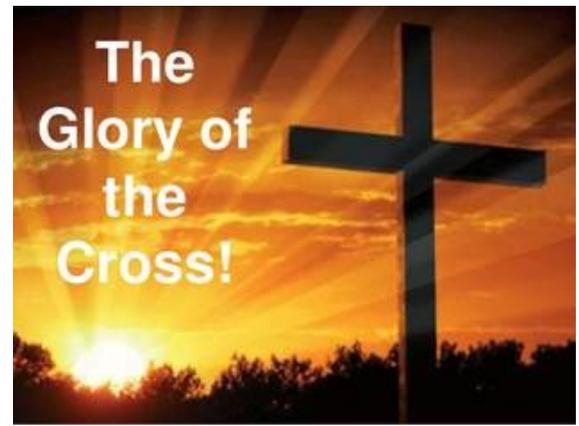


Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 21st March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide

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

This morning, Rev Eunice Blackmore will lead and Jill Wright (Reader Emeritus) will preach at our 10am live-streamed Parish Communion service.

HYMNS

All glory, laud and honour

From heaven you came
(The servant King)

Thine be the glory

Prayer for the week

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Thoughts for the week:

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it but because by it I see everything else" *CS Lewis*

The glory of God shines, indeed, in all creatures on high and below, but never more brightly than in the cross. *John Calvin*

The glory of God always comes at the sacrifice of self. *A W Tozer*

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.



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 Psalm 119: 9-16. (NIVUK)

How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart

that I might not sin against you.

Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees.

With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

I delight in your decrees;

I will not neglect your word.

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.

(12: 20-33)(NIVUK)

Jesus predicts his death

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed.

But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.'

The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Morning Prayer via Zoom **9.00am Monday 22nd March.**

National Day of Reflection - Tuesday 23rd March. Church will be open all day with prayer resources available and prayers said ahead of the minute's silence at 12pm.

Tuesday 23rd March 9pm

Celtic Prayer via Zoom.
Details from Helen Byrne.

Wednesday 24th March

10.30am
Holy Communion in church.

Books n' beer! Lent Reading Group via Zoom **Wednesday 24th March at 8pm.** Continuing with section 3 of "Through a glass darkly: journeys through science, faith and doubt" by Alister McGrath.

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

Earth hour is an annual environmental event in which millions of people around the world commit to switch off all the lights and devices in their homes for a symbolic 60 minutes. This year, it takes place on **Saturday 27th of March**, between 8.30pm and 9.30pm and will include many major cities switching off the lighting for famous public buildings such as the Eiffel Tower, Sydney Opera House and London Tower Bridge. Please do join in, light a candle, enjoy unplugging for 60 minutes and switch off...

ECO CHURCH  **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 palm oil theme from last week, it is the most popular used vegetable oil in the world and its consumption is having catastrophic ill effects. Look out for the sneaky other names for palm oil, including: stearate, sodium lauryl sulphate, palmitic acid, vegetable oil (can be other oils as well). If you see these names, contact the company and find out if they source palm oil from sustainable enterprises. Look for the RSPO and Rainforest Alliance labels for certified use. (www.treehugger.com)

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

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.

Services for Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, 28 th March	10.00am	Service of Holy Communion with palm crosses
Wednesday, 31 st March	10.30am	Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday, 1 st April	7.30pm	Service of Holy Communion (remembering the Last Supper)
	8.30pm	Gethsemane Watch of Prayer (guided meditation & silent prayer)
Good Friday, 2 nd April	2.00pm	Service of the Last Hour (a time to be still and reflect on themes of the season)
Holy Saturday, 3 rd April	8.30pm	Easter Eve Compline (night prayer)
Easter Sunday, 4 th April	8.30pm	Holy Communion
	10.00am	All-Age Celebration with Holy Communion & chocolate!

Anniversaries: John Newland, Gordon Youd, Elliot Wild, Ruth Callaghan, Sylvia Haswell, Reginald Duncan, Florence Tomkins, John Elwyn Legge, Jane Louise Heley, Maureen Hemmings, Myra Rowan, George Jones.

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