

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 18th April 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Christ Church! We are all one in the Spirit!
This morning, Rev Eunice Blackmore will lead and preach at our 10am
live-streamed Parish Communion service.

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Christ triumphant, ever
reigning

Were you there

We have a gospel to proclaim

Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with
boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen
life and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Thoughts for the week:

Fear imprisons, faith liberates; fear paralyzes, faith empowers; fear
disheartens, faith encourages; fear sickens, faith heals; fear makes useless,
faith makes serviceable. *Harry Emerson Fosdick*

We need to pledge ourselves anew to the cause of Christ. We must capture
the spirit of the early church. Wherever the early Christians went, they made
a triumphant witness for Christ. Whether on the village streets or in the city
jails, they daringly proclaimed the good news of the gospel. *Martin Luther*

New Testament Christians did not witness because they had to but because
they could not help it. *Richard Halverson*



**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.**



Please return your Christian Aid envelopes (sent out in
the Parish Easter cards) to the Parish Office as soon as
possible. Many thanks.
Additional envelopes are available if needed.

The first reading is from Acts 3:12-19 (NIVUK).

When Peter saw this, he said to them: 'Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

'Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you O Lord. (24: 36-48) (NIVUK)

Jesus appears to the disciples

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Morning Prayer **Monday 19th April**
9am.

Tuesday 20th April 9pm
Celtic Prayer via Zoom.
Details from Helen Byrne.

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

Wednesday 21st April 10.30am Holy Communion in church.

Church Walking Group. Please meet Jill Wright and Penny Golby in the church car park on **Thursday 22nd April at 10.30am** for our first walk.



unanswered
prayer

Have you ever struggled with why some prayers seem to be unanswered? This course may help!

A series of 5 online videos (30 minutes each) based around the Easter story which provide an opportunity to process life's most painful questions. Watch the videos in your own time at <https://unanswered.prayercourse.org/> and join via Zoom on Thursdays at 8.15pm to discuss. Please contact Rev. Eunice for the Zoom details.

Session 2: How am I going to get through this? will be on **Thursday 22nd April**.

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

Book Club – the group will now be meeting on a monthly basis and all are very welcome to join in. Next book is “The Power & the Glory” by Graham Greene, which we’ll discuss on **Wednesday 28th April at 8pm**. For further information, please contact Rev Mike.

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 Revs. Mike, Eunice, George or the Parish Office.



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!



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:

'Recycle medicine blister packs' see notice below.

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

Recycling company Terracycle have joined with Superdrug pharmacies to recycle "hard to recycle" medicine blister packs. Our nearest collection point is Superdrug Birkenhead. As most of us have these at some time we are starting to collect them in a bin outside the centre and will take them on to Birkenhead. Please pop yours in and spread the word. Thank you.

Forthcoming funerals:

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| Monday 26 th April | 1.30pm | Glenda Laurie | Landican South |
| Tuesday 27 th April | 11.00am | Geoffrey Heaps | Christ Church |
| Wednesday 28 th April | 2.30pm | Nora Duncan | Landican South |
| Tuesday 4 th May | 1.00pm | George Edward Bond | Christ Church |
| Thursday 6 th May | 11.30am | David Thomas Spencer | Christ Church |

Anniversaries: Elsie Roberts, Mary Blything, Maud Elsby, Harold Taylor, Matthew Siddorn, David Gleave, Dennis Miller, John Morgan, Joyce Entwistle, Harold Saunders, Thomas Tierney, Jessie Hillhouse.

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

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