

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 7th March 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

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

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

HYMNS

Christ Is Made the Sure
Foundation

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Trust and Obey

Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to
joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he
was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in
the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of
life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, who is alive and reigns with
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

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.

Thoughts for the week:

“The greatest enemy to human souls is the self-righteous spirit which makes men look to themselves for salvation.” *Charles Spurgeon*

“Blessed are those that hunger and thirst for righteousness.” *Jesus Christ*

From next Sunday, we will start to welcome our church family back into the building at both our 8.30am and 10am services. Social distancing measures will need to remain in place and livestreaming will continue, but it will be great to see those who feel ready to return 😊x

Please do go on the Chester Diocese website www.chester.anglican.org to view Bishop Keith's retirement service **this afternoon at 3.00pm.**

The first reading is from Exodus 20:1-17. (NIVUK)

The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

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

Books n' beer! Lent Reading Group via Zoom **Wednesday 10th March at 8pm.**
Continuing with section 2 of "Through a glass darkly: journeys through science, faith and doubt" by Alister McGrath.

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

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

Glory to you O Lord.

(2: 13-22)(NRSV)

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



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 1st Commandment: 'You shall have no other gods before me' or 'Live by priorities'.

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: In the UK, 4.5 million tonnes of edible food are thrown away each year. As food production and distribution contribute enormous amounts of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere, food waste has a direct impact on climate change.

The Love Food Hate Waste website has plenty of solutions to help keep food out of the bin, including storage information and recipes to use up leftovers: <https://lovefoodhatewaste.com>

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

Next Lectio Divina - 18th March - looking at miracles of Jesus.

Please contact Eunice for more details.

MOTHERING SUNDAY falls on **14th March** this year. Over the past few years the lovely people of Christ Church HB have given generously to the Mothers' Union initiative of collecting donations in memory of our own mothers to whom we can no longer give gifts. These funds have then been used to help some of the most deprived mothers and their families in all the 80+ countries where MU has a presence, including the UK. If you want to know more, look at the MU website: www.mothersunion.org and look under "Ethical Gifts". If you would like to donate this year, please put cash or (preferably) a cheque in an envelope marked "MOTHERS' UNION" and hand it in to the Parish Office.

Thank you, Liz.

We have set up a system where you can now donate to the Church online, using a debit or credit card. Donations can be one-off or on a regular basis. Please go to the Home Page of the Website and click on the link at the 'Donate to Christ Church' section.

Forthcoming funeral:

Thursday 11th March 2.30pm Ina Shorrocks Christ Church

Funerals last week: Dorothy Peers, Cheryl Probbing.

Anniversaries: Nancy Elizabeth Porter, Queenie Bowen, Graham Mercer, Ken Allen, Leonard Reginald Clinch, Nevil Wade, Nicole Forster, Reginald Chalkley, David Ellis, Thomas Wood, Madeline Harford, Kathleen Whittaker, Margaret Howard.

Prayer List: Shirley Anderson, 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 Shorrocks, Audrey Smith, Barbara Smith, Ann Tait, Keira Taylor, Roisin Terris, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Malcolm Wheatley, Ron White, Theresa Whitfield, Whittaker Family, Lyndsey Wild, Sophie, Jonah (aged 8), Mark and Roy.

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