

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 9th May 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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

HYMNS

Dear Lord and Father

Be still my soul

I the Lord of sea and Sky

Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,

by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:

help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love,

to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Thoughts for the week:

If I try to understand what it means to be a Christian, I look at the two instructions that were given in the Bible that are paramount, and those are to love God with all your heart and mind, and to love your neighbour as yourself. That's it.

Bruce Cockburn

The love of one's country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border? There is a brotherhood and sisterhood among all men and women.

This must be recognized if life is to remain. We must learn the love of humanity.

Pablo Casals



Christian Aid Week. 10th to 16th May. This year, we have set up our own e-envelope page, where we can donate as a church to Christian Aid. Our target this year is £500. Please use this link to take you to that page, and pass the link on to people you know. <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/christ-church-higher-bebington?channel=copy> Alternatively, use the Christ Church giving page or Christian Aid paper envelopes. Many thanks.

A Summer Community event is being planned for **Saturday 10th July**, in place of the traditional Summer Fair. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact the Parish Office. Many thanks.

The first reading is from Micah 6:1-9. (NIVUK)
Listen my people. I need to talk with you.
I have questions. I need answers.
I have cared for you. I rescued you from slavery.
I gave you wise leaders, both women and men.
You need to remember the stories of who I am and what I have done.
Listen my people.
I am talking to those of you who live in the countryside.
I am questioning those of you who live in cities and towns.
What have I done to you? How have I wearied you?
Speak, the mountains are listening to you.
The Earth is waiting to hear your voice.
What can I do? What can I bring to God?
What does God want of me? What will keep God happy?
What will keep God off my back?
Would God be impressed with barrels and barrels of olive oil?
Would God be satisfied with thousands of animals from my flocks?
Perhaps my riches are not enough?
Should I offer to God the life of my precious first-born child?
Listen mortal. Listen to what God says.
Look carefully at how God acts.
Remember the stories of what God has done.
God has shown you clearly what is bad and what is good.
You are to do justice to act fairly.
Do justice in the home and in the street and in the marketplace.
Do justice in your community.
Work with others to do justice globally.
Do justice with strangers and friends and family alike.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer on **Monday 10th May**
9am in church or via Zoom.

Tuesday 11th May 9pm
Celtic Prayer via Zoom.
Details from Helen Byrne.

Wednesday 12th May 10.30am Holy Communion in church.

Thursday 13th May 7.30pm Communion Service for Ascension Day.

Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative will run from Ascension to Pentecost (**13th - 23rd May**) with opportunities to pray together both here and at St. Paul's. A full list of times is available on the church website and at the back of church.
Prayer resources for personal use will also be available.

Every Friday evening, at 7pm, weekly quiz via Zoom open to all. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Tracy: traocon@googlemail.com

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

Glory to you O Lord.

(15: 9-15) (NIVUK)

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The APCM will take place on 30th May within and following the 10am service.

Nomination forms for Churchwardens and PCC members are at the back of church. Although the PCC is likely to change in the Autumn, please do complete a form should you wish to consider standing. Electoral Roll forms are also available to complete if you are not currently on the roll.

Ivy Kennels in Storeton have been looking after Pepper, Ted Jones' dog, whilst he has been in hospital. They have done a tremendous job and Ted has been delighted with the care that Pepper has received and touched by the generosity of so many of his friends at Christ Church. Please do recommend Ivy Kennels to anyone looking for temporary dog/cat care.

Should you wish to support Rev Mike, who fasted on Friday 7th May to raise funds for the Yemen Emergency Fund Appeal, there is a sponsorship form at the back of church or donations can be left at the Parish Office.

ECO CHURCH **Eco Pledge:** The next time you fancy eating octopus (pulpo), it may be worth contemplating that they can solve puzzles, open jars, recognize faces and dream. They are also fussy about their food. So be fussy about yours and avoid octopus. For more information, listen to Book of the Week starting Monday on Radio 4 at 9.45am – Other Minds.

Mary's Meals - As shipping is moving again, this charity wishes to fill a container asap to go to Malawi. Urgent items include children's T shirts and boys shorts for ages 5-13 also back packs. Items do not have to be new but can be previously owned and in good condition.



Collection box in community centre foyer. **Any queries see Jill Wright**

The Happy Reading Group is returning to the Centre on **Monday 17th May** from **2.15pm till 3.45pm** and every third Monday of the month. Sharing stories, coffee and cakes! If you are interesting in joining us, please contact Penny on 0151 645 3085. All welcome.



Knit & Natter will be meeting in the Kings Hall from **Wednesday 19th May at 1.30pm**. Social distancing rules will apply. All are very welcome.

Choir rehearsals will take place on **Thursdays at 2pm** in church starting on **20th May**. All are very welcome.



The Book Club will meet again on **Wednesday 26th May at 8.00pm**. The book for this month will be 'The innocence of Father Brown' by GK Chesterton. To find out more, speak to Rev Mike.

Forthcoming funerals:

Wednesday 12 th May	11.00am	Joan Collins	Landican Centre
Thursday 13 th May	2.00pm	Alice Rosa Mallows	Landican Centre
Tuesday 18 th May	12 noon	Joseph Patrick Molloy	Christ Church

Funerals last week: George Edward Bond, David Thomas Spencer.

Anniversaries: Ted Taylor, Emily Birch, Margaret Faith Stimson, Allan Alsbury, Frank Williams, Sally Martin, Joseph Orriell, Mark Jennings, Betty Wilkinson, Rodney Adlard, Dave Roberts.

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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