

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 3rd April 2022
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

This morning, we welcome Bishop Julie, the Bishop of Birkenhead who will both preach and preside at our Confirmation Service.

We also welcome our wonderful confirmation candidates, Alex, Amelia, Amy, Chloe, Erin, Eva, Gill, Grace, Jackie, Laura, Mason, Oliver, Paul and Scott and their families. Please do keep supporting them and praying for them - we are one family, united in the love of Jesus.

HYMNS

For all the saints
Be still for the presence
of the Lord
I, the Lord of sea and sky
Be Thou my vision


Prayer for the week

**Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

“Jesus is God taking on flesh and blood, and so in his generosity, in his compassion, that’s what God’s like. In his telling of the truth, that’s what God’s like. In his love, and forgiveness, and sacrifice, that’s what God’s like. That’s who God is. That’s how the song goes. And the song is playing all around us all the time, the song is playing everywhere, it’s written on our hearts, and everybody is playing the song. See, the question isn’t whether or not you’re a part of the song, the question is, ‘Are you in tune?’”
Rob Bell

“Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.”
John Wesley

 We have registered Christ Church with the "Homes for Ukraine" scheme and Mike would love to hear from you if you have a room available that could be used to support refugees. There is a minimum 6 month commitment, but the church would work alongside all those who are able to host. If you can help in any way, please contact the Parish office (608 4429) or the Vicarage (609 0943).
Many thanks.

The first reading is from Acts 17: 22-27. (NIVUK)

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: 'People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship – and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

'The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.

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. (4:14-19)(NIVUK)

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Many thanks to all those who gave their time, energy and enthusiasm to enable three year groups from our local schools to "Experience Easter" in church last week. We received so many positive comments from staff, parents and pupils and it really was a joy to witness their enthusiasm.

Thank you to all who supported the Mothers' Union 'Make a Mother's Day' appeal. A tremendous £218 was raised to fund projects both in this country and abroad.



Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 4th April

9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom



9.30am Toddler Group for pre-school children and their parents and carers

5.30pm The Music Group will meet in church



Tuesday 5th April

10.30am Happy Reading Group in the Troughton Room



10.30am The Sewing Group will meet in church

10.30am Singing Café will meet in the Kings Hall



12.30pm Living in Love & Faith course in the Troughton Room

7.45pm Men's Group at Ian Murray's house



9.15pm Celtic Prayer via Zoom

Wednesday 6th April

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



6.30pm Living in Love & Faith course in the Troughton Room

Thursday 7th April

12.30pm Befrienders' Lunch



Friday 8th April

10.00am Blue Badge Bowls

Monday 4th April 7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Troughton Room

Do join in the Taste Ramadan event on **Friday 8th April at 6pm** at the Pier Head, Liverpool and *'Eat with Love'*.

WIRRAL SINGERS

Bebington Soroptimists are hosting a concert of Light Summer Music by Wirral Singers here in church on **Friday 8th April, 7.30 pm** in aid of OAKS school in Sierra Leone. Tickets from Barbara Mayers, Helen Byrne or the Parish office.

The next meeting of the 'Don't Eat Sunday Lunch Alone' group will be in The Acorn on **Sunday 10th April at 12.30pm**. Please sign the list at the back of church and pay a £2 deposit, if you would like to attend.

'Palm Praise', a Churches Together service on **Sunday 10th April at 4.30pm** at Lower Bebington Methodist Church. All are welcome.

The Coulters will be hosting an Open Farm on **Bank Holiday Monday (18th April) from 11am - 2pm**. All are very welcome to visit and see their animals (including lambs and chicks), explore the farm and enjoy tea and cake. All proceeds will be for Dementia UK. (Directions are available from the Parish Office.)



Save the dates:

Saturday 4th June

Platinum Jubilee Garden Party
Picnic, bands, fizz!

**Friday 24th -
Sunday 26th June**

Church Staycation
Parish Weekend at Home!

Saturday 2nd July

Summer Fair
Crowning the Rose Queen & all the usual fun & stalls!

Friday 17th June - Trip to Theatre Clwyd to see 'Anything Goes'. £22 includes ticket and coach travel.

Tuesday 21st June - 4C's Coach trip to Llandudno. All are welcome. Please do sign up for these (at the back of church) if you would like to go.

Forthcoming Funerals:

Wednesday 6 th April	12.30pm	Philip Norbury	Landican South
Thursday 7 th April	2.15pm	Olive Mary Williams	Christ Church
Wednesday 13 th April	1.30pm	Mary O'Neill	Christ Church

Anniversaries: Ellen Coker, Nora Powell, Sam Smith, Connie Cave, Marie Claude Evans, Derek Wild, Jean Taylor, Judith Peat, Stan Jones, John Anderson, William Raymond Jones.

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), Grahame Owen, Lorraine Petropoulou, Rita Quine, Diane Randles, Howard Rogers, Joanne Russell, John Russell, Harry Scarsbrook, Janet Shorrocks, 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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