

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 14th March 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

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

Now thank we all our God
"Mother's prayer"
Brother, sister, let me
serve you

Prayer for the week

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Thoughts for the week:

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."
Leo F. Buscaglia

"At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done.

We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in."

Mother Teresa

MOTHERING SUNDAY 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.

The first reading is from Exodus 2:1-10. (CEV)

Moses Is Born

A man from the Levi tribe married a woman from the same tribe, and she later had a baby boy. He was a beautiful child, and she kept him inside for three months. But when she could no longer keep him hidden, she made a basket out of reeds and covered it with tar. She put him in the basket and placed it in the tall grass along the edge of the Nile River. The baby's older sister stood off at a distance to see what would happen to him.

About that time one of the king's daughters came down to take a bath in the river, while her servant women walked along the river bank.

She saw the basket in the tall grass and sent one of the young women to pull it out of the water. When the king's daughter opened the basket, she saw the baby and felt sorry for him because he was crying. She said, "This must be one of the Hebrew babies."

At once the baby's older sister came up and asked, "Do you want me to get a Hebrew woman to take care of the baby for you?"

"Yes," the king's daughter answered.

So the girl brought the baby's mother, and the king's daughter told her, "Take care of this child, and I will pay you."

The baby's mother carried him home and took care of him. And when he was old enough, she took him to the king's daughter, who adopted him. She named him Moses because she said, "I pulled him out of the water."

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. (19: 25-27)(NIVUK)

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing near by, he said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Starting up again! We're currently giving thought to what we would like to see returning to our church and community centre as the restrictions begin to ease. If you have any thoughts about what we should prioritise or any new ideas about activities or events that we might wish to introduce, please do get in touch with Mike, Eunice, George or the Parish Office.

Morning Prayer via Zoom **9.00am Monday 15th March.**

Eco Church Meeting – Monday 15th at 7pm on Zoom.

New members are very welcome as we continue to do what we can to protect our local green spaces, encourage biodiversity and set a good example to others. Please contact Mike for details.



Tuesday 16th March 9pm

Celtic Prayer via Zoom.
Details from Helen Byrne.

**Wednesday 17th March
10.30am**

Holy Communion in church.

Lectio Divina **Thursday 18th March 10am** looking at miracles of Jesus.
Please 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

Friday 19th March at 7.45pm Boulders' Social via Zoom.



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: Palm oil is found in half of the products on a supermarket shelf: from the frozen pizza, to your deodorant, to your lipstick, laundry detergent, biscuits, nutella etc...However, it is the main driver of tropical deforestation. Of course there are no laws banning such ingredients, and companies' are not obliged to obviously list whether they use palm oil or not. Visit Eco-connect.com for more information on how to avoid palm oil. 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.



The collection box for poppies for next year's bell tower installation is at the back of church. Poppies can be knitted (patterns available), crocheted, felt or other robust material, (any size as long as they are red). Thank you!



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.

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
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Funerals last week: Ina Shorrock.

Anniversaries: Olive Vera Ogden, Oriel Parnell, Marguerite Constance Hellaby, Margaret Edge, Sheila Jones, Jenny Rome, Stephen Brennan, Roy Bentley, John Molloy, Alfred Manley, Edie Ritchie, Gilbert Price, Freddy Rehill, Vera Sefton, Tracey Ann Jones, Eric James Patten.

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, Charlotte Jones, Ted Jones, Richard Kelly, Paul Lewis, Jim Lloyd, Holly Martin, Wendy Martin, Brenda McGrattan, Will McElroy (age 6), Helen Nealy, Rita Quine, Diane Randles, Mike Robinson, 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, Lyndsey Wild, Sophie, Jonah (aged 8), Mark and Roy.

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