

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 24th April 2022
The Second Sunday of Easter

FAITH

DOUBT

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

This morning, Revd. Mike Loach will lead and Pam Hollinshead will preach at our 10.00 am Service with Holy Communion.

HYMNS

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

At the name of Jesus

Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no
entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice
and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Thoughts for the week:

Faith and doubt go hand in hand, they are complementaries. One who never doubts will never truly believe.

Hermann Hesse

The beginning of wisdom is found in doubting; by doubting we come to the question, and by seeking we may come upon the truth.

Peter Abelard

The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wiser people so full of doubts.

Bertrand Russell

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.

The first reading is an extract from Psalm 31:

In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.
Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in
distress;
my eyes grow weak with sorrow,
my soul and body with grief.
But I trust in you, LORD;
I say, 'You are my God.'
My times are in your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my
enemies,
from those who pursue me.
Let me not be put to shame, LORD,
for I have cried out to you;
but let the wicked be put to shame

and be silent in the realm of the dead.
Let their lying lips be silenced,
for with pride and contempt
they speak arrogantly against the
righteous.

Praise be to the LORD,
for he showed me the wonders of his
love
when I was in a city under siege.

Love the LORD, all his faithful people!
The LORD preserves those who are true
to him,
but the proud he pays back in full.

Be strong and take heart,
all you who hope in the LORD.

Tuesday 26th April

10.30-12.00 noon

The Sewing Group
in the Troughton Room



Wednesday 27th April
10.00am Connect Café
in the Kings Hall

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10.30am
Holy Communion in church

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John v19-30:

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Choir Practice on **Thursday 28th April** in Church at **2.00pm.**

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.



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.**

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

Friday 24th - Sunday 26th June

Saturday 2nd July

Platinum Jubilee Garden Party

Church Staycation

Summer Fair

Funeral this week:

Wednesday 27th April 12.30pm

Beryl Nelson

Christ Church

Anniversaries:

Thomas Tierney, Jessie Hillhouse, John Evans, William M Bosworth, Leslie Hamilton, Elizabeth Whittaker, E. Ashton Hebron, Robert Gillis, Clive Palmer, Cyril Adams, James Curtis, Cath Reece, Eric Thomason

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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