

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 11th February 2024
Sunday before Lent



Sidespeople: Terry Cunningham & Helen Young
Next week: Ny & Dave Gibson

Welcome to Christ Church! We are all one in the Spirit!
This morning Revd. Mike Loach will lead and preach at our
10am All Age Worship & Baptism service.

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10,000 Reasons

Here is love, vast as the
ocean

484 The King of love, my
shepherd is

In Christ alone

Prayer for the week

Almighty Father, whose Son was
revealed in majesty before he
suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer
with him and be changed into his
likeness, from glory to glory;
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:

“Love leaves a legacy. How you treated other people, not your wealth or
accomplishments, is the most enduring impact you can leave on earth.”

- Rick Warren

“A life of purpose is a life of service, giving to others with total and unconditional
love is the key.”

- Frank Arrigazzi

“Agape love is...profound concern for the well-being of another, without any
desire to control that other, to be thanked by that other, or to enjoy the process.”

- Madeleine L'Engle

**Please join us this evening at
6.30pm for Sung Evensong.**

There will be a Communion Service for
**Ash Wednesday on 14th February at
7.30pm**, as well as our 10.30am Service.

Jean Lippiatt will kindly be selling home-made pies and cakes after the
10.00am service next Sunday, 18th, in the Kings Hall. Please bring
appropriate containers to take home your purchases.

The first reading is from 1 Corinthians 13: 1-7, 13 (NIVUK)

13 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **3** If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 9: 2-8 (ICB)

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus with Moses and Elijah

2 Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John and went up on a high mountain. They were all alone there. While these followers watched, Jesus was changed. **3** His clothes became shining white, whiter than any person could make them. **4** Then two men appeared, talking with Jesus. The men were Moses and Elijah.

5 Peter said to Jesus, "Teacher, it is good that we are here. We will put three tents here - one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." **6** Peter did not know what to say, because he and the others were so frightened.

7 Then a cloud came and covered them. A voice came from the cloud. The voice said, "This is my Son, and I love him. Obey him!"

8 Then Peter, James, and John looked around, but they saw only Jesus there alone with them.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.





Oasis Wellbeing Support Group: Steve Flatt, psychotherapist, will be leading a discussion on " Social interaction and communication" at 1.30pm on Wednesday 14th February, in the Troughton Room. All are welcome.


Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 12th February




- 9.00am Start the week with prayer 
- 9.30am Toddler Group
- 1.30pm Sit Fit - chair based exercise class
- 3.00pm House Group 
- 5.00pm Music Group

Tuesday 13th February

- 10.00am 'Classy Cleaners'
- 10.30am Welsh Café 



Wednesday 14th February



- 9.30am Bumps & Babies 
- 10.00am Connect Café
- 10.30am Holy Communion
- 1.30pm Oasis Wellbeing Support Group

Thursday 15th February



- 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 16th February

- 2.00pm Bridge Group

Winter Warmer Event - Friday 16th February - 5.30pm-7.30pm

We are holding a Community Winter Warmer event in place of the Bonfire Party we unfortunately had to cancel in November. We are planning for a bonfire (we have lots of wood to burn!), refreshments (hot drinks and cakes) and children's crafts. (nb: we won't be launching any fireworks out of respect for our neighbours). Can you help please? We need assistance with Outdoor marshalls - 8/10, Gate marshalls - 2/3, Bonfire "feeders"/ managers - 2/3, Serving hot drinks and cakes - 8/10, Baking cakes (lots!), Helping with children's crafts - 4/6. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Ian Millington - icdcmilli@sky.com / 07952 099114.



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. If you have hedge trimmers/strimmers, please bring them with you! Refreshments will be on offer!

Rose Queen Fashion Show - **Friday 1st March**, at 7.00pm

Tickets (£5) now available from the Parish Office.



There will be an intergenerational community coffee morning at Wirral Grammar School for Girls on Monday 12th February, 9.30am-11.00am, providing cake, refreshments and conversation! Please support if you can.

Opportunities to further explore our faith:

We are now able to offer several groups that meet regularly for fellowship and discussion around matters of faith. All are very welcoming and friendly and are open to everyone...

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month:

3pm - 4.30pm: Led by Pam & Rev Mike in the Troughton Room

7pm – 9.00pm: Led by Helen & Diane at 3 Rotherwood Close (though the next meeting is on 19th February!)

2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month:

8pm - 9pm: Led by Ian, Colette & Rev Eunice on Zoom

In the coming weeks, the **Monday groups** will start watching "The Chosen", a drama series about the life of Jesus, and the **Thursday group** will be using the "Watch & Pray" Lenten booklets.

In addition, starting on **Monday 18th March** at 7pm, Rev Mike will be leading a monthly **Bible study group** attempting to read the books of the New Testament in a year! The first session will be on the Gospel of Mark and all are asked to have read this in advance. If you'd like to join in with this, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Retirement – Jill Wright has now officially hung up her Reader's scarf; returning her Reader's licence to Church House, so has retired from 'up front' Church ministry. She wishes to thank all at Christ Church for their support, over the last 16 ½ years, and plans to continue to be an active member of the Church, including running the Oasis group.

Forthcoming Funeral:

Tuesday 13 th February	3.00pm	John Albert Royden	Christ Church
Thursday 15 th February	1.00pm	Margaret Philpotts	Christ Church

Anniversaries: Robbie Richardson, Sybil Carberry, John Ambrose Thomas, George Thomas Ramsden, Tom Wood, Fay Davies, Christopher Wort, Eric Williams, Wilfred Wallace Chapman, Bill Taylor, Dee Wallington, John Agnew, Bill Thomas, Janet Silcock, Robert Lindley, Avril Jones.

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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