

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

This morning Rev Eunice Blackmore will lead our 10am service.  
Weekly sermons are available on the church website: [christchurchbeb.org.uk](http://christchurchbeb.org.uk)

## HYMNS

- Hymn 1 *Praise my soul the King of heaven*  
Hymn 2 *Here is love, deep as the ocean*  
Hymn 3 *Great is thy faithfulness*  
Hymn 4 *Amazing Grace*

### Prayer for the week:

**God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**



Wirral Foodbank will no doubt be called upon much more in the coming weeks. If you are able to donate any food items, there is a collection box in church. They urgently need: Tinned meat or fish, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, hot chocolate, coffee, squash, jam, sugar, sponge pudding, custard, sugar, shampoo, washing up liquid.

Dear Friends - we have now set up a YouTube channel and will be streaming tomorrow's 10am service live from Christ Church, Higher Bebington! Just open YouTube and search for "Christ Church HB" or follow this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPD\\_Phsd0o2MYNudgbzFUzg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPD_Phsd0o2MYNudgbzFUzg)

We will also be aiming to post various prayer services and activities over the coming weeks, so please subscribe to the channel and let's try to stay connected XX

Sadly, we have now received instruction to **suspend all worship services** until further notice. This includes all regular Sunday services, midweek Communions and any special services.

**Church**, however, will be **open every day** from **9am – 7pm**, with prayers said by members of the Ministry Team at **9am, 12pm & 6pm**.

If you'd like to speak with a **member of the clergy**, please call **0151 609 0943** or **0151 648 5343**.

The first reading is from Colossians 3: 12-17. (NIVUK)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (19: 25b-27) (NIVUK)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Thoughts for the week:

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the love of a Mother.

*St. Therese of Lisieux*

Do not think that love in order to be genuine has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired. Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

*Mother Teresa*

The overriding character trait of Jesus is LOVE, and the entire Gospel story is woven with love. Sometimes it's not easy, and oftentimes it requires sacrifice, but it's when we love that we are the most like Jesus.

*Steven Furtick*

Do not waste time bothering whether you love your neighbour; act as if you did.

*C.S. Lewis*



## National Day of Prayer and Action - Mothering Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> March)

Say a prayer,  
light a candle at 7pm and put it in your window,  
ring someone who is isolated and vulnerable;  
buy an extra item for our local  
food bank collection.



Thank you to everyone who supported the Fair Trade Fortnight events recently. Please continue to support this important campaign by buying Fair Trade goods where you can.  
The Eco-Church steering group.



**Thank You** to everyone who generously donated to the cake sale last week.  
£146 was raised in support of the Alzheimer's Society. The Millingtons

**Funerals last week:** Peter Salmon, Leonard David Hulme.

### **Funerals this week:**

Thursday	2.00pm	Diana Mary Hirst	Landican Centre
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**Anniversaries:** Gordon Youd, Elliot Wild, Ruth Callaghan, Sylvia Haswell, Reginald Duncan, Florence Tomkins, John Elwyn Legge, Jane Louise Heley, Maureen Hemmings, Myra Rowan, George Jones, Roy Faulkner.

**Prayer List:** Maureen Ashworth, Cliff Barr, Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Krista Cater, Yvonne Cranny, Elsa Dowling, Mavis Duggan, Nora Duncan, John Evans, Mary Garland, Paula Green, Cara Elise Hartt, Simon Hayes, Pam Hollinshead, Lyndsey Howard, Anne Jones, Ted Jones, Richard Kelly, Paul Lewis, Jim Lloyd, Wendy Martin, Brenda McGrattan, Will McElroy (age 6), Heather Millington, Caroline Murphy, Helen Nealy, Ian Pass, Lorraine Petropoulou, Rita Quine, Diane Randles, Howard Rogers, Joanne Russell, John Russell, Diane Saunders, Ina Shorrocks, Janet Shorrocks, Barbara Smith, Ann Tait, Keira Taylor, Roisin Terris, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Malcolm Wheatley, Ron White, Whittaker Family, Sophie, Jonah (age 8).

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God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dear God our Shield and our Defender,  
guide and protect my neighbour in this time of health emergency;  
deliver them from all harm and may your love and care ever grow in this place.  
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

***For those who are ill...***

Merciful God, we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain,  
knowing that whenever danger threatens  
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.  
Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***For the whole community...***

Help us not to be people of fear, but people of courage.  
Help us not to be people who only protect our own safety,  
but to be people who protect our neighbours' safety.  
Help us not to be people of greed, but people of generosity.  
We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs, for  
as long as it takes, wherever you call us. **Amen.**

***A prayer for the world .....***

God of love and hope,  
you made the world and care for all creation,  
but the world feels strange right now.  
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.  
Some people are worried that they might get ill.  
Others are anxious for their family and friends.  
Be with them and help them to find peace.  
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,  
and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill.  
Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us.  
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. **Amen.**

**“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear. The Lord Almighty is with us.”**

**Psalm 46**