

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
2nd Sunday after Trinity



**Sidespeople:** Barbara Mayers & Chris Williams  
**Next week:** Bev Price & Grace Fagan

**Welcome to Christ Church!** We are all one in the Spirit!

This morning Pam Hollinshead, Lay Reader, will lead and  
Revd. Eunice Blackmore will preach at our All Age Worship Service  
with baptism.

## **HYMNS**

- 188 Guide me thou great redeemer  
This little light of mine  
Light of the world
- 317 Lord the light of your love  
is shining

## Prayer for the week

**Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

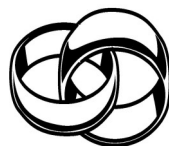
## Thoughts for the week:

“When we place our faith in Christ, God becomes our Father, we become his children, other believers become our brothers and sisters, and the church becomes our spiritual family. The family of God includes all believers in the past, the present, and the future.”  
- Rick Warren

“Family isn’t always blood. It’s the people in your life who want you in theirs; the ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what.”  
- Anonymous



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



We pray for Peter Hancock and  
Jeanette McDonnell as they prepare  
for their wedding here next Saturday.

The first reading is from 2 Corinthians 4: 16-5:1 (CEV)

Faith in the Lord

<sup>16</sup> We never give up. Our bodies are gradually dying, but we ourselves are being made stronger each day. <sup>17</sup> These little troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing. <sup>18</sup> Things that are seen don't last forever, but things that are not seen are eternal. This is why we keep our minds on the things at cannot be seen.

Our bodies are like tents that we live in here on earth. But when these tents are destroyed, we know that God will give each of us a place to live. These homes will not be buildings someone has made, but they are in heaven and will last forever.

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

### Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June



9.00am Start the week with prayer



9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June



10.00am 'Classy Cleaners'

10.30am Welsh Café



10.30am Happy Reading Group

1.00pm Digital Skills - Improvers

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June



9.30am Baby Group



10.30am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion

1.30pm Garden Gang



1.30pm Oasis Well-being Group

3.30pm Lego Church



Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June



10.30am Line Dancing

10.30am Mothers' Union



12.30pm Prayers for Peace



1.30pm Sit Fit—chair-based exercises

2.00pm Bereavement Journey Course

2.00pm Choir Practice



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

10.30am Tai Chi



Oasis Wellbeing Support Group: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm  
Steve Flatt, psychotherapist, will be leading a further discussion on 'Coping with change.' All are welcome.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 3: 20-35  
**Glory to you, O Lord.** (Living Bible)

<sup>20</sup> When he returned to the house where he was staying, the crowds began to gather again, and soon it was so full of visitors that he couldn't even find time to eat. <sup>21</sup> When his friends heard what was happening, they came to try to take him home with them.

"He's out of his mind," they said.

<sup>22</sup> But the Jewish teachers of religion who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "His trouble is that he's possessed by Satan, king of demons. That's why demons obey him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus summoned these men and asked them (using proverbs they all understood), "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> A kingdom divided against itself will collapse. <sup>25</sup> A home filled with strife and division destroys itself. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan is fighting against himself, how can he accomplish anything? He would never survive. <sup>27</sup> Satan must be bound before his demons are cast out, just as a strong man must be tied up before his house can be ransacked and his property robbed.

<sup>28</sup> "I solemnly declare that any sin of man can be forgiven, even blasphemy against me; <sup>29</sup> but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit can never be forgiven. It is an eternal sin." <sup>30</sup> He told them this because they were saying he did his miracles by Satan's power instead of acknowledging it was by the Holy Spirit's power.

<sup>31-32</sup> Now his mother and brothers arrived at the crowded house where he was teaching, and they sent word for him to come out and talk with them. "Your mother and brothers are outside and want to see you," he was told.

<sup>33</sup> He replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" <sup>34</sup> Looking at those around him he said, "These are my mother and brothers!

<sup>35</sup> Anyone who does God's will is my brother, and my sister, and my mother."

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



**MU Meeting: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am**

in the Troughton Room

Rev. Eunice will be talking 'Creations Voice - come to a garden', which will include photographs of garden visits, some Bible voices and some hymns/songs. All welcome to attend.



**Garden Gang - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June - 10.00am-12 noon**

Pam Hollinshead and the Garden Gang will be leading another work party in the garden, to cut back overgrowth, to do summer planting and to weed memorial plots. Families welcome. Refreshments on offer.



## CHRISTIAN AID Sponsored Challenge “70K in MAY”

Thank you once again to everyone who supported this year's fund-raising for Christian Aid. If possible, could any outstanding donations whether they be envelopes or sponsor money for the 70k, please be given to the Parish Office, Jill Loach or Diane Shaw by next Friday. Hopefully we can then announce our grand total for 2024!

### Summer Fair — Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June — 2.00pm–4.00pm

We would be grateful for any new/unopened gifts, bottles and chocolates for our stalls.



We would also be grateful for any plants or cuttings for our plant/gardening stall.

Please leave any donations at the Parish Office. Please add your name to the chart in the Centre reception if you would like to help or see Vicki.



### The Juno Duo Cabaret and Cream Tea - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm at Christ Church

Tickets: £10.00 now available from the Parish Office

### Anniversaries:

Jean King Dwerryhouse, Joe Iveson, Elaine Molloy, Victor Reece, Lorna McFarlane, Jane K. Dwerryhouse, Edna Cushing, Ronald Kelly, Mavis Dodd, James C. Dodson, Denis Bidwell, Edna Ambrose, Kevin McMillan, Lilian Mutch, Barbara Taylor, Marjorie Jones, Charles Gee, Margaret McKee.

**Prayer List:** Duncan Allender, Finley Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Rob Bell, Ian Buckley, Eloise Cook, Sonia Croft, Julie Crosbie, Philip Dolman, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Deborah Ferguson, Geoff Hall, Pam Hollinshead, Kitty, Arthur & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Finley Kay, Caroline Kirchin, Jim & Maureen Lloyd, Will McElroy, Geoff Newns, Grahame Owen, Dave Price, Rita Quine, Sam Roach, Jenny Russell, John Russell, Jan Shorrocks, Yvonne Slerman, Audrey Smith, Barbara & Steve Smith, Theresa Smith, Roisin Terris, Amelia Trenbirth, Sue Trenbirth, Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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