

Christ Church

Higher Bebington

Sunday 6th October 2019

16th Sunday after Trinity

Sidespeople: Tracy Evans, Matthew O'Connell, Rose Rogers, John Rogers.

Next week: Derek Fogg, June Fogg, John Theobald, Judith Renton.



This morning, the Eco Church Steering Group will lead our 10am All Age Harvest service and Rev Mike Loach will preach. A short service of Holy Communion will follow at 11.45am. Weekly sermons are available on the church website.

| <u>HYMNS</u> | |
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| Hymn 1 | 101 |
| Hymn 2 | sheet |
| Hymn 3 | 534 |
| Hymn 4 | 380 |
| Hymn 5 | 571 |

Prayer for the week:

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; we thank you for the rich tapestry of your creation, may we cherish and respect this beautiful planet and all its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

TODAY 4pm Noisy Church - for pre-school children and their families. All very welcome.

Monday 7th October 9.00am
Start the week with prayer

Thoughts for the week:

"What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action."
Meister Eckhart

"Not only is food the most basic human need, but also it comes to us through the miracle of natural processes – the work of our Creator God.

We can take for granted the availability of food on our supermarket shelves. Few of us grow our own. We don't suffer directly when drought or floods kill the crops, as many in the global south do.

With each new generation becoming increasingly cut off from food production and nature, Harvest Festival is a chance to raise awareness.

But is it enough?

Weather events are becoming more spectacular — from record hurricanes in the Caribbean to killer droughts in East Africa. Human action is taking a devastating toll on nature and people around the world. Isn't it time churches made care for creation a core aspect of discipleship – not just reserved for Harvest Sunday?"

Arocha Caring for God's earth

The first reading is Psalm 148. (NIVUK)

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever –he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens.

And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Any donations of wood for the Community Bonfire will be gratefully received.

Monday 7th Oct. 9.30 - 11.15am

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

Monday 7th Oct. 11.30am - 12.30pm

Bumps and Babies for expectant mums and babies.



Film Morning will be showing "The Mercy" on **Tuesday 8th October at 10.30am** in the Kings Hall. £3.50 donation including unlimited light refreshments.

Tuesday 8th October 10.30am

Vestry Group Meeting

Tuesday 8th October 6.30pm

Pause & Pray



Wednesday 9th October

10.00am - 12.00 noon

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



Wednesday 9th October

1.30pm Oasis Mental Health

Group will meet in the Troughton Room. All welcome.



Ladies in Stitches will meet on **Wednesday 9th October at 1.30pm** in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.

Thirsty Thursday in the Travellers Rest, Mount Road from 9pm on **Thursday 10th October**.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:25-38)

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they found him back across the sea, they said, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

Jesus answered, “You’ve come looking for me not because you saw God in my actions but because I fed you, filled your stomachs—and for free. “Don’t waste your energy striving for perishable food like that. Work for the food that sticks with you, food that nourishes your lasting life, food the Son of Man provides. He and what he does are guaranteed by God the Father to last.”

To that they said, “Well, what do we do then to get in on God’s works?” Jesus said, “Throw your lot in with the One that God has sent. That kind of a commitment gets you in on God’s works.”

They waffled: “Why don’t you give us a clue about who you are, just a hint of what’s going on? When we see what’s up, we’ll commit ourselves. Show us what you can do. Moses fed our ancestors with bread in the desert. It says so in the Scriptures: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Jesus responded, “The real significance of that Scripture is not that Moses gave you bread from heaven but that my Father is right now offering you bread from heaven, the real bread. The Bread of God came down out of heaven and is giving life to the world.”

They jumped at that: “Master, give us this bread, now and forever!” Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life. The person who aligns with me hungers no more and thirsts no more, ever. I have told you this explicitly because even though you have seen me in action, you don’t really believe me. Every person the Father gives me eventually comes running to me. And once that person is with me, I hold on and don’t let go. I came down from heaven not to follow my own whim but to accomplish the will of the One who sent me.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Thursday 10th October at 7 pm Alpha with the question: How can I have faith?

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.

Thursday 10th October 7.45pm Mothers' Union in the Kings Hall. Boxes & Banter - a coffee evening and collections for the Shoebox Appeal

Besom is running short of bed linen – sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers (single and double). If you have any pre-loved bedding, please contact Jill Loach (334 6077) or the Parish office. Many thanks.

'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

BAPTISM WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism. By one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
We are children of the same heavenly Father,
we welcome you.**



Dates for your diary:

- **Saturday 12th October**
Litter Pick in the local community
Meet at Community Centre at 2.00pm.
- **Saturday 2nd November 5.30pm**
Community Bonfire & Fireworks.
- **Sunday 3rd November 3.00pm**
Time to Remember service
- **Sunday 10th November 10.00am**
Remembrance Sunday
- **Friday 15th November 7.30pm**
Organ Recital by Prof Ian Tracey.

Please pray for Sarah and Ben who will be married here on **Saturday 12th October** and continue to pray for Susan and Chris as they start their married life together following their wedding here yesterday.



Anniversaries: John Duckworth, Muriel Fraser-Smith, Shirley Roberts, Charles Brown, Colin Noel Hedderick, Kevin Hedderick, Harold Hopkins, Joe Knight, Brian Thornton, Eric Savage, Emma Williams, Bill Tharme, Robert Rodney Dodd, Edna Abbott, Joyce Rickards, Thelma Hunter.

Prayer List: Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Roger Bunn, Krista Cater, 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 (age 6), Heather Millington, Caroline Murphy, Helen Nealy, Ian Pass, Lorraine Petropoulou, Rita Quine, Howard Rogers, Jenny Rome, Joanne Russell, John Russell, 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 (age 7)

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