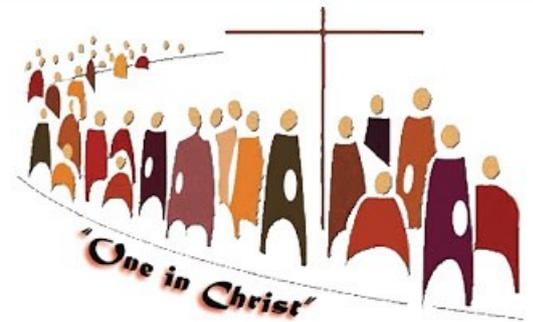


Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 24th January 2021
Third Sunday of Epiphany.

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

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

HYMNS

I will worship

Be Still for the presence of the Lord

The Church's one Foundation

Prayer for the week

God of all mercy, your Son
proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen

Thoughts for the week:

“Totalising worldviews – such as Marxism and some fundamentalist forms of Christianity – showed an alarming tendency to see alternatives as enemies and threats which were to be resisted and ridiculed, rather than as enriching dialogue partners to be welcomed and engaged. As I later discovered, this was also true of the rather dogmatic forms of atheism found in the writings of Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens.”

Alister McGrath, “Through a glass darkly”

Maybe we can

Find a place to feel good

And we can treat people with kindness

Find a place to feel good

Harry Styles, “Treat people with kindness”

The January winning numbers for the Christ Church 100 club were drawn during the weekly quiz on Friday 15th January. The winners are:

1st Barbara Thomas

2nd Colette Millington

3rd Julie Scarsbrook.

If you would like to join the draw please contact the parish office or Bev Price

(princesspeach.bp@gmail.com). Each number costs £2 per month, half the money raised is given away in prizemoney, half goes towards the upkeep of the Centre.

The first reading is from 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 (CEV)

Taking Sides

My dear friends, as a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beg you to get along with each other. Don't take sides. Always try to agree in what you think. Several people from Chloe's family have already reported to me that you keep arguing with each other. They have said that some of you claim to follow me, while others claim to follow Apollos or Peter or Christ.

Has Christ been divided up?

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.

(15: 1-17)(NIVUK)

The vine and the branches

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: love each other.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Morning Prayer via Zoom **9.00am**
Monday 25th January.

Tuesday 26th January 9pm
Celtic Prayer via Zoom.
Details from Helen Byrne.

Thursday 28th January Singing cafe on Zoom 10.30am.
Joining details are as follows: Meeting code: 84104661286
Password: 099355



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**

8.15pm

This week, the 7th Commandment - Thou shalt not commit adultery or Affair-Proof our Relationships

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

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, try to factor in at least one meat-free day into your weekly menu.
Download the un.org/actnow app, for sustainable living and log your habits!

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_Phsd0o2MYNudgbzFUzq



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

Please do look on the Christ Church You Tube channel for the video of Rev Mike in conversation and prayer with Father Bernard from St. John's, New Ferry as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Ash Wednesday Communion service will be live streamed on the Christ Church You Tube channel on **Wednesday 17th February at 7.30pm.**

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: Pamela Hunter.

Forthcoming funerals:

Monday 25 th January	2.00pm	Heather Millington	Christ Church
Friday 12 th February	2.00pm	John Evans	Christ Church

Anniversaries: John Scarffe, Jack Hussey, Mildred McGrey, Audrey May Evans, Doreen Tierney, Florence Higgins, John M^cGreevey, George Henry Burkey, Lewis Emrys Jones, Jean Adlard, Tilly Woods, Marc Clarke, Maurice Rawsthorne, Stephen Ryder Jones, Joyce Williams, Doreen Alexander, Brian Roberts, Rob Williamson.

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 Shorrock, Janet Shorrock, 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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