

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 27th March 2022

Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

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

This morning, Rev Mike Loach will lead and Lay Reader, Helen Byrne will preach at our 10am All Age Worship service for Mothering Sunday.

We also welcome our Rose Queen, Grace, and her retinue and Liz Farah, who will be speaking about her work with refugees.

HYMNS

Now thank we all our God
Peace perfect peace
When I needed a neighbour
The Blessing

Collect

**God of Love, passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

'An infinite God can give all of Himself to each of His children. He does not distribute Himself that each may have a part, but to each one He gives all of Himself as fully as if there were no others.'
A. W. Tozer


'If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder without any such gift from the fairies, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him, the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in.'
Rachel Carson

Motherhood is the ultimate roller coaster of joy and sorrow, comfort and fear, love and hate, fast and slow, past and future.
Libby Chisholm Fearnley

Please do support the Mothers' Union 'Make a Mother's Day' appeal which funds projects working with families, both in this country and abroad.

Collection baskets will be at the back of church following this service or donations can be left with the Parish Office.



 We are currently registering 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 Colossians 3:12-17 (The Message)

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

(19:25-27)(NIV)

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Experience Easter will be taking place in church this week (**28-30 March**) with children from Town Lane Infant and Higher Bebington Junior schools. The sessions are on **Monday 1.30pm, Tuesday 10.00am and Wednesday 1.30pm**. Additional help is required (due to illness). If you are able to offer support, please let Rev Mike or Rev Eunice know.

Lent reading group on **Wednesday 30th March at 7.30pm in the Vicarage** looking at Rowan Williams' short book titled "Being Disciples". Please speak to Rev Mike for more details. Refreshments will be provided!

Please do pray for Alex, Amelia, Amy, Chloe, Erin, Eva, Gill, Grace, Jackie, Laura, Mason, Oliver, Paul and Scott as they prepare for their Confirmation and support them at the service on **Sunday 3rd April at 10am** with the Bishop of Birkenhead, Bishop Julie.

We will be serving cake after the service. Please let the Parish Office know, if you are able to bake cakes for the occasion.



Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 28th March



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



7.00pm Confirmation class at the Vicarage

Tuesday 29th March

1.00pm Living in Love & Faith course in the Troughton Room



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

9.15pm Celtic Prayer via Zoom



Wednesday 30th March

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



7.00pm Living in Love & Faith course in the Troughton Room

Thursday 31st March

2.00pm Choir Practice in church



Friday 1st April

10.00am Blue Badge Indoor Bowls




Friday 1st April 10am Church Walking Group to leave church car park. Walking to Brimstage and Brackenwood. Signup sheet at back of church.

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 **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.)



ECO CHURCH  **Eco Tip:** Visit the 'Mains to Rains' section of the RHS website (mainstorains.uk) and pledge to switch to garden watering using rain water. This includes installing water butts, swapping paving for plants and adding compost to soil.

Save the dates:**Saturday 4th June**Platinum Jubilee Garden Party
Picnic, bands, fizz!**Friday 24th -**

Church Staycation

Sunday 26th June

Parish Weekend at Home!

Saturday 2nd JulySummer 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.

Funeral last week: John Theobald.**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: Jane Louise Heley, Maureen Hemmings, Myra Rowan, George Jones, Roy Faulkner, Brenda Blackburn, Paul Goulden, Sarah Sally Gouldson, Dorothy Bentley, Elsie Marion Ritchie, Donald Anderson, Rita Cann, Ada Hill, Donald Hamilton, Jean Eley, Robert McKee, Mary Taylor, Sheila Whitehead, Geoffrey Heaps.**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.Vicar: Rev. Mike Loach 0151 609 0943 mgloach@gmail.comAssociate Minister: Rev. Eunice Blackmore 0151 648 5343 euniceblackmore@talktalk.netCurate: Rev George Roach 0151 645 4258 frgeorgeroach@gmail.com

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