Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 12th January, 2020
Epiphany 1 (Baptism of Christ)

Sidespeople: Barbara Mayers, David Evans, Diane Shaw, Terry Cunningham.
Next week: Michael Blackburn, Linda White, Alan Jackson, Lianne Drummond.

This morning, Ian Millington will lead our 10am All Age Worship service.
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: christchurchbeb.org.uk

Hymns will all be on the big screen this morning.

Tonight 6.30pm
Sung Evensong

Choir practice will resume on **Tuesday 14th January** at **5.30pm**. If you are interested in joining the choir, please speak to June Fogg.

Viola's Pop-Up Bakery will be here after the 10am service on 19th January. Following our 10am service on 26th January, there will be a sale of Jean Lippiatt's homemade pies and bakes. Please do support these events...and bring a bag (if you remember) for your purchases!

Prayer for the week:
Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen

Thoughts for the week:
We are told to let our light shine, and if it does, we won't need to tell anybody it does. Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining - they just shine. *Dwight L Moody*

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
Martin Luther King Jr

In order for the light to shine so brightly, the darkness must be present.
Francis Bacon

Please save any used Christmas stamps for the Leprosy Mission box at the back of church. Many thanks, Fiona Murphy.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (14: 15-24) (The Living Translation)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, "What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!"

Jesus replied with this story: "A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, 'Come, the banquet is ready.' But they all began making excuses. One said, 'I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.' Another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'

"The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' After the servant had done this, he reported, 'There is still room for more.' So his master said, 'Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full. For none of those I first invited will get even the smallest taste of my banquet.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Monday 13th January 9.00am Start the week with prayer

Monday 13th Jan. 11.30am - 12.30pm Bumps and Babies for expectant mums and babies.

Monday 13th Jan. 9.30 - 11.15am Toddler Group for pre-school aged children and their parents/carers.

There will be <u>no Vestry Group</u> meeting on **Tuesday 14th January**. We will meet again on Tuesday 11th February at 10.30am.

Film Morning will be showing "Breathe" on **Tuesday 14th January** at **10.30am** in the Kings Hall. £3.50 donation including unlimited light refreshments.

Tuesday 14th January 6.30pm Pause & Pray

Wednesday 15th January 10.00am Connect Café in Kings Hall. All are welcome.

Holy Communion on **Wednesday 15th January** at **10.30am**.

Wednesday 15th January 1.30pm

Knit & Natter in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.

The next Men's Supper Club will meet at the Refreshment Rooms on **15th January at 7.30pm**.

Thursday 16th January at **7.30pm.** The Alpha Course will discuss the question 'How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?' Please contact Eunice or Mike if you would like to attend.

Friday 17th January 7.00pm Boulders' Social.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity @ 10.30am	
Saturday 18th January	Lower Bebington Methodist
Monday 20th January	St Andrew's, Bebington
Tuesday 21st January	Life Church
Wednesday 22nd January	Christ Church, Higher Bebington
Thursday 23rd January	St Luke's, Church Road
Friday 24th January	Christ Church, Port Sunlight
Saturday 25th January	St John's, New Ferry

Please do support this important opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to walk in the way of Jesus. We are hosting the United Service on **Sunday 26th January** at **6.30pm**. Anyone willing to bake cake for refreshments following the United Service, please let Sarah Loach or the Parish Office know.

There will be a meeting at **12.15pm** on **Wednesday 22nd January** for everyone who is on the Connect Café rota. If you are unable to come, please let Mike know.

Wednesday 22nd January 2.00pm - 3.45pm
Tea Dance in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.

Rose Queen Family Quiz Night – Saturday 25th January
Doors open 5.30pm, quiz starts 6.30pm
Please join us for a Fun Family Quiz Night. Tickets are £5.00 adults & £3.00 under 16s. Ticket price includes a jacket potato with a choice of topping or a hot dog. For catering purposes please buy tickets in advance.
Raffle and cake sale on the night. ALL ARE VERY WELCOME.

Diane Shaw will be having a table of nearly new toys at the Christian Aid Attic Sale at the end of January. Any donations can be left in the church porch . Many thanks.

Bookshop Closing. Please note that, sadly, the Christian bookshop in Birkenhead will be closing its doors at the end of February. There will be a closing down sale from the middle of January. Please check opening times if you are planning to visit.

Save the date…..

A stunning authentic performance of Bach's St John Passion, as Bach would have heard it, with the 18th Century Sinfonia, Chester Bach Singers and Ruairi Bowen as Evangelist.
29th March 2020 at Christ Church, Higher Bebington at 7.30pm.
Tickets £16 available from Parish Office 0151 608 4429 and Ticketsource.co.uk/cchb

Forthcoming Funerals:

Monday 13th Jan.	11.30am	**Reg**inald Wilson	Landican South
Monday 20th Jan.	12.30pm	Brent Taylor	Landican South
Wednesday 29th Jan.		Jean Thelwell	
10.00am at Landican and 11.00am at Christ Church			
Thursday 30th Jan.	2.00pm	Dorothy (**Dot**) Deacon	Christ Church
Friday 31st Jan.	10.30am	Peter Quinn	Christ Church

Funeral last week: Andrew James Humphreys.

Anniversaries: John Neilson, Elsie Isabella McCarthy, David Simmons, Jim Mottram, Jean Evans, Victor Hellaby, Harry Larkin, Norma Johnson, Guy Sloman, John Williams, Les Griffiths, Jack Cunningham, Emily Atkinson, Denis Taylor, Jean Casement, Eileen Pratt, Noel Fletcher, Albert Banks, Iris Banks, Robert Henry Davies.

Prayer List: Maureen Ashworth, Cliff Barr, 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, Anne Jones, Ted Jones, Richard Kelly, Jim Lloyd, Kathleen Mary Malcolm, Wendy Martin, Brenda McGrattan, Will McElroy (age 6), David Millington, 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, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Malcolm Wheatley, Ron White, Whittaker Family, Sophie, Jonah (age 7)

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