Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 16th June 2024 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Sidespeople: Bev Price & Grace Fagan **Next week:** Fiona Murphy & Gary Shaw



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

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will lead and preach at our

10am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

Praise my soul the King of Heaven

52 Be still and know

172 God is working his purpose out

The Lord's my shepherd

Prayer for the week

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of
peace won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Thoughts for the week:

"The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. It happens quietly. It happens inevitably. Don't underestimate God's power."

- Alistair Begg

"It is not the number of books you read, nor the variety of sermons you hear, nor the amount of religious conversation in which you mix, but it is the frequency and earnestness with which you meditate on these things till the truth in them becomes your own and part of your being, that ensures your growth."

- Frederick W. Robertson

"Growth is the only evidence of life."

- John Henry Newman



Please join Revd. Mike and Lynn Ion, from our Ministry Team, **this evening at 6.30pm** for a Service of Reflection, 'Free to be'.

The first reading is from 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17 (NIVUK)

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 17th June 9.00am Start the week with prayer

9.30am **Toddler Group**

Bible Study Group 7.00pm

Tuesday 18th June 10.30am Singing Café

11.00am Digital Skills-Beginners/Improvers

Digital Skills - Improvers 1.00pm

Baby Group 9.30am

10.30am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion

1.30pm Garden Gang

1.30pm Knit & Natter

10.30am Line Dancing

12.30pm Prayers for Peace

2.00pm Bereavement Journey Course

2.00pm **Choir Practice**

10.30am Tai Chi







Thursday 20th June



Friday 21st June















Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 4: 26-34 **Glory to you, O Lord.** (NIVUK)

The parable of the growing seed

²⁶ He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

The parable of the mustard seed

- ³⁰ Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'
- ³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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

Our next monthly New Testament study will be this Monday, 17th June, at 7.00pm in the Troughton Room when Revd. Mike will be leading the session on Luke - Acts.

All are welcome.

Charity Quiz Night

Andrew & John would like to thank everyone who attended, donated or made puddings for their Quiz Night.

They raised £430 which is being equally divided between our Community Centre and Down Syndrome Liverpool.

Baby & Child First Aid — Sunday 23rd June - 2.00-4.00pm at the Community Centre

Would you know what to do in an emergency?

A 2 hour class covers CPR, Choking, Bumps, Bleeding, Breaks,
Burns, FebrileSeizures & Meningitis awareness.

If you would like to attend, please book at: wirral.minifirstaid.co.uk



CHRISTIAN AID Sponsored Challenge "70K in MAY"

The final total for Christ Church 's Christian Aid fund-raising for 2024 is £2226.07.

Thank you to everyone who supported our endeavours and we know that this amount will be put to excellent use!

Summer Fair — Saturday 29^{th} June — 2.00pm-4.00pm

We would be grateful for any donations of the following for our stalls:



New/unopened gifts, bottles and chocolates



Plants or cuttings for our plant/gardening stall. Please leave any donations at the Parish Office.



All types of Cakes

Please add your names to the chart in the Centre reception if you would like to help. Thank you.



The Juno Duo

Cabaret and Cream Tea - Sunday 7th July at 2.30pm at Christ Church

Tickets: £10.00 - now available from the Parish Office

Anniversaries:

Stephen Wort, Roger Corker, Revd. Mark Rowland, Gladys Bradshaw, Margaret Iveson, Cynthia Patten, Charlie Hughes, Joe Whatling, Joyce Jones, Joan Jones, William Lewis, Susan Blackburn, William Ernest Jones.

Prayer List: Duncan Allender, Finley Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Rob Bell, Ian Buckley, Eloise Cook, Sonia Croft, Julie Crosbie, 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 Shorrock, 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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