

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 26th June 2022
Second Sunday after Trinity

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

This morning, Revd. Mike Loach will lead and Ian Millington, from our Ministry Team will preach at our 10am Parish Communion service.

HYMNS

- 545 When God Almighty came
to earth
Lord I lift your name on high
- 560 Will you come and follow
me?
Blinded by your Grace

Prayer for the week

God, you call us to go where Christ leads. Turn us from the ways of the world; guide us to fullness of joy in the Spirit, where bodies and souls rest secure; and grant us strength to follow the way of the cross, which frees us to love one another for the sake of all creation. Amen

Tonight at 6.30pm Healing Service in church.

Thoughts for the week:

"Although we tend to think about saints as holy and pious, and picture them with halos above their heads and ecstatic gazes, true saints are much more accessible. They are men and women like us, who live ordinary lives and struggle with ordinary problems. What makes them saints is their clear and unwavering focus on God and God's people."

Henri Nouwen

"God is the captain of this operation, this is God's engineering. I can do ALL things through him."

Stormzy

"Love has within it a redemptive power. And there is a power there that eventually transforms individuals. There's something about love that builds up and is creative. There is something about hate that tears down and is destructive. So love your enemies."

Martin Luther King Jr

Our Summer Fair is on **Saturday 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.



The first reading is from Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (NIV)

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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

Tuesday 28th June 7.45pm Men's Group at Ian Murray's house.




Church Walking Group – Friday 1st July. Meet in church car park at 10am. Jill Wright will be leading a walk in the Parkgate area. Mileage 3.34 miles with short walk option of 2 miles.

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.

Oasis Wellbeing Support Group meeting **Wednesday 13th July at 1.30pm**. Psychotherapist Steve Flatt will be leading the group.



 Mother's Union are arranging an afternoon visit to Ness Gardens **Thursday 14th July**. All are very welcome- no need to be an MU member. £6.50 each. Meet 1pm at Community Centre Car park to drive to Ness. Please contact Helen Young on 641 9048 to add your name to the list and to inform if a lift is required.

Ladies Night Fish & Chip Supper in Kings Hall on **Friday 15th July at 7pm** There is a sign up sheet at back of church if you would like to come.

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

Glory to you, O Lord. (9: 51-62)(NIV)

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 27th June	9.00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom	
	9.30 am	Toddler Group in Kings Hall	
	5.30pm	Music Group rehearsal	
Tuesday 28th June	10.30am	'Just Sew' in the Kings Hall	
	10.30am	Happy Reading Group in the Storeton Room	
	9.15pm	Prayer via Zoom	
Wednesday 29th June	9.30am	Bumps & Babies in Troughton Room	
	10.00am	Connect Café in the Kings Hall	
	10.30am	Holy Communion	
Thursday 30th June	2.00pm	Bereavement Journey in the Troughton Room	
	2.00pm	Choir Practice	
Friday 1st July	10.00am	Accessible Indoor Bowls	

Everyday Faith diocese event: **Thursday 7th July, 7:30pm** at St Stephen's Prenton which aims to help all Christians to live out our faith, and follow Jesus with confidence, in all areas of our lives. We have 5 places available- please let Eunice know if you would like to attend.

You can recycle the following items locally:

Baby, pet food, detergent and cleaning pouches, biscuits & chocolate wrapping, bread bags and cereal liners, crisp & sweet bags, delivery bags, frozen food bags, multi-pack wrapping, plastic carrier bags, plastic film lids, salad, pasta, and rice bags, toilet roll wrapping. The Co-Op on Teehey Lane, Tesco on Dacre Hill and Sainsbury's in Prenton all have facilities for these plastics. **Please use them!**



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.

Funeral this week:

Wednesday 29 th June	2.30pm	Philip Caton	Christ Church
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Anniversaries: Joyce Dean, Esther Whitehead, Peter John Hellaby, Gerry O'Neill, Vera Powell, William Whieldon, Jeff Lydiatt, M. Galloway, Kay McLeod, Helena Bidwell, Olive Murray.

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 Ffrench, 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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