

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 17th April 2022

Easter Day



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

This morning, Rev Mike Loach will lead and preach at our 10am All Age Celebration with Holy Communion.

HYMNS

See what a morning
Jesus Christ is risen today
Thine be the glory
Bless the Lord O my soul

Prayer for the week

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Thoughts for the week:

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime. *Martin Luther*

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act. *Mahatma Gandhi*

I am an historian, I am not a believer, but I must confess as a historian that this penniless preacher from Nazareth is irrevocably the very centre of history. Jesus Christ is easily the most dominant figure in all history. *H.G. Wells*

Tonight 6.30pm Easter Praise - 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.)

There will be no Morning Prayer on Monday 18th April.

The first reading is from Acts 10: 34-43. (CEV)

Peter then said:

Now I am certain that God treats all people alike. God is pleased with everyone who worships him and does right, no matter what nation they come from. This is the same message that God gave to the people of Israel, when he sent Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, to offer peace to them.

You surely know what happened everywhere in Judea. It all began in Galilee after John had told everyone to be baptized. God gave the Holy Spirit and power to Jesus from Nazareth. He was with Jesus, as he went around doing good and healing everyone who was under the power of the devil. We all saw what Jesus did both in Israel and in the city of Jerusalem.

Jesus was put to death on a cross. But three days later, God raised him to life and let him be seen. Not everyone saw him. He was seen only by us, who ate and drank with him after he was raised from death. We were the ones God chose to tell others about him.

God told us to announce clearly to the people that Jesus is the one he has chosen to judge the living and the dead. Every one of the prophets has said that all who have faith in Jesus will have their sins forgiven in his name.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Happy Reading Group will meet in the Troughton Room on **Tuesday 19th April at 10.30am.** All are most welcome.



Singing Café will meet in the Kings Hall on **Tuesday 19th April at 10.30am.** All are welcome.



The speaker at the 4C's Carers' meeting on **Tuesday 19th April**, will be Lilli Moore. She will share her stories of 'Becoming a Singer'. The group meets at 12.30pm in the Kings Hall.

4Cs

Tuesday 19th April at 7.30pm
Men's Group at Ian Murray's house.

Tuesday 19th April 9.15pm
Celtic Prayer via Zoom.



Wednesday 20th April
10.00am Connect Café
in the Kings Hall

Wednesday 20th April
10.30am
Holy Communion in church

Knit & Natter will meet in the Kings Hall on **Wednesday 20th April at 1.30pm.** All are welcome.



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

Glory to you, O Lord.

(24: 1-12)(NIVUK)

Jesus has risen

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: "The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again."' Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Wet Wednesday (replacing Thirsty Thursday) will take place at the Travellers Rest on **Wednesday 20th April at 9 pm**, and hopefully on the 3rd Wednesday of each month thereafter. All welcome.



Choir Practice on **Thursday 21st April** in church at **2.00pm**.

Boulders Social on Friday 22nd April 7-9pm in the Kings Hall.

Rose Queen Fundraising event on Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm in the Kings Hall. An evening of skincare, haircare and well being.

Skincare demonstration (using Clarins products) and advice, in conjunction with Anne Roberts Beauty, Oxton. Raffle prizes include beauty treatments from local businesses.

Tickets £5 (including complimentary soft drink)

available from Parish Office. All proceeds to Dementia UK.



The Vicar's Reading group will continue to discuss 'Being a Disciple ' by *Rowan Williams* on **Wednesday 27th April at 7.30pm** in the Vicarage.

In advance of the forthcoming APCM (22nd May), we are currently updating the Electoral Roll. The forms are available from Tracy Evans and the Parish Office. If you are not sure if you are on the current register please check the list at the back of the church. **All forms need to be returned before Monday 2nd May at the latest.**

ECO CHURCH Eco Tip: If you are planning to paint eggs this weekend, try using natural food dyes – beetroot (red), blueberries (purple), onions (yellow) and spinach (green). Better still use wooden eggs which can be kept or gifted. (A project for Men in Sheds next year perhaps?). Millions of real eggs are wasted each year as they are painted with toxic paints and can't be consumed.

Sign up sheets are at the back of church for :

- Trip to Theatre Clywd to see 'Anything Goes' (Friday 17th June)
- 4C's Carer's Trip to Llandudno (Tuesday 21st June)

Please add your name if you are interested in going.

For more details, please speak to Graham Loach



Save the dates: Saturday 4th June

Platinum Jubilee Garden Party

Friday 24th - Sunday 26th June

Church Staycation

Saturday 2nd July

Summer Fair

Funeral last week: Mary O'Neill.

Funeral this week:

Wednesday 27th April 12.30pm

Beryl Nelson

Christ Church

Anniversaries: Irene Swann, Elsie Roberts, Mary Blything, Maud Elsby, Harold Taylor, Matthew Siddorn, David Gleave, Dennis Miller, John Morgan, Joyce Entwistle, Harold Saunders.

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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