

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 28th March 2021

Palm Sunday

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

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

HYMNS

Make way, make way
My song is love unknown
When I survey the wondrous
cross

Prayer for the week

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you
and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen

Thought for the week:

Everyone who lined the streets had a different reason for waving those palms. Some were political activists; they'd heard Jesus had supernatural power, and they wanted him to use it to free Israel from Roman rule. Others had loved ones who were sick or dying. They waved branches, hoping for physical healing. Some were onlookers merely looking for something to do, while others were genuine followers who wished Jesus would establish himself as an earthly king. Jesus was the only one in the parade who knew why he was going to Jerusalem – to die. He had a mission, while everyone else had an agenda.

Bill Hybels

ECO CHURCH Monday 29th March - Eco Church action day! If you're able to help Rev Mike, Duncan and others plant wildflowers, clear pathways or clear rubble(!) anytime between 10am and 2pm, please do let Mike know - 609 0943. We can work in groups of 6 and there will be at least 3 activities to join in with. Please do help if you can and if possible, bring your own tools.

Many thanks to all who contributed in making our church feel so welcoming for the National Day of Reflection - it was very much appreciated.

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

Glory to you O Lord.

(11: 1-11)(NIVUK)

Jesus comes to Jerusalem as king

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly."'

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, 'Hosanna!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

'Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!'

'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Morning Prayer via Zoom **9.00am Monday 29th March.**

Tuesday 30th March 9pm

Celtic Prayer via Zoom.
Details from Helen Byrne.

Wednesday 31st March

10.30am
Holy Communion in church.

Maundy Thursday, 1st April 7.30pm Service of Holy Communion (remembering the Last Supper) followed by *Gethsemane Watch of Prayer* (guided meditation & silent prayer) at **8.30pm.**

Good Friday, 2nd April 2.00pm Service of the Last Hour (a time to be still and reflect on themes of the season)

Holy Saturday, 3rd April 8.30pm Easter Eve Compline (night prayer).

Easter Sunday, 4th April 8.30am Holy Communion and **10.00am** All-Age Celebration with Holy Communion & chocolate! Please contact the Parish office to book seats for Easter Sunday as places are limited.

Passion reading

After the last supper, Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he told them, "Sit here while I pray."

Jesus walked on a little way. Then he knelt down on the ground and prayed, "Father if it is possible, don't let this happen to me. Father, you can do anything. Don't make me suffer by making me drink from this cup. But do what you want, and not what I want."

Jesus came back and found the disciples sleeping. He said to Simon Peter, "Can't you stay awake for just one hour?"

Jesus was still speaking, when Judas the betrayer came up. He was one of the twelve disciples, and a mob of men armed with swords and clubs were with him. They had been sent by the chief priests, the nation's leaders, and the teachers of the Law of Moses.

Judas had told them ahead of time, "Arrest the man I greet with a kiss. Tie him up tight and lead him away."

Judas walked right up to Jesus and said, "Teacher!" Then Judas kissed him, and the men grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

Early the next morning the chief priests, the nation's leaders, and the teachers of the Law of Moses met together with the whole Jewish council.

They all agreed that he should be put to death.

So they tied Jesus up and led him off to Pilate. He asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Those are your words," Jesus answered.

The chief priests brought many charges against Jesus. Then Pilate questioned him again, "Don't you have anything to say? Don't you hear what crimes they say you have done?" But Jesus did not answer, and Pilate was amazed.

During Passover, Pilate always freed one prisoner chosen by the people. And at that time there was a prisoner named Barabbas. He and some others had been arrested for murder during a riot.

The crowd now came and asked Pilate to set a prisoner free, just as he usually did.

Pilate asked them, "Do you want me to free the king of the Jews?" Pilate knew that the chief priests had brought Jesus to him because they were jealous. But the chief priests told the crowd to ask Pilate to free Barabbas.

Then Pilate asked the crowd, "What do you want me to do with this man you say is the king of the Jews?"

They yelled, "Nail him to a cross!"

Pilate asked, "But what crime has he done?"

"Nail him to a cross!" they yelled even louder.

Pilate wanted to please the crowd. So he set Barabbas free.

Then he ordered his soldiers to beat Jesus with a whip and nail him to a cross.

On **Tuesday 20th April**, Rev Mike will be licensed as **Priest-in-charge** at St Paul's Church, Tranmere by the Bishop of Chester. Please pray for our ministry team across the two churches as we begin our life and witness together.



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: Leave your toilet bowl sparkling by pouring a can of cola into it and leaving it overnight! Saves using toxic chemicals which end up in the water system. Download the un.org/actnow app, for sustainable living and log your habits!

The collection box for poppies for the bell tower installation (this November) 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.

Forthcoming funeral:

Thursday 8th April 9.30am Tina Kay Sherlock Landican Centre

Anniversaries: Roy Faulkner, Brenda Blackburn, Paul Goulden, Sarah Sally Gouldson, Dorothy Bentley, Elsie Marion Ritchie, Donald Anderson, Rita Cann, Ada Hill, Donald Hamilton, Jean Eley, Robert McKee, Mary Taylor, Sheila Whitehead, Ellen Coker, Nora Powell, Sam Smith.

Prayer List: Shirley Anderson, Cliff Barr, Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, George Bond, Yvonne Cranny, 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, Mark and Roy.

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