# Christ Church Higher Bebington

**Sunday 24th November 2019**
**Christ the King**
**Sidespeople:** Michael Blackburn, Linda White, Alan Jackson, Lianne Drummond.
**Next week:** Tracy Evans, Matthew O'Connell, Rose Rogers, John Rogers.

This morning, Rev Eunice Blackmore will preach at our 10am Parish Communion which will celebrate 160 years of worship in our church.

***HYMNS***

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| ***Hymn 1*** | ***310*** |
| ***Hymn 2*** | ***sheet*** |
| ***Hymn 3*** | ***73*** |
| ***Hymn 4*** | ***473*** |

Following our 10am All Age Parish Communion service **today**, there will be a sale of Jean Lippiatt's homemade pies and bakes.

**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.**

Prayer for the week:
**Eternal Father,**
**whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven**
**that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:**
**keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,**
**and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;**
**who is alive and reigns with you,**
**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**
**one God, now and for ever. Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

Is this really the church of Christ, or are we just calling it the church because of our traditions and history? *K.P. Yohannan*

Jesus is the Head of the church. He expects His body to cooperate. *Jack Wellman*

The local church is espoused to Christ, but there is always the danger of that love growing cold. Like Martha, we can be so busy working for Christ that we have no time to love Him. Christ is more concerned about what we do with Him than for Him. Labour is no substitute for love. *Warren Wiersbe*

The first reading is Colossians 1: 9-20 (NIVUK)
For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.
This is the word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

Our new sound system is being trialled during the 10am service today. Anyone interested in forming part of a new AV team, please contact the Church wardens.

**Tonight 6.30pm** Fellowship Service in church with the theme 'Recounting the Flood'. Guest speaker Jacky Finch will tell us about Arks before Noah. All are most welcome.

**Monday 25th November 9.00am** Start the week with prayer

**Monday 25th Nov. 9.30 - 11.15am**
Toddler Group for pre-school aged children and their parents/carers.

**Monday 25th Nov. 11.30am - 12.30pm** Bumps and Babies for expectant mums and babies.

**Monday 25th November** at **2.15pm** the Happy Reading Group will meet in the Troughton Room. All are very welcome.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 23:33-43 (NIVUK)
**Glory to you, O Lord.**
When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.
The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.'
The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.'
There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the Jews.
One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: 'Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'
But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.'
Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'
Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Tuesday 26th November 6.30pm** Pause & Pray

**Wednesday 27th November 10.00am - 12.00 noon**
Connect Café in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.

**Wednesday 27th November 10.30am** Holy Communion

**Wednesday 27th November 2.00pm - 3.45pm**
Festive Tea Dance in the Kings Hall. All are very welcome.

**Thursday 28th November 9.00am**
Morning Prayer in church

**Friday 29th November 12 noon**
Prayers for the Parish

**Book Sale –** Jill Wright will be selling copies of her new book *'My Days of Wine and Roses'* about her life and faith in adversity, after 10am services **and at the Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th November.** £5 a copy. Proceeds to church organ fund and Wirral MIND.

The Christmas card that is distributed within the Parish is due to arrive on Thursday. Anyone willing to help sort the cards and then start to deliver them, please meet at the Community Centre on **Thursday 28th Nov**. at **2.30pm**.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to or offered to help with the Christmas Coffee morning. As a final push this week may I ask for some more bottles/sweets or gift sets for the tombola. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer if anyone is able to help on Friday 29th November 1-2.30pm and then from 4pm onwards to set up or on **Saturday 30th November on a stall**. For you bakers, cakes and mince pies on the day would also be appreciated. With grateful thanks Charlotte

Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th December at 10am. Please do come and support this event and invite friends and neighbours.

On **Monday 2nd December**, we will be hosting all of the candidates for Wirral South at a General Election Hustings in the Kings Hall at **8pm**. Do come along and take the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Due to the many generous donations of bedding, Besom have postponed any further collections for the time being. Many thanks for all the support received.

**Forthcoming Funeral:**

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| Friday 6th Dec. | 11.30am | Beryl Elizabeth Crockett | Christ Church |

**Anniversaries**: Louis Jamieson, Nora Mottershead, Enid Scott, Gilbert Grainger, Doris Edith Croxton, Mavis Marjorie Carolan, Peter Harrison, Dorothy Alsbury, Elsie Nelson, David Wright, Phyllis Owens, Robbie Royden, Kenneth Christian, Graham Renton, Marjorie Byrne, Mary Elizabeth Williams.

**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, Brian Hughes, 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, Jean Thelwell, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Malcolm Wheatley, Ron White, Whittaker Family, Sophie, Jonah (age 7)

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