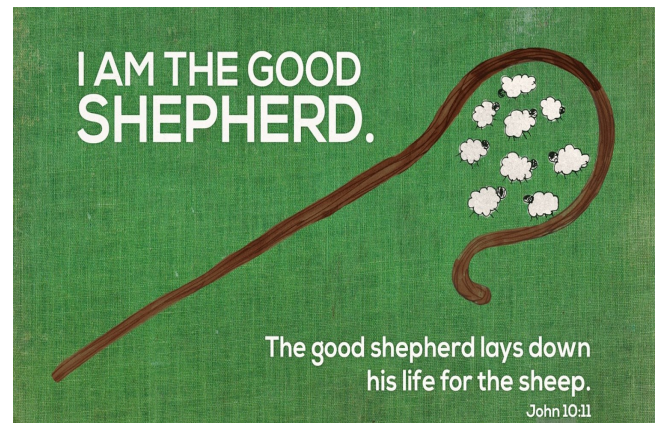


Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 25th April 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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

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

HYMNS

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Relentless – Hillsong United
O worship the King, all glorious
above

Prayer for the week

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of
your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Thoughts for the week:

“Christ’s flock is made up of sheep that not only listen to their shepherd, but are also able to recognise his voice, to follow him, faithfully and with full awareness, on the pastures of eternal life.”
Pope John XX111

“To bring about change, you must not be afraid to take the first step. We will fail when we fail to try.”
Rosa Parks



Please return your Christian Aid envelopes (sent out in the Parish Easter cards) to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can use the link on the Christ Church website. www.christchurchbeb.org.uk Many thanks.

A massive "thank you" to all who helped to create the fantastic new reading area at the back of church and especially to Helen and Diane. It's a wonderful new resource and will hopefully be a real blessing to the local community.



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 Acts 4: 5-12 (NIV).

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

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.

(10: 11-18) (The Message)

John "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd puts the sheep before himself, sacrifices himself if necessary. A hired man is not a real shepherd. The sheep mean nothing to him. He sees a wolf come and runs for it, leaving the sheep to be ravaged and scattered by the wolf. He's only in it for the money. The sheep don't matter to him.

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own sheep and my own sheep know me. In the same way, the Father knows me and I know the Father. I put the sheep before myself, sacrificing myself if necessary. You need to know that I have other sheep in addition to those in this pen. I need to gather and bring them, too. They'll also recognize my voice. Then it will be one flock, one Shepherd. This is why the Father loves me: because I freely lay down my life. And so I am free to take it up again. No one takes it from me. I lay it down of my own free will. I have the right to lay it down; I also have the right to take it up again. I received this authority personally from my Father."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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!




Morning Prayer **Monday 26th April**
9am.

Tuesday 27th April 9pm
Celtic Prayer via Zoom.
Details from Helen Byrne.

Wednesday 28th April 10.30am Holy Communion in church.

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.

Lectio Divina Thursday 29th April 10am. Please contact Rev. Eunice for more details.


 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 3: Why aren’t my prayers working? will be on **Thursday 29th 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

Eco garden task force! - **Saturday 1st May, 1.30pm - 3.30pm**.
Please do come along and help as we develop new initiatives to encourage local wildlife and work towards a gold Eco Church award.
All are very welcome.

 **Eco Pledge:** 660 million batteries are bought each year in the UK. That’s an average of 21 per household and a weekly cost of £5,000,000 in the UK. 98% of batteries bought in the UK are not recycled and end up in landfills, where they release harmful metals such as mercury, lead and cadmium, causing soil contamination and water pollution. Battery waste can endanger wildlife and is potentially hazardous to humans. Rechargeable batteries are less harmful to the environment because they reduce the total number of batteries manufactured and entering the waste stream. Recycle batteries responsibly by taking them to outlets such as supermarkets. Button batteries are particularly hazardous and can be swallowed by children and pets. (www.batterycompany.co.uk)
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.

100 Club winners for April 2021

1st Valerie Gibbons

2nd Tracy Evans

3rd Colette Millington



**The
Children's
Society**

Please could anyone with a Children's Society collection box drop it to the Parish office for Richard Woolham. Many thanks.

Forthcoming funerals:

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
Wednesday 12 th May	11.00am	Joan Collins	Landican Centre

Anniversaries: John Evans, William M. Bosworth, Leslie Hamilton, Annie Frances Meadowcroft, Elizabeth Whittaker, E. Ashton Hebron, Robert Gillis, Clive Palmer, Cyril Adams, James Curtis, Cath Reece, Eric Thomason, Anthony Fawcett.

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 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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