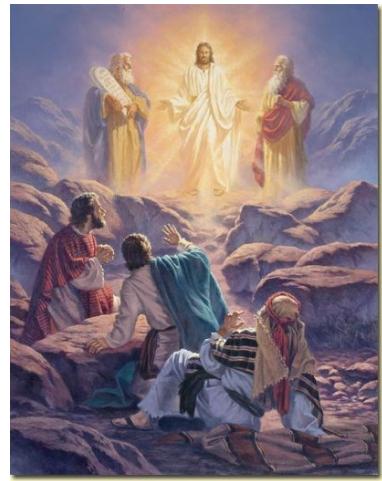


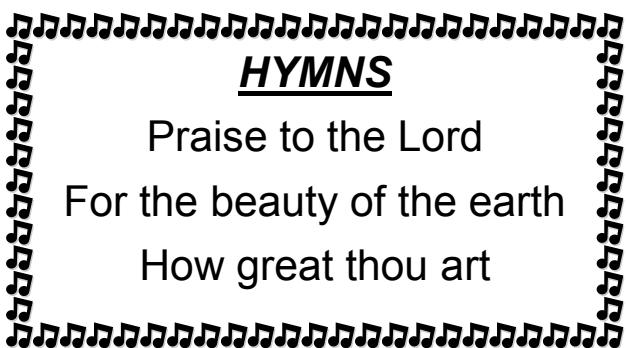
# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Sunday before Lent.



**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 Parish Communion service.



## HYMNS

Praise to the Lord  
For the beauty of the earth  
How great thou art

## Prayer for the week

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

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.

## Thoughts for the week:

“...just as a shepherd will in times of greatest hazard lay down his life for his flock, so human beings may need to forego part of their wants and needs in order that the survival of the natural world can be assured. The challenge to all Christians is to discover anew the truth that God’s love and liberation is for all creation, not just humanity, and to seek new ways of living that restore balance and hope of life to the endangered planet.”      *Orthodox Patriarchate*

“Eden restored: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”      *Revelation 22: 1-2*

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 first reading is from 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 (The Message)  
If our Message is obscure to anyone, it's not because we're holding back in any way. No, it's because these other people are looking or going the wrong way and refuse to give it serious attention. All they have eyes for is the fashionable god of darkness. They think he can give them what they want, and that they won't have to bother believing a Truth they can't see. They're stone-blind to the dayspring brightness of the Message that shines with Christ, who gives us the best picture of God we'll ever get.

Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

(9: 2-9 NRSV)

The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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



Morning Prayer via Zoom **9.00am**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 9pm**  
Celtic Prayer via Zoom.  
Details from Helen Byrne.

The Ash Wednesday Communion service will be live streamed on the Christ Church You Tube channel on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm**. However, ashes will be available on the altar throughout the day and all are welcome to call into church between 10am and 7pm for 'self-ashing'.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am Lectio Divina: Psalm 133 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 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment: 'Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy' or 'Catch your breath'. 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](mailto:traocon@googlemail.com)

QUIZ



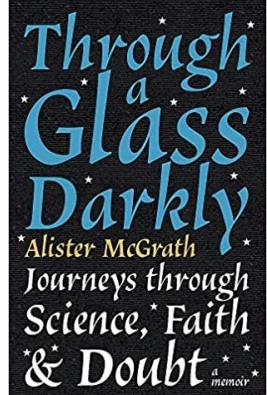
**Going for Gold!** We are on the way to attaining A Rocha's gold award for Eco Church. However, there is still a lot more we could be doing. Making small lifestyle changes is key, eg: Continuing the subject of saving water, wash clothes less. Hang garments in the shower to steam them, spray with a vodka/water solution or put them in the freezer! Avoid the tumble dryer and wash below 30C degrees. Caring for our clothes accounts for 25% of their carbon footprint. ([www.wrap.org.uk](http://www.wrap.org.uk)).

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.

The book is split into three sections and each of these will be covered on the following dates: **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> March and 24<sup>th</sup> March**. The book is available from online book sellers - please read the first section ahead of the session on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. Contact Mike or the parish office for more details. All are welcome.



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

Please keep the family of Doreen Fitzpatrick in your prayers following her recent passing. Also Gavin Shorrock and his family after the death of his mother, Ina and family member, Andrew Haswell.

**Funeral last week:** Peter Blake, John Evans.

**Forthcoming funerals:**

Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> February 10.00am Anthony ‘Tony’ Halls Blacon Crematorium

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm Dorothy Peers Christ Church

**Anniversaries:** Tom Wood, Fay Davies, Christopher Wort, Eric Williams, Wilfred Wallace Chapman, Bill Taylor, Dee Wallington, John Agnew, Bill Thomas, Janet Silcock, Robert Lindley, Avril Jones, Jean Crawford, Joan Harris, Hilary Jones, Norma Richley.

**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, 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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