

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
2nd Sunday of Easter

Sidespeople: Ny & Dave Gibson  
Next week: Mike Thorne & Judith Renton



**Welcome to Christ Church!** We are all one in the Spirit!  
This morning Revd. Mike Loach will lead and Ian Millington, from our Ministry Team, will preach at our 10am Parish Communion Service without screens.

## HYMNS

- 503 Thine be the Glory  
379 O Lord, hear my prayer  
Above all Powers  
62 Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

## Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no  
entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice  
and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

**Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

“I’m often wrong, but never in doubt”

- *Ivy Baker Priest*

“There lives more faith in honest doubt believe me, than in half the creeds”

- *Alfred Lord Tennyson*

“Laugh at yourself, but don’t ever aim your doubt at yourself. Be bold.

When you embark for strange places, don’t leave any of yourself safely on the shore. Have the nerve to go into unexpected territory” - *Alan Alda*



**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:** “Easter”.



**Don't Eat Sunday  
Lunch Alone:**

**Today at 12.30pm -  
Broadway Steak  
& Wine**

The first reading is from 1 John 1:1-2:2 (NIVUK)

### **The incarnation of the Word of life**

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We write this to make our joy complete.

### **Light and darkness, sin and forgiveness**

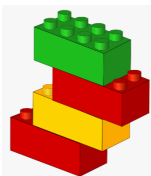
5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. 2 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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



Oasis Wellbeing Support Group: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm  
Steve Flatt, psychotherapist, will be leading a discussion  
on Assertiveness. All are welcome.



**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 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!

**Baby & Child First Aid – Saturday 27th April - 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](http://wirral.minifirstaid.co.uk)



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20: 24-31  
**Glory to you, O Lord.** (NIVUK)

**Jesus appears to Thomas**

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’

But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.’ <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’ <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’

**The purpose of John’s gospel**


<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

**Regular Activities at Christ Church**


**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**



- 9.00am** Start the week with prayer 
- 1.30pm** Sit Fit - chair-based exercises
- 3.00pm** House Group - 'The Chosen'


**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**



- 10.00am** ‘Classy Cleaners’ in church 
- 10.30am** Welsh Café
- 10.30am** Happy Reading Group

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**




- 9.30am** Baby Group 
- 10.30am** Connect Café
- 10.30am** Holy Communion



- 1.30pm** Garden Gang
- 1.30pm** Oasis Well-Being Support Group
- 3.30pm** Lego Church

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**



- 7.00pm** Tai Chi in Troughton Room
- 12.30am** Mothers’ Union 
- 12.30pm** Prayers for Peace
- 1.30pm** Sit Fit—chair-based exercises
- 7.00pm** Zoom Housegroup at the Centre

Thursday Zoom Housegroup are meeting together in the Centre this **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm**. If you are interested in joining us please contact Eunice or Ian Millington.

New **Daylight Bible Reading notes** are now available. Please see Gaynor Galway to collect yours or if you are interested in receiving some.

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!

**Garden Gang - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April - 10.00am-12 noon**

Pam and the Garden Gang will be leading a work party in the garden, to cut back winter overgrowth, do summer planting and start to weed the memorial plots in the graveyard.

Families welcome. Refreshments on offer at the end of the session.



**Make-A-Wish**

Callum from 'The Acorn' is having his head shaved in aid of the 'Make-A-Wish' charity on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm**.

If you would like to support him, please complete the sponsorship form at the back of church.

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.**

**Forthcoming Funeral:**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April      2.00pm      Jeane Bamforth      Landican Centre

**Anniversaries:** Judith Peat, Stan Jones, John Anderson, William Raymond Jones, Samuel Ledsome Williams, Harold Dwerryhouse, Audrey Furlong, George Bond, Bernard Ryan, Arthur Cook, Joyce Johnson, Muriel Hannah Garland, James Henry Williams, Jean Henrikson.

**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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