

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 10th April 2022

Palm Sunday

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

This morning, Rev Eunice Blackmore will lead and Ian Millington, from our Ministry Team, will preach at our 10am All Age Worship service.

HYMNS

Walk in the Light
Make way, make way
Give me joy
Above all

Prayer for the week

**True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you
and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.

Brother Lawrence

The **Easter cards** have been sorted and are now ready for delivery around the Parish. Please do help if you can, so that we can get them distributed as soon as possible. Many thanks to all who helped prepare them into packs.

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

Monday 11th April
Morning Prayer at **9.00am**
via Zoom.

Music group rehearsal in church on
Monday 11th April at 5.30pm.
All are very welcome.

Tuesday 12th April 10.30am
Vestry Group Meeting.

Tuesday 12th April 9.15pm
Celtic Prayer via Zoom.



Bumps and Babies will meet in the Troughton Room on
Wednesday 13th April from **9.30am - 11.00am**.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

(19: 28-40)(NIV)

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "The Lord needs it."

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Wednesday 13th April
10.00am Connect Café
in the Kings Hall

Wednesday 13th April
10.30am
Holy Communion in church

Steve Flatt will lead the Oasis Well Being Support group meeting at **1.30pm on Wednesday 13th April**. All are very welcome.



Choir Practice on **Thursday 14th April** in church at **2.00pm**.



Mothers' Union will attend the **Maundy Thursday Communion service** at **7.30pm on 14th April** in place of their usual meeting.

The **Gethsemane Watch of Prayer** will take place at **8.30pm on Maundy Thursday (14th April)**, following a service of **Holy Communion at 7.30pm**.

Please do join the Churches Together Witness on **Good Friday (15th April)** at **11.00am outside the Co-op and 12 noon in the British Legion Car Park** (followed by refreshments). The Service of the Last Hour will take place in church at **2.00pm**.

After the last supper, Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he told them, "Sit here while I pray."

Jesus walked on a little way. Then he knelt down on the ground and prayed, "Father if it is possible, don't let this happen to me. Father, you can do anything. Don't make me suffer by making me drink from this cup. But do what you want, and not what I want."

Jesus came back and found the disciples sleeping. He said to Simon Peter, "Can't you stay awake for just one hour?"

Jesus was still speaking, when Judas the betrayer came up.

He was one of the twelve disciples, and a mob of men armed with swords and clubs were with him. They had been sent by the chief priests, the nation's leaders, and the teachers of the Law of Moses.

Judas had told them ahead of time, "Arrest the man I greet with a kiss. Tie him up tight and lead him away."

Judas walked right up to Jesus and said, "Teacher!" Then Judas kissed him, and the men grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

Early the next morning the chief priests, the nation's leaders, and the teachers of the Law of Moses met together with the whole Jewish council.

They all agreed that he should be put to death.

So they tied Jesus up and led him off to Pilate. He asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Those are your words," Jesus answered.

The chief priests brought many charges against Jesus. Then Pilate questioned him again, "Don't you have anything to say? Don't you hear what crimes they say you have done?" But Jesus did not answer, and Pilate was amazed.

During Passover, Pilate always freed one prisoner chosen by the people. And at that time there was a prisoner named Barabbas. He and some others had been arrested for murder during a riot.

The crowd now came and asked Pilate to set a prisoner free, just as he usually did.

Pilate asked them, "Do you want me to free the king of the Jews?"

Pilate knew that the chief priests had brought Jesus to him because they were jealous. But the chief priests told the crowd to ask Pilate to free Barabbas.

Then Pilate asked the crowd, "What do you want me to do with this man you say is the king of the Jews?"

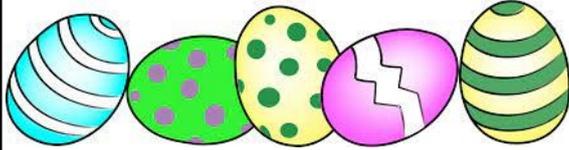
They yelled, "Nail him to a cross!"

Pilate asked, "But what crime has he done?"

"Nail him to a cross!" they yelled even louder.

Pilate wanted to please the crowd. So he set Barabbas free.

Then he ordered his soldiers to beat Jesus with a whip and nail him to a cross.



Easter Coffee Morning & Egg Hunt on **Saturday 16th April 10am-12 noon** in Kings Hall and gardens. All ages are welcome.

Holy Saturday (16th April) Easter Vigil round the fire, outside the Community Centre at **8.00pm**.

Easter Sunday All Age celebration on **Sunday 17th April at 10.00am** with Holy Communion & chocolate eggs!

Easter Praise 6.30pm Easter Sunday - Please come with requests of favourite Easter hymns, or tell Jill Wright/Lynn Ion in advance.

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. (The farm is "Roslyn" Townfield Lane, Mollington, Cheshire, CH1 6LB. Directions are available from the Parish Office.)



Funerals last week: Philip Norbury, Olive Williams.

Funeral this week:

Wednesday 13th April 1.30pm Mary O'Neill Christ Church

Anniversaries: Samuel Ledsome Williams, Harold Dwerryhouse, Audrey Furlong, George Bond, Bernard Ryan, Arthur Cook, Joyce Johnson, Muriel Hannah Garland, James Henry Williams, Jean Henrikson, Archiebald Dalziel, Elsie M. 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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