

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 24th March 2024
Palm Sunday



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. Eunice Blackmore will lead and Revd. Mike Loach will preach at our 10am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 153 Give me joy in my heart
- 329 Make way, make way
- 11 All glory, laud and honour
- 549 When I survey the wondrous Cross

Prayer for the week

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and
love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen

Thoughts for the week:

“God knows our situation; He will not judge us as if we had no difficulties to overcome. What matters is the sincerity and perseverance of our will to overcome them”.
- C.S. Lewis

“When we commit ourselves to times of solitude with the Lord, we cannot know what will happen... How we will change, in what directions we might grow. But we can be certain that time with God will result in something good, something beneficial for us and for those around us”.
- Penelope J. Stokes

“Each time a person stands up for an idea, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, (s)he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centres of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance”.
- Robert F. Kennedy



Jean Lippiatt is kindly selling home-made pies and cakes in the Hall after this morning's Service.

If you would like to donate flowers to decorate the church for Easter, they will be very gratefully received by the flower team in church on Saturday morning between 10am and noon. Thank you!



The first reading is from Mark 11: 1-11(NIVUK)

Jesus comes to Jerusalem as king

¹ As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" ⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

'Hosanna!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

¹⁰ 'Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!'

'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Philippians 2:5-11
Glory to you, O Lord. (ESV)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

The next **Summer Fair Planning meeting will be on Monday 25th March at 7.00pm** in the Troughton Room. Please come along if you would like to be involved.

The Easter cards have now been printed and are at the back of church. We would appreciate any help you can give to ensure that these are delivered in the next few days. Thank you.

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 25th March



- 9.00am Start the week with prayer
9.30am Toddler Group
1.30pm Sit Fit - chair based exercises
3.00pm House Group—"The Chosen"
5.00pm Music Group
7.00pm Bridge Club



Tuesday 26th March

- 10.30am Sewing Group
10.30am Happy Reading Group

Wednesday 27th March



- 9.30am Baby Group
10.30am Connect Café
10.30am Holy Communion
1.30pm Garden Gang
3.30pm Kids Crafty Church
7.00pm Tai Chi



Thursday 28th March

- 10.30am Line Dancing
12.30pm Prayers for Peace
1.30pm Sit Fit - chair based exercises



Maundy Thursday- 28th March

This year our Last Supper meal will be a bring and share experience! Please sign up if you are able to come and if you are bringing a savoury or sweet plate. It is helpful to know what it will be so that we can enjoy a good variety!

Thornleigh - 10th-13th May

Please pay your balance this week to Eunice. There are a couple of places left if anyone would like to join us.



Mothers' Union: A big thank you from our branch for everyone's generous donation to this appeal, which raised over £342. It will help make a difference to so many lives.

Easter Egg Hunt — Saturday 30th March, 10.00am-12 noon

Easter crafts, Lego building, cakes, display of art by local school children and, of course, the Egg Hunt. Everyone is welcome.



Donations for the Cake stall would be greatly appreciated!

Our 'Experience Easter' event for local schools has gone really well thanks to a wonderful team of volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.



Coach Trip to Llandudno—Tuesday 18th June

The coach will depart from Christ Church at 10.00am, returning at 5.00pm. Cost: £15.

If you would like to join this year's trip, please sign the sheet at the back of church.

Services and Events for Holy Week:

Holy Monday, 25th March

6.30pm - Evening Prayer

Holy Tuesday, 26th March

6.30pm - Evening Prayer

Spy Wednesday, 27th March

10.30am - Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, 28th March

6.30pm – Last Supper Meal & Holy Communion

8.30pm - Gethsemane Watch of Prayer

Good Friday, 29th March

10.30am - Churches Together Witness (meet at Church at 10.20am)

followed by refreshments at British Legion

2.00pm - Service of the Last Hour

Holy Saturday, 30th March

10am-12 noon - Coffee morning & Easter Egg Hunt

7.30pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 31st March

8.30am - Holy Communion

10am - All Age Celebration with

Holy Communion & chocolate eggs!

6.30pm - Easter Songs of Praise

Our next monthly New Testament study will be on **Monday 15th April at 7pm** . We will be looking at Matthew's gospel, so please start reading now!



Duncan would like to thank everybody who donated plants, bulbs and shrubs for our new flower bed. We now have plenty for this area and look forward to watching them grow!

We will be having a Plant stall at our Summer Fair on Saturday 29th June and would be very grateful if you could please keep any cuttings etc. for us to sell then.

Forthcoming Funerals:

Monday 25 th March	2.00pm	Kirsty Mitchell	Christ Church
Monday 22nd April	tbc	Jeane Bamforth	Landican tbc

Anniversaries: Florence Tomkins, John Elwyn Legge, Jane Louise Heley, Maureen Hemmings, Myra Rowan, George Jones, Roy Faulkner, Brenda Blackburn, Paul Goulden, Sarah Sally Gouldson, Dorothy Bentley, Elsie Marion Ritchie, Beryl Nelson.

Prayer List: Finley Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Rob Bell, Ian Buckley, Eloise Cook, Julie Crosbie, Philip Dolman, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Deborah Ferguson, Geoff Hall, David Hamilton, 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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