guest speaker Rev. Mike Loach.



Thirsty Thursday in the Travellers Rest, Mount Road from **9pm** on **Thursday 9th May**.

Indoor bowls will take a break until September 13th as the Crown Green season has begun.



Friday 10th May at 2.00pm Art Café in the Kings Hall.



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.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (21: 1-19)(NIV UK)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 'I'm going out to fish,' Simon Peter told them, and they said, 'We'll go with you.' So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?'

'No,' they answered.

He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'

Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'

The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!' This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Rachael's last Rose Queen fundraising event will be an Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 11th 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.

St. David's URC are hosting Forest Church in the woodland in our grounds on **Saturday 11th May 3 - 4pm**. All are welcome. See posters for more details.

Anyone wishing to put their names on a waiting list for the Friend's Weekend **17th - 19th May** in case any places become available, please see Jill Wright asap.

There are still a few seats available for the coach trip to Llandudno on **Tuesday 21st May**. If you would like to go, please speak to Graham Loach or the Parish Office.



Tickets £10. The coach will leave church at 9.30am and return by 5.00pm.

ECO CHURCH The Eco Church Steering Group are encouraging us to fulfil a weekly pledge: 'Buy Local'. Alan & Laurel, who run Foxes Farm, Thornton Common Road, Clatterbridge CH63 0LU grow organic, seasonal crops at reasonable prices.

The Rev's Anne and Ray Samuels send warm greetings to all. They are settling well in their lovely apartment in West Kirby. They would love to hear from people, and would also welcome visitors. Anyone needing their address, please contact the Parish Office.

Funerals last week: Jean Henrikson.

Anniversaries: Cuthbert Cave, Doris Bolton, Albert Edwin Grey, Sidney Davies, Ted Taylor, Emily Birch, Margaret Faith Stimson, Allan Alsbury, Frank Williams.

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, Howard Rogers, 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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