

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**  
**Easter Sunday**

**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 Celebration and Holy Communion Service.

## **HYMNS**

See what a morning

284 Jubilate

267 Jesus Christ is risen today

503 Thine be the glory

## Prayer for the week

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death  
and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open in our  
Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."  
- *Martin Luther*

I believe in Christ, like I believe in the sun — not because I can see it, but by it I can see everything else.  
- *C.S. Lewis*

"Christ the Lord is risen today, sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing, ye heavens and Earth reply."  
- *Charles Wesley*



Please join us  
**this evening at 6.30pm**  
for Easter Songs of Praise

Many thanks to our cleaners, flower arrangers, Experience Easter designers and all who have contributed to make our church look so beautiful for Eastertide.

The first reading is from Acts 10: 34-43 (CEV)

<sup>34</sup> Peter then said:

Now I am certain that God treats all people alike. <sup>35</sup> God is pleased with everyone who worships him and does right, no matter what nation they come from. <sup>36</sup> This is the same message that God gave to the people of Israel, when he sent Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, to offer peace to them. <sup>37</sup> You surely know what happened everywhere in Judea. It all began in Galilee after John had told everyone to be baptised. <sup>38</sup> God gave the Holy Spirit and power to Jesus from Nazareth. He was with Jesus, as he went around doing good and healing everyone who was under the power of the devil. <sup>39</sup> We all saw what Jesus did both in Israel and in the city of Jerusalem.

Jesus was put to death on a cross. <sup>40</sup> But three days later, God raised him to life and let him be seen. <sup>41</sup> Not everyone saw him. He was seen only by us, who ate and drank with him after he was raised from death. We were the ones God chose to tell others about him.

<sup>42</sup> God told us to announce clearly to the people that Jesus is the one he has chosen to judge the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> Every one of the prophets has said that all who have faith in Jesus will have their sins forgiven in his name.

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 16: 1-8

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

(NIVUK)

Jesus has risen

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?'

<sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup> 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."'

<sup>8</sup> Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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

## Regular Activities at Christ Church



<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Start the week with prayer
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Connect Café in Troughton Room
	<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion
	<b>1.30pm</b>	Garden Gang
	<b>1.30pm</b>	Knit & Natter in Troughton Room
	<b>7.00pm</b>	Tai Chi in Troughton Room
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>12.30am</b>	Prayers for Peace
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Befrienders' Lunch in church
	<b>1.30pm</b>	W.I. in Troughton Room
	<b>2.00pm</b>	Bereavement Journey in church
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Church Walk



We will be having essential lighting work carried out in the Kings Hall from 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April so some of our activities will be held in the Troughton Room or in Church next week.

### Church Walk - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April — 10.00am



Weather permitting, Lizzie Roach will be leading a circular walk along Thurstaston Beach and back along the Wirral Way. Distance is 3-4 miles with refreshments afterwards at Flissys Cafe. Alternatively, Ann Bell will lead a longer but drier local walk direct from the church, round Victoria and Mersey Parks, with refreshments at Cafe Siena. As usual we will meet outside the Community Centre at 10.00am. All are welcome!



**Don't Eat Sunday Lunch Alone: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm - Broadway Steak & Wine**



**Praise and Pray - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 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:** "Easter".



Please note that the next Monday afternoon House Group is on 8<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm

The next Band practice will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 5.00pm.



### Coach Trip to Llandudno - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Christ Church Magazine:** Prior to lockdown, the church magazine was an important part of how we communicated with our parishioners. Since then, we have expanded our digital connections, but haven't replaced many of the good things that the magazine offered and, understandably, people do miss it. We would love to start it up again, but in order to do so, need volunteers to help put it together and an editor to take overall responsibility. Please do give some consideration as to whether this is something that you could help with - it would be very much appreciated by many.  
Every blessing, Mike

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

If you have not yet completed an Electoral Roll form, please do so. They are available at the back of church and can be returned to the Parish Office.  
**This year's APCM will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.**



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 29<sup>th</sup> June** and would be very grateful if you could please keep any cuttings etc. for us to sell then.

**Funeral last week:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Kirsty Mitchell

**Forthcoming Funeral:**

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	2.00pm	Jeane Bamforth	Landican Centre
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**Anniversaries:** Donald Anderson, Rita Cann, Ada Hill, Donald Hamilton, Jean Eley, Robert McKee, Mary Taylor, Sheila Whitehead, Geoffrey Heaps, Audrey Cattermole, Ellen Coker, Nora Powell, Sam Smith, Connie Cave, Marie Claude Evans, Derek Wild, Jean Taylor, Margaret Gummerson.

**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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