

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Second Sunday of Epiphany.

**Welcome to Christ Church!** We are all one in the Spirit!

This morning, Rev Eunice Blackmore will lead and Rev George Roach will preach at our 10am live-streamed service Parish Communion service.

## HYMNS

Guide me O thou great Redeemer  
Be thou my vision  
O Jesus I have promised

## Prayer for the week

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Thoughts for the week:

"Jesus is God, but he humbled himself to walk with us as his friend and as his brother"  
*Pope Francis*

"Christ is the head of this house, the unseen guest at every meal, the silent listener to every conversation"  
*Celtic Saying*

Dear Friends, Sadly, the clergy and the PCC at Christ Church have made the difficult decision to close our church for communal worship for the time being. This will be **initially up to February 14<sup>th</sup>**, but may have to continue for longer if there has not been a significant reduction to local infection rates and hospital admissions. The church building will remain open throughout the week for private prayer between 10am and 7pm and will continue to be cleaned every evening. If there's anything that we can do to help in any way during this difficult period, please don't hesitate to call any of the numbers listed on the back page of the newsletter.

With love and prayers, Mike, Eunice & George xxx

Sadly, Rev Mike's Facebook account is still unobtainable. If you have sent him a message recently, please resend this to his email address [mgloach@gmail.com](mailto:mgloach@gmail.com)  
Many thanks.

The first reading is from Psalm 139. (NRSV)

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end - I am still with you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you O Lord.** (1:43 - End) (NRSV)

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."

He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

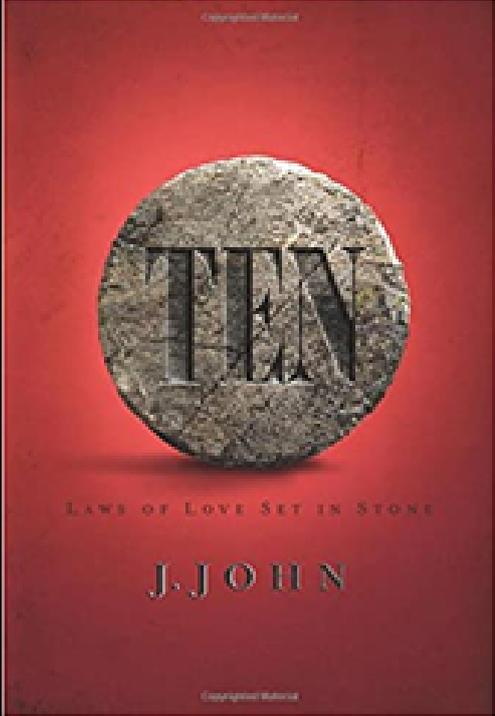
This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Morning Prayer via Zoom **9.00am**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 9pm**  
Celtic Prayer via Zoom.  
Details from Helen Byrne.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 10.00am** Lectio Divina: Psalm 130 via Zoom.  
Please contact Eunice for more details.



**Are the 10 commandments still relevant today?**

**Laws of Love set in stone**

Listen to J John on You-tube and discuss by Zoom **Thursdays 8.15 pm**

**This week – the 8<sup>th</sup> Commandment –**  
**Thou shalt not steal or**  
**Prosper with a clear conscience**

Contact Eunice for more details



**Every Friday evening, at 7pm, 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)**

**QUIZ**

**Going for Gold!** We are on the way to attaining A Rocha's gold award for Eco Church. However, there is still a lot more we could be doing. Making small lifestyle changes is key, for example, turning off the tap whilst cleaning your teeth. Download the [un.org/actnow](https://un.org/actnow) app, for sustainable living and log your habits!

Boulders Quiz (for young people 11-19). These are monthly quizzes and activity evenings on Zoom hosted by the Boulders themselves. The next quiz is **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 7.45 - 9pm**. For details of Zoom log in details please contact the Parish office or look out for an email from Libby.

Dear Friends - Christ Church You Tube channel is live streaming our 10am Sunday service every week.

Just open YouTube and search for "Christ Church HB" or follow this link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPD\\_PhsdOo2MYNudgbzFUzq](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPD_PhsdOo2MYNudgbzFUzq)

**You Tube**

**Please do keep sending in your Church news to Mike to share on Sunday ([mgloach@gmail.com](mailto:mgloach@gmail.com)). It is great to find out what you have all been up to.**

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:** 07473 028 991

**Rev Mike Loach:** 0151 609 0943

**Rev Eunice Blackmore:** 0151 648 5343

**Sarah Loach:** 07828 166 490

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:** 07711 180 491

**Audrey Clare:** 0151 334 2145

**Heather Whitehead:** 0151 608 7205

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

**Cllr Jerry Williams:** 07926 062 968

**Cllr Christina Muspratt:** 07762 099 381

**Charles Stephens:** 0151 645 4396

**Laurence Jones:** 0151 608 8503

**Funeral last week:** Ronald Bartley.

**Forthcoming funerals:**

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	1.30pm	Pamela Hunter	Christ Church
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Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	2.00pm	Heather Millington	Christ Church
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**Anniversaries:** Eileen Pratt, Noel Fletcher, Albert Banks, Iris Banks, Robert Henry Davies, Florence Esther Lamey, Constance Jane Minards, Joseph Butterworth, Mike Henrickson, Peggy Evans, Mike Medlock, Alan Atkinson, Winifred Louise Gibson, Walter Meadowcroft, Arina Jones, Stanley Nelson, Chris Green.

**Prayer List:** Cliff Barr, Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Yvonne Cranny, Elsa Dowling, Mavis Duggan, Nora Duncan, Doreen Fitzpatrick, Mary Garland, Paula Green, Cara Elise Hartt, Simon Hayes, Pam Hollinshead, Linda Hopkins, Lyndsey Howard, Ted Jones, Richard Kelly, Paul Lewis, Jim Lloyd, Holly Martin, Wendy Martin, Brenda McGrattan, Will McElroy (age 6), Helen Nealy, Dorothy Peers, Rita Quine, Diane Randles, Howard Rogers, Joanne Russell, John Russell, Harry Scarsbrook, Ina Shorrocks, Janet Shorrocks, Audrey Smith, Barbara Smith, Ann Tait, Keira Taylor, Roisin Terris, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Malcolm Wheatley, Ron White, Theresa Whitfield, Whittaker Family, Sophie, Jonah (aged 8), Mark and Roy.

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