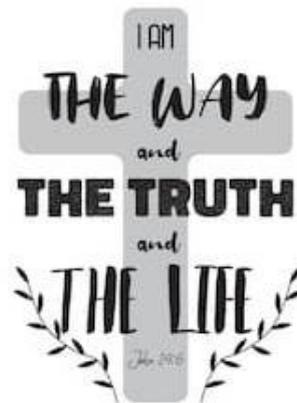


# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



This morning, Rev Mike Loach will lead and Rev Eunice Blackmore will preach at our 10am live-streamed service.

Weekly sermons are available on the church website: [christchurchbeb.org.uk](http://christchurchbeb.org.uk)

## HYMNS:

O God, our help in ages past  
Do not be afraid  
At the name of Jesus  
(5 verses)

## Prayer for the week:

**Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for  
the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

Jesus is God spelling Himself out in language that men can understand.

*S.D. Gordon*

The Jews tried to keep Christ contained within their law, while the Greeks sought to turn Him into a philosophy; the Romans made of Him an empire; the Europeans reduced Him to a culture, and we Americans have made a business of Him. God may thunder His commands from Mount Sinai and men may fear, yet remain at heart exactly as they were before. But let a man once see his God down in the arena as a Man--suffering, tempted, sweating, and agonized, finally dying a criminal's death--and he is a hard man indeed who is untouched.

*J.B. Phillips, "Your God Is Too Small"*

The doors may still be closed but the work of Christ Church goes on and, unfortunately, needs to be paid for! A special thank you to everyone who contributes by standing order; this has been a tremendous advantage in these troubled times. If you would like to switch to a standing order, you can download a form from the website, contact your bank direct or give the treasurer a call (Charles Van Ingen 334 1956). If you give by envelope, please continue putting the money in week by week and bring the envelopes along when the opportunity arises. If you give by cash on the plate, please put the money aside in a handy jam-jar and bring it along when you can. Thank you again for your ongoing support and prayers,

Charles & Mike

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

(14:1-14) (NRSVA)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



The prayer course continues this week  
Session 2 – Adoration  
Watch in your own time at  
<https://prayercourse.org/session/adoration/>

If you would then like to discuss with others why not join on Zoom either

- Wednesday (May 13<sup>th</sup>) 11.00am
- Thursday (May 14<sup>th</sup>) 8.15 pm

Please contact Eunice for Zoom details - 648 5343 or 07763 890840  
[euniceblackmore@talktalk.net](mailto:euniceblackmore@talktalk.net)

You may also like to download the Lectio 365 App - or purchase the course book - How to Pray—a simple guide for normal people on offer at £7.49 from [www.aslanchristianbooks.com](http://www.aslanchristianbooks.com)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am** Start the Week with prayer on Zoom.  
Contact Eunice if you would like to take part.

Ladies in Stitches are meeting online again on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May** at 10am. If you would like to join us, send your email address to Julie at [centremanager@christchurchhigherbebington.org.uk](mailto:centremanager@christchurchhigherbebington.org.uk)



**QUIZ**

Every Friday evening, at 7pm, Tracy is organising a weekly quiz via Zoom open to the whole family. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Tracy: [traocon@googlemail.com](mailto:traocon@googlemail.com) All are welcome to join in.



### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10<sup>TH</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020**

This year, Christian Aid week is moving online. It has not been cancelled, although there will be no door to door collections or live events. Christian Aid Week is a joyful celebration of our potential to change the world through our gifts, prayers and actions. Together, we raise funds to support our poorest sisters and brothers around the world. Please click on the following links for information, activities and how to donate.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/about-us/christian-aid-week/coronavirus-guidance>

Click here to donate:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/give-money>

Send an e-envelope to a friend or groups of friends, asking them to donate.

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/add-message#>

Donations can also be made by telephone at 0207 523 2269



It's what we do

We still need your donations for our local foodbank. Collection points are outside the Co-op and also outside Christ Church Community Centre. Many thanks.

With no clear idea as to how long social distancing may have to continue for, if anyone has any ideas as to how church could further connect with the community, please contact Rev. Mike Loach.

If you have a DVD player and would like to receive a copy of the services streamed on You Tube, please let Rev Mike know or contact the Parish Office.

For those able to access You Tube, weekly 10am Sunday services are being streamed, along with quiet reflections. Search for 'Christ Church HB' or follow this link:

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

Bebington Care Home are still collecting the following items for residents to use in lockdown...Old brass ornaments such as horseshoes etc (for residents to polish), tea towels & towels (that our residents can fold up), pairs of socks (for residents to pair). Plus any old balls of wool & knitting needles, old books and magazines. If you can help, please drop off in one of the collection buckets outside the Community Centre or outside the Vicarage. Thank you!

## **Coronavirus – Needing to self-isolate? Help is at hand...**

If you are in need of any **practical support** such as food shopping, picking up prescriptions or dog walking, please call any of the following numbers and we will arrange for someone to help you:

**Christ Church Parish Office:** 07473028991

**Rev Mike Loach:** 0151 609 0943

**Rev Eunice Blackmore:** 0151 648 5343

**Kate Lewis:** 07891590743

**Sarah Loach:** 07828166490

If you feel in need of a **chat or just want some advice or reassurance**, please call any of the following people, who will be more than happy to speak with you:

**June Fogg:** 07711180491

**Audrey Clare:** 0151 334 2145

**Heather Whitehead:** 0151 608 7205

**Alan/Vera Jackson:** 0151 608 2466

**Cllr Jerry Williams:** 07926062968

**Cllr Christina Muspratt:** 07762099381

**Charles Stephens:** 0151 645 4396

**Laurence Jones:** 0151 608 0853

### **Forthcoming funerals:**

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Joyce Rowe	Landican Centre
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm	David Gleave	Landican South
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	2.30pm	Harold Sidney Saunders	Landican South

**Anniversaries:** Emily Birch, Margaret Faith Stimson, Allan Alsbury, Frank Williams, Sally Martin, Joseph Orriell, Mark Jennings, Rodney Adlard, Dave Roberts, John Reginald Rossiter, Faith Johnson Rooke, Colin Lee, Edward Bryan.

**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, 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 (aged 8), Mark and Roy.

Vicar: Rev. Mike Loach 0151 609 0943 [mgloach@gmail.com](mailto:mgloach@gmail.com)

Associate Minister: Rev. Eunice Blackmore 0151 648 5343

[euniceblackmore@talktalk.net](mailto:euniceblackmore@talktalk.net)

Parish Secretary: Victoria Gleave 0151 608 4429

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Website: [www.christchurchbeb.org.uk](http://www.christchurchbeb.org.uk)

The Parish Office is currently closed until further notice.