

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 8th May 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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

This morning, Rev George Roach and Ian Millington will lead and Colette Millington, one of Ministry Team, will preach at our 10am Parish Communion.

HYMNS

484 The King of love my shepherd is
127 Father, who in Jesus found us
The Lord's my Shepherd
Who you Say I am - Hillsong



Tonight at 6.30pm
Sung Evensong

Collect

**Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's
sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered
into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

God has, in fact, thought of us from eternity and has loved us as unique individuals. He has called every one of us by name, as the Good Shepherd 'calls His sheep by name.'

Pope John Paul II

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 100: 3

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

John 15:9

 Jean Lippiatt has kindly organised a raffle in the Community Centre after church this morning. Funds raised will support the Ukraine Appeal.

There are families from the Ukraine who are still seeking accommodation in the local area. Anyone who is willing to explore hosting or support them and their host in other ways, please contact Rev Mike or Vicki Roberts.



Jubilee Garden Party on Saturday 4 June 2.00pm-9.00pm
in Christ Church Vicarage Garden.

*Bring your own picnic & rug, food and drink available.
Local bands providing live entertainment throughout.*

Please do let Vicki Roberts know if you are able to help out at this event.

The first reading is from Acts 9: 36 – 43 (The Message)

Down the road a way in Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, “Gazelle” in our language. She was well-known for doing good and helping out. During the time Peter was in the area she became sick and died. Her friends prepared her body for burial and put her in a cool room.

Some of the disciples had heard that Peter was visiting in nearby Lydda and sent two men to ask if he would be so kind as to come over. Peter got right up and went with them. They took him into the room where Tabitha’s body was laid out. Her old friends, most of them widows, were in the room mourning. They showed Peter pieces of clothing the Gazelle had made while she was with them. Peter put the widows all out of the room. He knelt and prayed. Then he spoke directly to the body: “Tabitha, get up.”

She opened her eyes. When she saw Peter, she sat up. He took her hand and helped her up. Then he called in the believers and widows, and presented her to them alive.

When this became known all over Joppa, many put their trust in the Master. Peter stayed on a long time in Joppa as a guest of Simon the Tanner.

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. (10: 22-30)(The Message)

They were celebrating Hanukkah just then in Jerusalem. It was winter. Jesus was strolling in the Temple across Solomon’s Porch. The Jews, circling him, said, “How long are you going to keep us guessing? If you’re the Messiah, tell us straight out.”

Jesus answered, “I told you, but you don’t believe. Everything I have done has been authorized by my Father, actions that speak louder than words. You don’t believe because you’re not my sheep. My sheep recognize my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them real and eternal life. They are protected from the Destroyer for good. No one can steal them from out of my hand. The Father who put them under my care is so much greater than the Destroyer and Thief. No one could ever get them away from him. I and the Father are one heart and mind.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Co-op will be providing cakes and treats for the Connect Café on **Wednesday 11th May**. Funds raised will support MIND. Please do come along and support this event.



Regular Activities at Christ Church



Monday 9th May	9.30am	Toddler Group for pre-school children and their parents and carers	
	5.30pm	The Music Group will meet in church	
Tuesday 10th May	10.30am	Happy Reading Group will meet in the Troughton Room	
	10.30am	Vestry Group Meeting in church	
Wednesday 11th May	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	Oasis Well Being Support Group in the Troughton Room with psychotherapist, Steve Flatt	
Thursday 12th May	2.00pm	Choir Practice	
	7.30pm	Mothers' Union will meet in the Kings Hall	



Come and enjoy coffee and cake on **Saturday 14th May from 10am** to raise funds for Christian Aid. If anyone has anything suitable for the raffle or bring & buy stall, please let Jill Loach or Diane Shaw know.

Christian Aid Week - 15th to 21st May 2022

This year we have created our own e-envelope so that we can see how much we raise as a church community. Please click on the link which will take you straight there and donating is easy. You can also scan the QR code with your phone.

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/christ-church-higher-bebington>

On **Sunday 15th May**, we will be hoping to do some gardening during the 10am service, so please bring suitable hand tools and gloves. There will be alternative activities available and the service will include Holy Communion.

Don't Eat Sunday Lunch Alone: If you would like to join the group on **Sunday 29th May** at Broadway Steak & Wine at 12.30pm, please sign the list at the back of church.

Rose Queen Fundraiser: Afternoon Tea **Saturday 11th June 2.30 - 4.30pm**



Our Parish Staycation Weekend will take place from the evening of **Friday 24th** until the morning of **Sunday 26th June**. Activities for all ages will be arranged in the Community Centre and local area during the weekend and it will be a great opportunity to spend time together and get to know one another a little better. PS: You get to sleep in your own bed at home! There is a sign up sheet at the back of church for anyone who is interested. All are welcome.

Our Summer Fair will take place on **Saturday 2nd July** from 2-5pm. Please keep the date free and let Vicki Roberts know, if you are willing to help out on the day or in the preparations beforehand.



Interesting facts about hedgehogs: they loved tinned or dry meaty cat or dog food; strimmers, wire and netting are very dangerous so be careful when using; hedgehogs can swim but can't get up steep sides, so make ramps for them to get out of ponds; avoid slug pellets which are poisonous to hedgehogs. Even eco-ones reduce the slug and snail population by killing their food. Make a 6inch square hole in your fence or boundary to allow hedgehogs to wander. See hedgehogfriendlytown.co.uk for more information.

Please do support the St Paul's Coffee Market on **Saturday 14th May 10am - 12 noon** when they will be selling plants, bags and purses.

If you have not yet completed an Electoral Roll form, please do so. They are available at the back of church and can be returned to the Parish Office. The APCM will take place on **Sunday 22nd May at 11.30am**.

There will be a Memorial Service in church for the late Diana Hirst on **Wednesday 11th May at 12.30pm**.

The Service of Thanksgiving for Margaret Gummerson is in church on **Friday 13th May at 1.00pm**.



Anniversaries: Ted Taylor, Emily Birch, Margaret Faith Stimson, Allan Alsbury, Frank Williams, Sally Martin, Joseph Orriell, Mark Jennings, Betty Wilkinson.

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), Geoff Newns, 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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