

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 7th August 2022
8th Sunday after Trinity



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

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

HYMNS

- 292 Lead kindly Light
172 God is working his purpose out
15 All my hope on God is founded
388 O praise ye the Lord

Prayer ministry – there will be someone available to pray after church (in the prayer corner) if you have a request or thanksgiving you would like to share.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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:

Jesus has come to bear witness to the truth that the kingdom of God is non-violent. When God wants to take charge of the world, he doesn't send in the tanks. He sends in the poor and meek. (N.T Wright)

“Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out.” (Václav Havel)

A very big thank you to Riverside Housing, along with their contractors, for the wonderful work they carried out in the gardens, churchyard, woodland and Community Centre last Monday and Tuesday. There were around 50 volunteers working here each day decorating the Centre and clearing and tidying the grounds, all in memory of their much loved colleague and our much missed church member, Karen Lewis.

The first reading is from Genesis 15: 1-6. (Good News Translation)

God's Covenant with Abram

After this, Abram had a vision and heard the Lord say to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I will shield you from danger and give you a great reward."

²But Abram answered, "Sovereign Lord, what good will your reward to me, since I have no children? My only heir is Eliezer of Damascus.

³You have given me no children, and one of my slaves will inherit my property."

⁴ Then he heard the Lord speaking to him again: "This slave Eliezer will not inherit your property; your own son will be your heir." ⁵ The Lord took him outside and said, "Look at the sky and try to count the stars; you will have as many descendants as that."

⁶ Abram put his trust in the Lord, and because of this the Lord was pleased with him and accepted him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 8th August

9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom



5.30pm Music Group rehearsal in church

Tuesday 9th August

10.30am Happy Reading Group

10.30am Vestry Group in church

Wednesday 10th August

9.30am Bumps & Babies in Troughton Room



10.00am Connect Café in the Kings Hall



10.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 11th August

2.00pm Choir Practice



Connect Café: Please do come and join us on Wednesday mornings. We now have Community Connectors, Age UK digital drop-in and Citizens Advice Bureau who can help with navigating websites, internet banking, council websites, utilities etc.

Don't Eat Sunday Lunch Alone – 14th August 12.30 - Sunlight, Bebington. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. We will need to pre-order and money will be collected today if you have not yet already paid. Please let Rev Eunice know your choices as soon as possible.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

(12: 32-40)(Good News Translation)

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom.

³³ Sell all your belongings and give the money to the poor. Provide for yourselves purses that don't wear out, and save your riches in heaven, where they will never decrease, because no thief can get to them, and no moth can destroy them.

³⁴ For your heart will always be where your riches are.

³⁵ “Be ready for whatever comes, dressed for action and with your lamps lit, ³⁶ like servants who are waiting for their master to come back from a wedding feast. When he comes and knocks, they will open the door for him at once. ³⁷ How happy are those servants whose master finds them awake and ready when he returns! I tell you, he will take off his coat, have them sit down, and will wait on them. ³⁸ How happy they are if he finds them ready, even if he should come at midnight or even later! ³⁹ And you can be sure that if the owner of a house knew the time when the thief would come, he would not let the thief break into his house. ⁴⁰ And you, too, must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Belated thanks to all those who joined the gardening after church on 24th June. We did a good tidy up. We plan to resume regular work parties in September. Following the wonderful work done in memory of Karen this week, we would like to set up a 'gardening gang' to keep on top of the maintenance of our beautiful grounds. Please add your name to the green sheet at the back of church with email or phone number if you are willing to join the volunteer gardeners when available, so we can keep in touch.

The livestream process has been simplified and we are keen to find more volunteers to help out on a Sunday morning. If you are able to offer your support, please let the Parish Office know and some training can be arranged. Many thanks.

Rev Mike has a significant birthday early in September. He would be pleased if you would like to join him for a get together on **Friday 9th September** anytime from 7.30pm at The British Legion. Please don't bring him anything, just come along and buy yourself a drink to support the work of the Legion. Sarah x



There will be a concert at Christ Church, Higher Bebington on **Saturday 17th September at 7pm** with the Sing Me Merseyside MAGGIE'S choir to raise funds for Maggie's Cancer Support. Tickets £6 including light refreshments (available from Ny Gibson). For more information, please speak to Ny.

A huge thank you to all those who have so generously contributed to the Mary's Meals backpack project. Sadly because of rising shipping costs, the Charity does not feel that it is viable to continue. They still maintain that of every £1 donated 93 pence must be spent on the children and so will continue the daily feeding of over 2 million children in 20 countries in a place of education. Money donations are obviously still welcome and I hope many of you will support my fundraiser on 29th October when I have booked WirrOrleans jazz band to perform here in the King's Hall. More details later.



Sue Donovan

Forthcoming Funeral:

Thursday 18th August 2.30pm Sheila Kewley Landican South

Anniversaries: Eleanor Jones, Eric Jones, Frank Pleavin, Oriel Eccles, Jean Furlong, Joan Williams, Glenda Murray, Joe Clarke, Gertrude Eleanor Fernley, Arthur Toplis, Rob Parker, Cyril Dodd, Jean Elizabeth Holroyd.

Prayer List: Kyrill & his family, Sara, Tracy, Wendy & her sons, Antony and Christopher, 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, Geoff Newns, Grahame Owen, Lorraine Petropoulou, Rita Quine, Diane Randles, Howard Rogers, Joanne Russell, John Russell, Harry Scarsbrook, Janet Shorrock, Audrey Smith, Barbara Smith, Rachel Stanovic, Matt Storey, Ann Tait, Keira Taylor, Roisin Terris, Jackie Turner, Keelin Turner, Gill & Terry Walters, Malcolm Wheatley, Ron White, Theresa Whitfield, Whittaker Family, Lyndsey Wild, Eve Williams, Christopher Williamson.

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