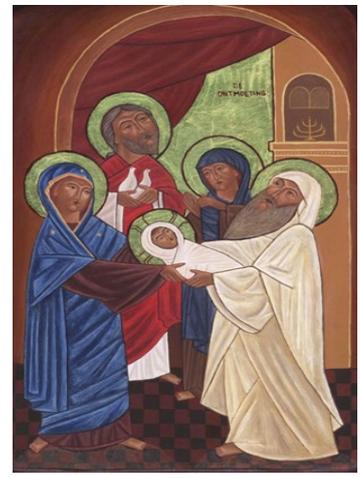


Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 31st January 2021
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany.

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

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

HYMNS

Immortal, invisible

Nunc Dimittis

Light of the world

Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.
Amen

Thoughts for the week:

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, the love of God will call us back to life again.

Victoria Johnson

True worship is open to God, adoring God, waiting for God, trusting God even in the dark.

N. T. Wright

Waiting on God requires the willingness to bear uncertainty, to carry within oneself the unanswered question, lifting the heart to God about it whenever it intrudes upon one's thoughts.

Elisabeth Elliot

During Lent, our Eco Church group and Chester Diocese are encouraging us to think seriously about how we might make changes to our lifestyles that would help protect the environment. Look out for the 'Pledges for an Eco Lent' document and see how many you can commit to.

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 Hebrews 2: 14-18 (CEV).

We are people of flesh and blood. That is why Jesus became one of us. He died to destroy the devil, who had power over death. But he also died to rescue all of us who live each day in fear of dying. Jesus clearly did not come to help angels, but he did come to help Abraham's descendants. He had to be one of us, so that he could serve God as our merciful and faithful high priest and sacrifice himself for the forgiveness of our sins. And now that Jesus has suffered and was tempted, he can help anyone else who is tempted. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer via Zoom **9.00am**
Monday 1st February.

Tuesday 2nd February 9pm
Celtic Prayer via Zoom.
Details from Helen Byrne.

Thursday 4th February 10.00am Lectio Divina: Psalm 131 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 8.15pm**. This week, the 6th Commandment :

'Thou shalt not kill' or Manage your Anger. Contact Eunice for 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, eg: 'Down With Disposable Coffee Cups!' We throw away billions of coffee cups every year. They are an environmental enemy, slowly decomposing and leaching out toxins. How about purchasing your very own reusable mug to take with you next time you stop for a take away coffee? Some coffee shops charge you less when you bring your own mug! Download the un.org/actnow app, for sustainable living and log your habits!

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.

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_PhsdOo2MYNudgbzFUzg



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

Glory to you O Lord.

(2: 22-40)(NIVUK)

Jesus presented in the temple

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.'

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

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: Heather Millington.

Forthcoming funerals:

Friday 12th February 2.00pm John Evans Christ Church

Wed. 17th February 10.00am Anthony '**Tony**' Halls Blacon Crematorium

Anniversaries: Colin Peter Williams, Pat Dodd, Isobel Howarth, Constance Pamela (Pam) Smyth, May Holden, George Hirst, Muriel Morris, Bill Banks, Liz Griffiths, Helen Jane Warwick, Alfred Taylor, Louisa Murray, Prem Neermul, Peter Anthony McNicholl, Sylvia Turner.

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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