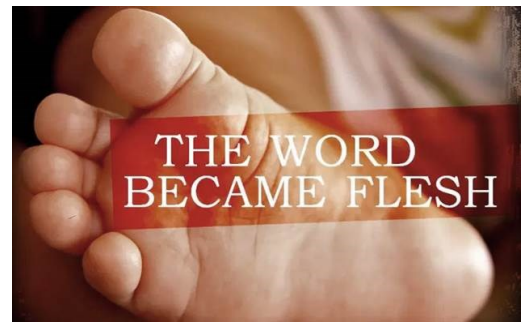


Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 7th February 2021
Second Sunday before Lent.

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

This morning, we are delighted to welcome the Bishop of Birkenhead, Rt. Rev. Keith Sinclair, who will lead and preach at our 10am live-streamed Parish Communion service.

HYMNS

Father, Lord of all creation
Jesus is Lord
Lord, for the years

Thoughts for the week:

God still wants His words to take on flesh. God wants the things He has said in His Word to be lived out in His people. He wants His words to be fleshed out as His people put them into practice.

Jennifer Clarke

Our faith is not only centred on a book, but on a history of salvation and above all on a person, Jesus Christ, the word of God made flesh.

Pope Francis

Prayer for the week

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the Earth and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

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.

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



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.

The first reading is from Colossians 1: 15-20

The supremacy of the Son of God

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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: 1-14 NIV UK)

The Word became flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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.**

Morning Prayer via Zoom **9.00am**
Monday 8th February.

Monday 8th February 5.00pm
Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom.

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

Thursday 11th February Singing cafe on Zoom 10.30am.
Joining details are as follows: Meeting code: 84104661286
Password: 099355

Thursday 11th February 10.00am Lectio Divina: Psalm 132 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 5th Commandment: 'Honour your parents' or 'How to keep peace with your parents'.
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



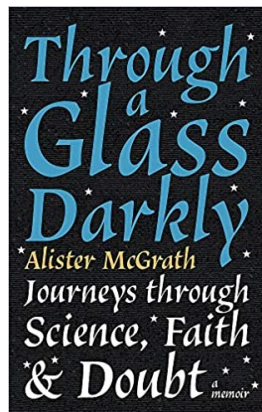
Going for Gold! We are on the way to attaining A Rocha's gold award for Eco Church. However, there is still a lot more we could be doing. Making small lifestyle changes is key, eg: Save water: don't wash the dishes! Let them pile up to the point when you are actually wondering if it is OK to eat soup from a dog's bowl (only joking!). Then, and only then, casually load the dirty pots into the dishwasher. Press the start button. A fully loaded dishwasher can be more water efficient than washing by hand. Even if you are using a washing up bowl. (From the Friends of the Earth website).

Download the un.org/actnow app, for sustainable living and log your habits!

Books n' beer! On three Wednesdays in Lent, the Vicar would love you to join him on Zoom (with a glass of beer or something else) to discuss "Through a glass darkly: journeys through science, faith and doubt" by Alister McGrath.

The book is a fascinating memoir from a leading scientist and theologian, detailing how he has understood the relationship between these two disciplines over many years.

Sessions will be on **Wednesday 24th February, 10th March and 24th March** and all are very welcome. Please contact Mike or the parish office for details.



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

We have received the sad news this week that two faithful members of our church family have died. Please keep the families of Doreen Fitzpatrick and Dorothy Peers in your prayers.

Forthcoming funerals:

Friday 12th February 2.00pm John Evans Christ Church

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

Anniversaries: Irene Clegg, Maurice Entwistle, Kay Sloman, Edith Jones, Tom Reece, Mary Haslam, Karen Anne Wilson, Joyce Roden, Yates Entwistle, Robert Winstanley, Ken Riding. Hilda Heatherington, Robbie Richardson, Sybil Carberry, John Ambrose Thomas, George Thomas Ramsden.

Prayer List: Cliff Barr, Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Yvonne Cranny, Elsa Dowling, Mavis Duggan, Nora Duncan, 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, 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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