

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Welcome to Christ Church!** We are all one in the Spirit!  
This morning, Rev Mike Loach will lead and preach at our  
10am Parish Communion.

## HYMNS

- 106 Dear Lord and Father  
4 A new commandment  
73 Brother, sister, let me serve  
you

## Collect

**Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

Do you want me to tell you something really subversive? Love is everything it's cracked up to be. That's why people are so cynical about it. It really is worth fighting for, being brave for, risking everything for. And the trouble is, if you don't risk everything, you risk even more.  
*Erica Jong*

If love is the soul of Christian existence, it must be at the heart of every other Christian virtue. Thus, for example, justice without love is legalism; faith without love is ideology; hope without love is self-centeredness; forgiveness without love is self-abasement; fortitude without love is recklessness; generosity without love is extravagance; care without love is mere duty; fidelity without love is servitude. Every virtue is an expression of love. No virtue is really a virtue unless it is permeated, or informed, by love.

*Fr. Richard P. McBrien*

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 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 11.30am** following the 10am service. Please do come and support this.



***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 Revelation 21:1-6 (NIVUK)

A new heaven and a new earth

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.'

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.** (13: 31-35)(NIVUK)

When Judas was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.'

'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.'

'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



### **Christian Aid Week - 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> 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>

There is a Summer Fair Planning Meeting on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May** in the Troughton Room at **7.00pm**. Anyone who is willing to help out, either on the day of the fair (2<sup>nd</sup> July) or in the preparations beforehand, is very welcome to attend.

## Regular Activities at Christ Church

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Toddler Group for pre-school children and their parents and carers	
	<b>5.30pm</b>	The Music Group will meet in church	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Singing Café in the Kings Hall sharing songs from the 1950's -'80's	
	<b>12.30pm</b>	4C's Carers' Group in the Kings Hall. A speaker from Energy Projects Plus will share tips on energy management.	<b>4Cs</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	Men's Group at Ian Murray's house	
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Bumps & Baby Group will meet in the Troughton Room	
	<b>10.00am</b>	Connect Café in the Kings Hall	
	<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion in church	
	<b>1.30pm</b>	Knit & Natter in the Kings Hall	
	<b>9.00pm</b>	'Wet Wednesday' in the Travellers Rest	
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	Choir Practice	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Accessible Indoor Bowls	
	<b>7.00pm</b>	Boulders	

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7.00pm Ministry Team Meeting

There will be a Communion service for Ascension Day on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm.**

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

Rose Queen Fundraiser: Afternoon Tea **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2.30 - 4.30pm.** Tickets available from the Parish Office.



Our Parish Staycation Weekend will take place from the evening of **Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** until the morning of **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**Eco Pledge:** Approximately 500 billion plastic bags are used worldwide each year. We need to put an end to this bad habit and stop using them once and for all. Luckily, many cities and countries worldwide are realising the environmental impact the production and use of plastic bags have, and are banning the use of them. We ALL need to follow suit and opt for reusable bags instead. Ladies in Stitches have a home made supply of fabric tote shopping bags which will be on sale at the Summer Fair! Please contact the office if you would like one.



The next Bereavement Journey Course will begin on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June from 2-4pm**. If you would like more information about this or to book a place, please contact Rev Eunice.

There is an opportunity for those who have taken part in previous sessions to re-connect on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 7-9pm in the Troughton Room.

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.



Please pray for Daniel and Jenny as they prepare for their wedding here on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**Funeral last week: Margaret Gummerson.**

**Anniversaries:** Rodney Adlard, Dave Roberts, John Reginald Rossiter, Faith Johnson Rooke, Colin Lee, Edward Bryan, Alan Aspinall, Robert Lambert, May Wilkinson, Colleen Atkinson, Doreen Henry, Cheryl Ann Salisbury, Wendy Edwards.

**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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