

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 22nd September 2019

14th Sunday after Trinity

Sidespeople: Barbara Mayers, David Evans, Diane Shaw, Terry Cunningham.

Next week: Michael Blackburn, Linda White, Alan Jackson, Lianne Drummond.

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

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Prayer for the week:

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

Thoughts for the week:

Grace is God's best idea. His decision to ravage a people by love, to rescue passionately, and to restore justly - what rivals it? Of all his wondrous works, grace, in my estimation, is the magnum opus. *Max Lucado*

Our mind cannot find a comparison too large for expressing the superabundant mercy of the Lord toward his people. *David Dickson*

The story of grace includes a broad range of characters - rich, poor, powerful, and powerless. For all of them, it is God's grace that tips the scale in their favour. In some ways these stories are our stories. For like the individuals who populate the pages of Scripture, we, too, need grace. But not just any grace. The grace of God. *Andy Stanley*

Tonight 6.30pm
Fellowship Service
'The Calling of Matthew'.

Monday 23rd September 9.00am
Start the week with prayer

The first reading is from 1 Timothy 2: 1-7. (NIVUK)

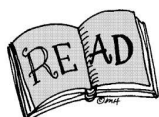
I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Monday 23rd Sept. 9.30 - 11.15am
Toddler Group for pre-school aged children and their parents/carers.

Monday 23rd Sept. 11.30am - 12.30pm Bumps and Babies for expectant mums and babies.



Monday 23rd September 2.15pm

Happy Reading Group will meet in the Troughton Room.
New members welcome.

Tuesday 24th September 6.30pm Pause & Pray



Wednesday 25th September 10.30am Holy Communion



Connect Café in the Kings Hall.

Wednesday 25th September 10.00am - 12.00 noon

All are very welcome.



Wednesday 25th September 2.00pm - 3.45pm

Tea Dance in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.



Thursday September 26th at 7 pm Alpha: with the question is there more to life than this? Why not come and enjoy a meal and discussion together? Please feel free to come even if you missed last week.

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.



MacMillan Coffee Morning: 'Fake it or Bake it'. Please support the World's Biggest Coffee morning on **Friday 27th**

September at Christ Church Community Centre from **10am until 12 noon**. If you are able to help or provide cakes please let Tracy O'Connell know. (07882 078 349)



The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (16:1-13)(MSG)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, “There was once a rich man who had a manager. He got reports that the manager had been taking advantage of his position by running up huge personal expenses. So he called him in and said, ‘What’s this I hear about you? You’re fired. And I want a complete audit of your books.’

“The manager said to himself, ‘What am I going to do? I’ve lost my job as manager. I’m not strong enough for a labouring job, and I’m too proud to beg. . . . Ah, I’ve got a plan. Here’s what I’ll do . . . then when I’m turned out into the street, people will take me into their houses.’

“Then he went at it. One after another, he called in the people who were in debt to his master. He said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

“He replied, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’

“The manager said, ‘Here, take your bill, sit down here—quick now—write fifty.’

“To the next he said, ‘And you, what do you owe?’

“He answered, ‘A hundred sacks of wheat.’

“He said, ‘Take your bill, write in eighty.’

“Now here’s a surprise: The master praised the crooked manager! And why? Because he knew how to look after himself. Streetwise people are smarter in this regard than law-abiding citizens. They are on constant alert, looking for angles, surviving by their wits. I want you to be smart in the same way—but for what is right—using every adversity to stimulate you to creative survival, to concentrate your attention on the bare essentials, so you’ll live, really live, and not complacently just get by on good behaviour.”

Jesus went on to make these comments:

If you’re honest in small things, you’ll be honest in big things;

If you’re a crook in small things, you’ll be a crook in big things.

If you’re not honest in small jobs, who will put you in charge of the store?

No worker can serve two bosses: He’ll either hate the first and love the second or adore the first and despise the second. You can’t serve both God and the Bank.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Calling all cake bakers: following the 10am Harvest service, there will be a number of stalls selling local and homemade produce. If anyone is willing to bake cakes for a cake stall, please let Mike know.



Saturday 5th October. Pie, peas and pud! Barn dancing to a live band. Doors open 6pm. Adults £8, 13-18 years old £5, 12 and under £3. 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 make a pudding should sign up on the list at the back of church 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 14th 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
More information at www.foxhillchester.co.uk

Next Sunday, we will welcome Rev. Dave Chester who will preach at our 10am Parish Communion service. Please pray for each other as some of our congregation will be in St. Asaph for the Parish Weekend.

ECO CHURCH On 23rd September, the UN will host a climate action summit in New York. We need world leaders, businesses and civil society to commit to accelerate actions to implement the 2015 Paris Agreement and tackle climate change. You can help!

1. Set an alarm to remind you to pray for the leaders and decision makers at the summit.
2. Choose two ways to reduce your carbon footprint this month. This could be anything from eating less red meat, to using your car less, or simply unplugging electrical devices around the home when not in use.

Anniversaries: Beryl Barclay, Ed Deegan, Christine Scott McCulloch, Eric Savage, Baby William Taylor, John Charles Holmes, Walter Charles Spinks, Stanley Hall, Christmas Thomas, Barbara Rivers, Colin Trenbirth, Hilary Stringer.

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, Ian Pass, Lorraine Petropoulou, Rita Quine, Howard Rogers, Jenny Rome, Joanne Russell, John Russell, 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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