

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



**Sunday 5th June 2022**  
**Pentecost**

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

## HYMNS

337 Morning has broken  
454 Spirit of the living God  
494 The Spirit lives to set us free  
27 Amazing Grace

## Prayer for the week

**Gracious God, we give you thanks  
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth  
our Queen,  
and for the example of loving and  
faithful service which she has shown  
among us.  
Help us to follow her example of  
dedication and to commit our lives to  
you and to one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

“Surprisingly, the Christian faith today is perceived as disconnected from the supernatural world – a dimension that the vast majority of outsiders believe can be accessed and influenced.”  
David Kinnaman

“For Christians it's always a love game ... that He is love itself ... Indeed, some have suggested that one way of understanding the Spirit is to see the Spirit as the personal love which the Father has for the Son and the Son for the Father.”  
N.T. Wright

“If you want to build a ship, don't herd people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.”  
Antoine de Saint-Exupery

**Revd. Mike is on sabbatical from Monday 13th June to Monday 12th September and won't be responding to regular emails or messages in this time. Other members of the Ministry Team are available and any urgent messages for Mike can be directed through the Parish Office on 0151 608 4429 or at [parishoffice@christchurchhigherbebington.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@christchurchhigherbebington.org.uk) or via the Vicarage on 0151 609 0943.**

The first reading is from Acts 2:1-21. (The Message)

***A Sound like a strong wind***

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;

Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,

Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;

Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;

Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

***Peter Speaks Up***

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

"In the Last Days," God says,

"I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people:

Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters;

Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams.

When the time comes, I'll pour out my Spirit

On those who serve me, men and women both, and they'll prophesy.

I'll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below,

Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,

Before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and

marvellous; And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved."

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.**

(14:8-17) (CEV)

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father. That is all we need."

Jesus replied: Philip, I have been with you for a long time. Don't you know who I am? If you have seen me, you have seen the Father. How can you ask me to show you the Father? Don't you believe that I am one with the Father and that the Father is one with me? What I say isn't said on my own. The Father who lives in me does these things. Have faith in me when I say that the Father is one with me and that I am one with the Father. Or else have faith in me simply because of the things I do. I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father. Ask me, and I will do whatever you ask. This way the Son will bring honour to the Father. I will do whatever you ask me to do.

The Holy Spirit Is Promised

Jesus said to his disciples:

If you love me, you will do as I command. Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. The Spirit will show you what is true. The people of this world cannot accept the Spirit, because they don't see or know him. But you know the Spirit, who is with you and will keep on living in you.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Regular Activities at Christ Church

<b>Monday 6th June</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	<b>9.30 am</b>	Toddler Group in Kings Hall
<b>Tuesday 7th June</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Singing Café
	<b>10.30am</b>	Just Sew
	<b>9.15pm</b>	Celtic Prayer via Zoom
<b>Wednesday 8th June</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Bumps & Babies
	<b>10.00am</b>	Connect Café in the Kings Hall
	<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion in Church
	<b>1.30pm</b>	Oasis in the Troughton Room
<b>Thursday 9th June</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	Bereavement Journey
	<b>2.00pm</b>	Choir Practice

Huge thanks to all those who helped to organise and run yesterday's Jubilee Garden Party and especially to Vicki Roberts, Pete Roach and Ian Carr. As ever, it is a real joy to bring our community together and to communicate something of God's abundant love.

**There is a meeting of the PCC on Wednesday 8th June at 7.30pm in the Troughton Room.**

Rose Queen Fundraiser: Afternoon Tea **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2.30-4.30pm.**  
Tickets available from the Parish Office:  
£6 full afternoon tea, £4 cream tea, (both include hot drink refills). All are very welcome.



**Parish Staycation Weekend Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June.**

Please sign the list at the back of church, if you are interested in attending.

Our Summer Fair will take place on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** from 2-5pm.

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.

**Anniversaries:** Agnes Irving, Josephine Wilson-Acton, Geoffrey Clare, Peter Fitzpatrick, Ronald Hughes, Jean King Dwerryhouse, Joe Iveson, Elaine Molloy, Victor Reece, Lorna McFarlane, Jane K. Dwerryhouse, Edna Cushing, Ronald Kelly, Mavis Dodd.

**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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