

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Sidespeople:** Fiona Murphy, Rhona Snelson, Heather Whitehead, Liz Bird.

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

This morning, we celebrate 50 years of Women in Reader Ministry. Reader Emeritus, Jill Wright will be leading the service. Rev. Mike Loach is leading and preaching at the 10am Parish Communion at St. Paul & St. Luke's. Weekly sermons are available on the church website: [christchurchbeb.org.uk](http://christchurchbeb.org.uk)

<u><b>HYMNS</b></u>	
Hymn 1	172
Hymn 2	73
Hymn 3	464
Hymn 4	sheet

Prayer for the week:

**Almighty God,**  
who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through Him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## *'Listening to the Lord'*

Meditation group led by George  
**TODAY 4pm - 5pm**  
Kings Hall

Thoughts for the week:

So many times we say that we can't serve God because we aren't whatever is needed. We're not talented enough or smart enough or whatever. But if you are in covenant with Jesus Christ, He is responsible for covering your weaknesses, for being your strength. He will give you His abilities for your disabilities!

*Kay Arthur*

Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily.

*Saint Francis de Sales*

Be a hand that reaches out.

Be a smile for those who have no reason to smile.

Be a light for those who live in darkness.

*Anon.*

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 9.00am** Start the week with prayer

The first reading is from Romans 12: 1-8. (MSG)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.

Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvellously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 9.30 - 11.15am**

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

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. 11.30am -**

**12.30pm Bumps and Babies**  
for expectant mums and babies.



**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am**  
Singing Café in Kings Hall. All welcome.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (28:16-20)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**4Cs**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 12.15pm in Troughton Room.**  
Sophie Bennett from Wired Carer Services will give a talk at the 4C's Carer's Lunch. All are welcome.



**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
**6.30pm Pause & Pray**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10.30am Holy Communion**



Connect Café in the Kings Hall.  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am - 12.00 noon**  
All are very welcome.



Alpha launches on **Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** with the question is there more to life than this? Why not come to this first "taster" session – and enjoy a meal and discussion together? We are also seeking people who are willing to cook (main or dessert), welcomers and tidy uppers! Do let Mike or Eunice know if you would like to be involved.

Jerry Williams has organised a litter pick in the local area on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**. All are welcome. Meet outside the Community Centre at **4.30pm**.



**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm Boulders' Social.**

**Teddy Bears' picnic! Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 3pm.** 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.



If you can help in any way with the Teddy Bear's picnic; e.g. sandwiches, cakes, nibbles or are willing to lend an extra large teddy, ground sheets, teddies.... Please let Eunice or the office know (sign up sheet at back).

## Next Sunday 6.30pm Fellowship Service 'The Calling of Matthew'



**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2.00pm - 3.45pm**  
Tea Dance in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.

MacMillan Coffee Morning: 'Fake it or Bake it'. Please support the World's Biggest Coffee morning on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** at Christ Church Community Centre **from 10am until 12 noon**. If you are able to help or provide cakes please speak to Tracy O'Connell.



**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October.** Pie, peas and pud! Barn dancing to a live band. Doors open 6pm. Adults £8, Children 12 and under £5. Tickets in advance from the parish office or Vicky Midgley or Libby Potter. Proceeds to Charles Thompson Mission and church environmental projects.

### **Puddings needed please!**

If you are able to provide a fruit crumble pudding for the Harvest Supper, please speak to Vicky Midgley or Libby Potter.

'**By Still Waters**' Mini-retreats on the Psalms at Foxhill (near Frodsham) every month: **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October will be led by Anne Samuels (Psalm 9) 10am-3pm** (coffee from 9.30). £23 including lunch and refreshments. To book, ring 01928 733777 or email [Foxhill@chester.anglican.org](mailto:Foxhill@chester.anglican.org)  
More information at [www.foxhillchester.co.uk](http://www.foxhillchester.co.uk)

**Funeral last week:** Elizabeth (Liz) Mary Stewart.

**Anniversaries:** Alan Bebbington, Helen Elizabeth Hebron, Ada Roff, Winefrida Owens, Lorna Esme Fletcher, Ian MacMaster, William Preston, Lisette Vauzelles, Norman Bruce, Colin Wellings, Edith Irene Dodson, Barbara Parker, Kenneth Hosker Jones, Susan Blackburn, Carol Newns.

**Prayer List:** Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Roger Bunn, Yvonne Cranny, Elsa Dowling, Nora Duncan, John Evans, Denise Foster, Mary Garland, 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 Shorrock, Janet Shorrock, 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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