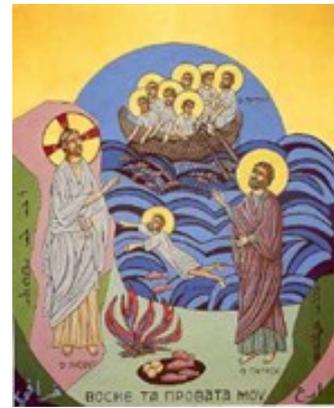


Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 1st May 2022

Third Sunday of Easter



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

This morning, Rev Eunice Blackmore will lead and Lay Reader, Helen Byrne will preach at our 10am Parish Communion.

Rev Mike Loach and Lynn Ion will be leading the "Talking through Faith" session with our Boulders' group.

HYMNS

- 355 Now the Green Blade Riseth
- 167 God Forgave my sins
- 204 He is Lord
- 317 Lord, the light of your love is shining

Collect

**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:

'Be who God made you to be and you will set the world on fire!'

St Catherine of Sienna

'Perhaps if I believed better, I'd have a lot less to say about belief.'

Frank Skinner

'Jesus by his death, wants to wake us up to our situation and save us.

He invites us to pass with him from death to life.'

Tony Luke

Following our 10am service **today**, there will be a sale of Jean Lippiatt's homemade pies & bakes in the Kings Hall. Please remember your bags!

Jubilee Garden Party

on Saturday 4 June 2.00pm-9.00pm

in Christ Church Vicarage Garden.

Bring your own picnic & rug, food and drink available.

Local bands providing live entertainment throughout.

Please do let Vicki Roberts know if you are able to help out at this event.



If you have booked tickets from Graham Loach for the trip to Theatre Clywd to see Anything Goes (**17th June**) or the trip to Llandudno (**21st June**), please could you be sure to pay as soon as possible. Many thanks.

The first reading is from Acts 9: 1-6. (NIVUK)
 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked.

'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 2nd May	5.30pm	The Music Group will meet in church	
Tuesday 3rd May	10.30am	Singing Café will meet in the Kings Hall	
	10.30am	The Sewing Group will meet in the Troughton Room	
	7.45pm	Men's Group at Ian Murray's house	
Wednesday 4th May	9.30am	Bumps & Baby Group will meet in the Troughton Room	
	10.00am	Connect Café in the Kings Hall	
	10.30am	Holy Communion in church	
	1.30pm	Knit & Natter in the Kings Hall	
Thursday 5th May	12.30pm	Befrienders' Lunch	
	2.00pm	Choir Practice	

The Co-op will be providing cakes and treats for the Connect Café on **Wednesday 11th May**. Funds raised will support MIND. Please do come along and support this event.



 Our Parish Staycation Weekend will take place from the evening of **Friday 24th** until the morning of **Sunday 26th June**. Activities for all ages will be arranged in the Community Centre and local area during the weekend and it will be a great opportunity to spend time together and get to know one another a little better. PS: You get to sleep in your own bed at home! There is a sign up sheet at the back of church for anyone who is interested. All are welcome.

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

Glory to you, O Lord. (21:1-19)(NIVUK)

Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 'I'm going out to fish,' Simon Peter told them, and they said, 'We'll go with you.' So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.

He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?'

'No,' they answered.

He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus reinstates Peter

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'

'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'

Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'

He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Mothers' Union will meet on **Thursday 12th May** at **7.30pm** in the Kings Hall when Pam Hollinshead will talk to us about the Eco work at church. All are very welcome.



Christian Aid Week: **15th - 21st May**. We have started an online giving page on the church website:

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/christ-church-higher-bebington>

Please help us to reach our target of £1,000 to aid vital work in Ukraine, Yemen, Afghanistan and other areas of desperate need.



Come and enjoy coffee and cake on **Saturday 14th May from 10am** to raise funds for Christian Aid. If anyone has anything suitable for the raffle or bring & buy stall, please let Jill Loach or Diane Shaw know.

Our Summer Fair will take place on **Saturday 2nd July from 2-5pm**. Please keep the date free and let Vicki Roberts know, if you are willing to help out on the day or in the preparations beforehand.



Please pray for Alex and Clare as they prepare for their wedding here on **Saturday 7th May**.

Funeral last week: Beryl Nelson.

There will be a Memorial Service in church for the late Diana Hirst on **Wednesday 11th May at 12.30pm**.

The Service of Thanksgiving for Margaret Gummerson is in church on **Friday 13th May at 1.00pm**.



Anniversaries: Annie Meadowcroft, Anthony Fawcett, Sheila Holcroft, Elsie Roche, Beryl Preston, Doris May Thwaites, Stephen Michael Berry, Audrey Smith, Cuthbert Cave, Doris Bolton, Albert Edwin Grey, Sidney Davies.

Prayer List: Kyrill and his family, Sara, Tracy, Shirley Anderson, Finley Armstrong, Cliff Barr, Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, Ian Buckley, Jim Byrne, Beverley Caffrey, Jenny Campbell, Barbara Coffey, Yvonne Cranny, Siobhan Curtis, Mavis Duggan, Aaron Fox, Mary Garland, Mark Graves, Geoff Hall, Cara Elise Hartt, Simon Hayes, Pam Hollinshead, Linda Hopkins, Lyndsey Howard, Ted Jones, Richard Kelly, Paul Lewis, Jim Lloyd, Maureen Lloyd, Holly Martin, Wendy Martin, Brenda McGrattan, Will McElroy (age 8), Geoff Newns, Grahame Owen, Lorraine Petropoulou, Rita Quine, Diane Randles, Howard Rogers, Joanne Russell, John Russell, Harry Scarsbrook, Janet Shorrock, Audrey Smith, Barbara Smith, Rachel Stanovic, Matt Storey, Ann Tait, Keira Taylor, Roisin Terris, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Terry Walters, Malcolm Wheatley, Ron White, Theresa Whitfield, Whittaker Family, Lyndsey Wild, Eve Williams, Christopher Williamson.

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