

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 19th June 2022
First Sunday after Trinity

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

This morning, Revd. Chris O'Neill will lead and Jill Wright, Reader Emeritus will preach at our 10am Parish Communion service.

HYMNS

- 169 God is love, His the care
83 Christ is the world in which we move;
66 Bread is blessed and broken
164 Go forth and tell

Sunday 26th June at 6.30pm
Taize Service in church

Prayer for the week

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Thoughts for the week:

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

Anne Bradstreet

Of one thing I am certain, the body is not the measure of healing – peace is the measure.

George Melton

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation

Isaiah 52:7

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 or via the Vicarage on 0151 609 0943.

4C's Carers' Coach Trip to Llandudno will leave church at 10.00am prompt on **Tuesday 21st June.**

Singing Café has been cancelled on **Tuesday 21st June.** It will meet next on July 5th.

The first reading is from Isaiah 65: 1-9. (NIV UK)
 'I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me;
 I was found by those who did not seek me.
 To a nation that did not call on my name,
 I said, "Here am I, here am I."
 All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people,
 who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations –
 a people who continually provoke me to my very face,
 offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on altars of brick;
 who sit among the graves and spend their nights keeping secret vigil;
 who eat the flesh of pigs, and whose pots hold broth of impure meat;
 who say, "Keep away; don't come near me, for I am too sacred for you!"
 Such people are smoke in my nostrils, a fire that keeps burning all day.
 'See, it stands written before me;
 I will not keep silent but will pay back in full;
 I will pay it back into their laps –
 both your sins and the sins of your ancestors,' says the Lord.
 'Because they burned sacrifices on the mountains
 and defied me on the hills, I will measure into their laps the full
 payment for their former deeds.'
 This is what the Lord says: 'As when juice is still found in a cluster of
 grapes and people say, "Don't destroy it, there is still a blessing in it,"
 so will I do on behalf of my servants; I will not destroy them all.
 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
 and from Judah those who will possess my mountains;
 my chosen people will inherit them, and there will my servants live.
 This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 20th June	9.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom	
	9.30 am	Toddler Group in Kings Hall	
Tuesday 21st June	9.15pm	Prayer via Zoom	 
Wednesday 22nd June	9.30am	Bumps & Babies in Troughton Room	
	10.00am	Connect Café in the Kings Hall	
	10.30am	Holy Communion	
Thursday 23rd June	2.00pm	Choir Practice	



Mothers' Union Afternoon Outing to Ness Gardens **Thursday 14th July**. £6.50 each.
 Meet 1pm at Community Centre Car park to drive to Ness. Please contact Helen
 Young on 641 9048 to put your name on the list and to inform if lift required.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

(8: 26 - 39)(NIV UK)

Jesus restores a demon-possessed man

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!' For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?'

'Legion,' he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' So the man went away and told all over the town how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Traidcraft week – 20th – 26th June. This year's theme is fair trade firsts! Traidcraft pioneered the first fair trade coffee, chocolate, tea, honey, rubber, palm oil and more in the UK, so Traidcraft Week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate that! Fair trade, defined simply, is

when products including food, drink and craft, are sourced through a fair supply chain, where small-scale farmers, producers and artisans are treated with dignity, respect, equality and fairness. Buy fair trade goods when you can and go online to see the wonderful range of products, from washing up liquid to rugs.

<https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/>

St Paul's, Tranmere are hosting an Evening of Music with the Singing Vicar, Rev Canon Ron Iveson on **Friday 1st July at 7pm**. Tickets £5, including supper are available from Jenny Randle (513 2645). Please buy in advance.



Our Summer Fair will take place on **Saturday 2nd July 2-5pm**. Please let Vicki Roberts know if you have any bottles, chocolates, biscuits or new gifts that you can donate for our stalls. If you are able to bake cakes to sell on the cake stall, please let Vicki know.

WANTED! Sunday Club Coordinator - to manage rotas, help plan & lead sessions and to promote our children's activities at church. Numbers attending have dropped off since lockdown and it would be great to relaunch in September. Our children's work is vital to the life of our church community. PLEASE speak with Mike, Eunice or Victoria if you can help.

Vicki Roberts is collecting Lego, in particular the base boards, for a new venture, 'Lego Church' which will be starting monthly in September. Please drop any items to the Parish Office. Many thanks.



Please pray for Matt Storey and Melissa Theobald as they prepare for their wedding here on Saturday 25th June at 1.00pm.

Forthcoming Funeral:

Wednesday 29th June 2.30pm Philip Caton Christ Church

Anniversaries: Cynthia Patten, Charlie Hughes, Joe Whatling, Joyce Jones, Joan Jones, William Lewis, Susan Blackburn, William Ernest Jones, Eileen Farrant, Flo Jones, Bill Bowles, Colin Sloan, Margaret Randle, David Wright.

Prayer List: Kyrill and his family, Sara, Tracy, Finley Armstrong, Cliff Barr, Sharon Beecham, Ann Bisbrown-Lee, Ian Buckley, Jim Byrne, Beverley Caffrey, Jenny Campbell, Yvonne Cranny, Siobhan Curtis, Mavis Duggan, Aaron Fox, Gerry French, Mary Garland, Mark Graves, Geoff Hall, Cara Elise Hartt, Simon Hayes, Pam Hollinshead, 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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