

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**10th Sunday after Trinity**

**Sidespeople:** Jim Wallace, Janet Wallace, Gill Cook, John Champion

**Next week:** Jill Loach, Graham Loach, Amanda Buckley, Mike Thorne

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

## HYMNS

<i>Processional</i>	188
<i>Gradual</i>	500
<i>Offertory</i>	362
<i>Communion</i>	353
<i>Recessional</i>	571

## Prayer for the week:

**Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be  
persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to  
lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before  
you,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**



**Healing Service  
tonight at  
6.30pm**

**Tuesday 27th August  
6.30pm  
Pause and Pray**

**Wednesday 28th August  
10.00 am  
Holy Communion**

**Sunday September 1st  
4pm  
Noisy Church**



## Thoughts for the week:

“Compassion costs. It is easy to criticize, argue and condemn, but redemption is costly, and comfort draws from the deep. Brains can argue, but it takes heart to comfort.” *Samuel Chadwick*

“The motivating factor behind God’s redemptive plan for every man and woman is his love for us. He not only loves us. He so loves us!” *O.S. Hawkins*

“If you’re broken hearted today, God has good news that says: ‘weeping may endure for the night, but joy cometh in the morning.’ “ *Matthew Hagee*

**Sunday Club and Boulders recommence next Sunday**

The first reading is from Ruth 3: 1-18

Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat down there just as the guardian-redeemer<sup>l</sup> he had mentioned came along. Boaz said, 'Come over here, my friend, and sit down.' So he went over and sat down. Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, 'Sit here,' and they did so. Then he said to the guardian-redeemer, 'Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek. I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line.' 'I will redeem it,' he said. Then Boaz said, 'On the day you buy the land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the dead man's widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property.' At this, the guardian-redeemer said, 'Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it.'

(Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalising transactions in Israel.)

So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, 'Buy it yourself.' And he removed his sandal.

Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, 'Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his home town. Today you are witnesses!'

Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, 'We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. Through the offspring the LORD gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.'

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. The women said to Naomi: 'Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a guardian-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! He will renew your life and sustain you in your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth. Then Naomi took the child in her arms and cared for him. The women living there said, 'Naomi has a son!' And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

This, then, is the family line of Perez: Perez was the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, Salmon the father of Boaz, Boaz the father of Obed, Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (16:16-24)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went on to say, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.' At this, some of his disciples said to one another, 'What does he mean by saying, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me," and "Because I am going to the Father"?' They kept asking, 'What does he mean by "a little while"?' We don't understand what he is saying.' Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, 'Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, "In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me"?' Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. On that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

'This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**



**Wednesday 28th August 10.00am**

Connect Café - all are welcome



**All Age Worship with Organ Dedication Service**

Sunday September 8th, 10am



Alpha - Explore more. 'Life. Faith. Meaning'.

Starting on **Thursday September 19th, 7pm**, for 10 weeks.

Discover, discuss and debate what the Christian Faith is all about.

Contact Mike or Eunice if you are interested.



**Teddy Bears' picnic! Sunday 22nd September 3 pm.**

An opportunity to get to know other families with pre-school children - in the garden, if sunny, otherwise in the Kings Hall.

All teddies invited - must be accompanied by their owners!

Picnic provided.

Harvest Supper will be **Saturday, 5th October**. Get the date in your diary and your dancing shoes on! Details to follow. Tickets on sale 1st September.



Sunday, 27th August, 12 midday at Birkenhead Park Visitor Centre - Eco-Brick Workshop. Wirral Raising Awareness of Plastic Pollution Encouraging Reduction (W.R.A.P.P.E.R.)



Tai Chi Induction Class! Weekly, beginning Monday September 2nd, 1pm till 2pm. 'Add years to your life and life to your years'. Free induction class and £5 per session thereafter.



Saturday 7th September - Rose Queen Beetle Drive. Doors open 5.30, first game 6.00pm. Tickets: £3 adults, £2 under 16's from the Parish Office. In aid of Alder Hey Hospital.

There are some rooms still available for the Parish Weekend Away to St. Asaph on **September 27-29** if anyone is interested. Please contact Tracy or the parish office for more information.

As a Church, we are supporting and praying for Will McElroy and his family. Will is in intensive care in Alicante. If you would like to donate towards his care, there will be a collection after today's service or you can give via the following link: [www.gofundme.com/f/supporting-the-mcelroys](http://www.gofundme.com/f/supporting-the-mcelroys)

**Funeral this week:**

Friday 30th

11a.m.

Karen Ramsden

Christ Church

**Anniversaries:**

Harry Moore, Sheila Cook, Doreen Kirkwood

**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, Jim Lloyd, Kathleen Mary Malcolm, Wendy Martin, Brenda McGrattan, Will McElroy (aged 6), Heather Millington, Caroline Murphy, 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, Malcolm Wheatley, Ron White, Whittaker Family, Sophie, Jonah (aged 7).

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