

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 21st April 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

Sidespeople: Jill & Graham Loach
Next week: Rhona Snelson & Bev Price

Welcome to Christ Church! We are all one in the Spirit!
This morning Revd. Mike Loach will lead and preach at our
10am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 483 The King of love my shepherd is
- 389 O sacred head
The Lord's my Shepherd,
I'll not want
- 10 All for Jesus

Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's
sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be
gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Thoughts for the week:

"The way of the Christian leader is not the way of upward mobility in which our world has invested so much, but the way of downward mobility ending on the cross."
- Henri J.M. Nouwen

"Every Christian would agree that a man's spiritual health is exactly proportional to his love for God."
- C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves

"The phone-based life produces spiritual degradation, not just in adolescents, but in all of us."
- Jonathan Haidt

Next Sunday will be Revd. Mike's final service as Priest-in-Charge at St Paul's, Tranmere. Mike has held the reins there for almost four years and is now stepping back in order to try to secure a full-time priest for the parish. Please do pray for all concerned as they begin this process.

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

The first reading is from Acts 4: 5-12 (The Message)

⁵⁻⁷ The next day a meeting was called in Jerusalem. The rulers, religious leaders, religion scholars, Annas the Chief Priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander - everybody who was anybody was there. They stood Peter and John in the middle of the room and grilled them: "Who put you in charge here? What business do you have doing this?"

⁸⁻¹² With that, Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, let loose: "Rulers and leaders of the people, if we have been brought to trial today for helping a sick man, put under investigation regarding this healing, I'll be completely frank with you - we have nothing to hide. By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the One you killed on a cross, the One God raised from the dead, by means of his name this man stands before you healthy and whole. Jesus is 'the stone you masons threw out, which is now the cornerstone.' Salvation comes no other way; no other name has been or will be given to us by which we can be saved, only this one."

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10: 11-18
Glory to you, O Lord. (NIVUK)

¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

¹³ The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷ The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 22nd April



9.00am Start the week with prayer



9.30am Toddler Group

3.00pm House Group



Tuesday 23rd April

10.30am Sewing Group

10.30am Happy Reading Group



Wednesday 24th April

9.30am Baby Group



10.30am Connect Café



10.30am Holy Communion



1.30pm Garden Gang

3.30pm Kids Crafty Church



Thursday 25th April

10.30am Line Dancing



12.30pm Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit - chair-based exercises



2.00pm Choir Practice



Friday 26th April

12 noon Lunch Club

Digital Skills Courses: Learn to use your own Smartphone or Tablet

Wirral Lifelong Learning Service is again offering free (to Wirral residents over 19) Beginners and Improvers Digital Skills 5 week courses at the Community Centre.

Beginners: Starting Friday 26th April — 11.00am-1.00pm

Improvers: Starting Tuesday 23rd April — 1.00pm-3.00pm

Please call them direct to book a place on 0151 666 3330.



Kids Crafty Church - Wednesday 24th April - 3.30pm

Suitable for children ages 4-10 accompanied by an adult.

£2 per family. All are welcome.



Christ Church 'on the Move'

Beth Meriam, Julie & Graham Money, Jill Loach and several others are taking on the CHRISTIAN AID Sponsored Challenge "70K in MAY" to walk, run, cycle, row, dance, push a pram, or somehow move the distance (70 kilometres) in that month! **Why not join us** to get fit and at the same time help fight poverty in Africa? Please add your name to the sheet at the back of church or see Jill Loach for ideas! (70% of people in Berundi, East Africa live in poverty with malnutrition and this is one way we can help them).

Experience Volunteers Bring and Share Lunch

All Experience volunteers are invited to a bring and share lunch on **Wednesday 8th May at 12.15pm**. This will be an opportunity for feedback and discussion re ideas for future Experiences and to see photos of Experience Easter. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church and say what food you'd like to bring.

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



New **Daylight Bible Reading notes** are now available. Please see Gaynor Galway to collect yours, or if you are interested in receiving copies. We have a spare copy of these in large print. If interested, please see Gaynor.

Make-A-Wish

Callum from 'The Acorn' is having his head shaved in aid of the 'Make-A-Wish' charity on **Saturday 27th April at 3.30pm**. If you would like to sponsor him, please complete the form at the back of church.



Bishop Julie will be with us on **Sunday 2nd June** for our **Confirmation service**.

We are holding confirmation classes in May, starting on **Wednesday 8th May** at the Vicarage from 6.00pm-7.30pm and running weekly until 29th. We would be thrilled if you would like to join us! Please let either Revd. Mike or Revd. Eunice know.

Forthcoming Funerals:

Monday 22 nd April	2.00pm	Jeane Bamforth	Landican Centre
Thursday 2 nd May	11.00am	Howard Rogers	Christ Church

Anniversaries:

Valerie Lesley Hunter, Marjorie Thornton, Dennis Miller, John Morgan, Joyce Entwistle, Harold Saunders, Thomas Tierney, Jessie Hillhouse, Dorothy Margaret McBurnie, John Evans, William M. Bosworth, Leslie Hamilton, Annie Frances Meadowcroft, Elizabeth Whittaker.

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, Finley Kay, 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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