

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 4th February 2024
2 before Lent

Sidespeople: Barbara Mayers & Diane Shaw
Next week: Terry Cunningham & Helen Young



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

HYMNS

- 422 Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven
54 Be still my soul
321 Love divine, all loves excelling
186 Great is thy faithfulness

Prayer for the week

**Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Thoughts for the week:

"Let no one come to you without leaving better and happier; be the living expression of God's kindness, kindness in your face, kindness in your heart, kindness in your smile."
- Mother Teresa

"Lighthouses don't fire cannons to call attention to their shining- they just shine."
- Dwight L. Moody

"There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."
- Edith Wharton



Praise and Pray - Today at 4.00pm

A fun event with lots of noise, Bible stories and activities for children up to 6 years, their siblings and parents/carers. Topic: "Love".

There will be a short meeting for all sidespeople and welcomers at **12 noon today** at the back of church. If you can't make it, there will be another opportunity on **Thursday 8th at 6.00pm**.

We would love to have more welcomers every Sunday morning.

Don't worry - we will provide training! If you are interested please let Mike, Eunice or the office know. Many thanks.



The first reading is from Colossians 1:15-20 (NIVUK)

The supremacy of the Son of God

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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

(1:1-14)(NRSV, Anglicised)

John The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



Don't Eat Sunday Lunch Alone: today at 12.30pm
Broadway Steak & Wine

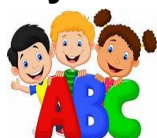


Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our Christian Aid Attic Sale and Coffee Morning last Saturday.

All the volunteers, both on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, really worked hard and created a fantastic community event which raised a final total of £1009.94. Thank you, too, to those who attended. This money will be so useful in many of the war torn areas of the world, especially the Middle East. All those cakes were delicious too, so many talented bakers! You are such a kind and creative congregation.

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 5th February



9.00am Start the week with prayer



9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit - chair based exercise class

5.00pm Music Group



Tuesday 6th February

10.30am Sewing Group

10.30am Singing Café



Wednesday 7th February

9.30am Bumps & Babies



10.00am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion

1.30pm Knit & Natter



Thursday 8th February



10.30am Mothers' Union meeting



10.30am Line Dancing

12.30pm Prayers for Peace



1.30pm Sit Fit - chair based exercises

2.00pm Choir practice

2.00pm Bereavement Journey course



Friday 9th February

2.00pm Bridge Group



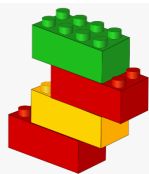
Garden Gang are meeting on Monday 5th February at 1.30pm in the Troughton Room. If you would like to be involved in any way, not necessarily in the garden, please come along to the meeting - tea and cakes on offer!

Saturday 17th February - 10.00am-12 noon - Work party in the garden with Revd. Mike & Pam, to cut back winter overgrowth, plant summer bulbs and new plants and start to weed the memorial plots in the graveyard. Families welcome. Refreshments will be on offer!

Help wanted please with the zero food waste collections from the Co-op between **Monday 5th to Friday 17th February, 9.00 am - 10.00 am**, and taking it to the Community Centre. We would be very grateful if anyone could volunteer to do this please on at least some of the above days, as otherwise the food gets thrown out and wasted. Many thanks.



Mothers' Union are meeting on **Thursday 8th February** at 10.30am when Terry Cunningham will be giving a talk about 'Men in Sheds'.



Wednesday 14th February from 3.30pm Lego Church in the Kings Hall. Come along for building fun. Activities are aimed at children aged 4-10 years. All are welcome!

There will be a Communion Service for **Ash Wednesday** on **14th February at 7.30pm**, in addition to our 10.30am Communion Service

Baby & Child First Aid — Saturday 17th February - 1.00-3.00pm
Would you know what to do in an emergency? A 2 hour class covers CPR, Choking, Bumps, Bleeding, Breaks, Burns, Febrile Seizures & Meningitis awareness. This will be held at the Community Centre. If interested, please book at wirral.minifirstaid.co.uk



Rose Queen Fashion Show - Friday 1st March, at 7.00pm
Tickets (£5) now available from the Parish Office.



Forthcoming Funeral:

Thursday 15th February 1.00pm Margaret Philpotts Christ Church

Funeral last week: Marion Bird

Anniversaries: Muriel Morris, Bill Banks, Liz Griffiths, John Selwyn Williams, Helen Jane Warwick, Alfred Taylor, Louisa Murray, Prem Neermul, Peter Anthony McNicholl, Sylvia Turner, Irene Clegg, Maurice Entwistle, Kay Sloman, Edith Jones, Tom Reece, Mary Haslam, Karen Anne Wilson, Joyce Roden, Yates Entwistle, Robert Winstanley, Ken Riding. Hilda Heatherington, Ina Shorrock.

Prayer List: Finley Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Rob Bell, Ian Buckley, Eloise Cook, Julie Crosbie, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Linda Evans, Deborah Ferguson, Geoff Hall, Pam Hollinshead, Kitty, Arthur & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Jim & Maureen Lloyd, Will McElroy, Geoff Newns, Grahame Owen, Dave Price, Rita Quine, Sam Roach, Howard Rogers, Jenny Russell, John Russell, Janet Shorrock, Yvonne Slerman, Audrey Smith, Barbara & Steve Smith, Theresa Smith, Roisin Terris, Amelia Trenbirth, Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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