

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 22nd May 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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

This morning, Rev Eunice Blackmore will lead and Rev Mike Loach will preach at our 10am Parish Communion.

HYMNS

Let us build a house
Be still for the presence of the Lord
All my hope on God is founded
Jubilate

Prayer for the week

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your Command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Thoughts for the week:

...Christ did not appoint professors, but followers. If Christianity ... is not reduplicated in the life of the person expounding it, then he does not expound Christianity, for Christianity is a message about living and can only be expounded by being realized in men's lives. *Soren Kierkegaard*

Sometimes we don't need another chance to express how we feel or to ask someone to understand our situation. Sometimes we just need a firm kick in the pants. An unsmiling expectation that if we mean all these wonderful things we talk about and sing about, then lets see something to prove it. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

The Christian ideal has not been found tried and found wanting, it has been found difficult and left untried. *GK Chesterton*

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 **today following the 10am service** . Please do come and support this.



Bishop Julie will be preaching at St Paul's Evening Prayer service **tonight at 6.30pm**. All are welcome to attend.

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

The first reading is from Acts 16:9-15 (CEV)

During the night, Paul had a vision of someone from Macedonia who was standing there and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" After Paul had seen the vision, we began looking for a way to go to Macedonia. We were sure that God had called us to preach the good news there.

Lydia Becomes a Follower of the Lord

We sailed straight from Troas to Samothrace, and the next day we arrived in Neapolis. From there we went to Philippi, which is a Roman colony in the first district of Macedonia.

We spent several days in Philippi. Then on the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to a place by the river, where we thought there would be a Jewish meeting place for prayer. We sat down and talked with the women who came. One of them was Lydia, who was from the city of Thyatira and sold expensive purple cloth. She was a worshiper of the Lord God, and he made her willing to accept what Paul was saying. Then after she and her family were baptized, she kept on begging us, "If you think I really do have faith in the Lord, come stay in my home."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Glorify to you, O Lord. (14:23-29)(NIVUK)

Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

'All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

'You heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



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>

Regular Activities at Christ Church

	Monday 23rd May	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
	Tuesday 24th May	10.30am	Happy Reading Group in the Troughton Room	
		10.30am	'Just Sew' in the Kings Hall	
		9.15pm	Celtic Prayer via Zoom	
	Wednesday 25th 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	
	Thursday 26th May	2.00pm	Choir Practice	

Monday 23rd May 7.00pm Ministry Team Meeting

Social for Holy Land Pilgrims, and potential pilgrims, **Wednesday 25th May 7-9pm in Troughton room.** Cheese and wine and meet your leaders.

Church gardening! **Wednesday 25th May 1.30pm - 3pm & Sunday 29th May (after church) 12 - 1pm**

Please, if you are able join us to finish the great tidying and weeding begun last Sunday in the garden ready especially for the Jubilee Garden party on June 4th. A little light weeding needed and replanting the herb planters in front of the centre. Refreshments provided! Thank you.



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.



*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.*

If you are able to provide cakes for this event or help on the gate, please speak to Vicki Roberts.

The next Bereavement Journey Course will begin on **Thursday 9th 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 30th May from 7-9pm in the Troughton Room.



Rose Queen Fundraiser: Afternoon Tea **Saturday 11th June**

2.30 - 4.30pm. Tickets available from the Parish Office:

£6 full afternoon tea, £4 cream tea, (both include 'bottomless' drinks). All are very welcome.



Our Parish Staycation Weekend will take place from the evening of **Friday 24th** until the morning of **Sunday 26th June**. Please do speak to Ian Millington or Vicki Roberts for more information and sign the list at the back of church, if you are interested in attending.

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.



ECO CHURCH **Eco Pledge:** Caterpillars are picky eaters and will only eat from a set menu. The more food plants your garden has to offer, the greater the variety of butterflies and moths that can make themselves at home. No caterpillars means no butterflies or moths. Simply pick a patch of your lawn, don't mow it and wait for the results.

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.



Anniversaries: Henrietta Clinch, Ken Wort, Leslie Alexander Manning, Ken Shaw, Vera Holmes, June Harrison, Mary Bentley, John Ellis, Debra Kane, Philip Gordon Emmas, Dave Roberts, John Clarke, Norrie Dewhurst, Laura Tharme, Rosalind Smith, Alison Sims, Ernest Sinton, Jane E. McMillan, Edna Jones, Ron Donnelley.

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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