

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 1st September 2024
14th Sunday after Trinity

Sidespeople: Ny & Dave Gibson
Next week: Mike Thorne & Rhona Snelson

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

This morning Revd. Mike Loach will lead and preach at our 10.00am
Parish Communion Service (without screens).

HYMNS

- 427 Praise to the Lord, the
Almighty
- 55 Be thou my guardian and
my guide
- 106 Dear Lord and Father of
mankind
- 467 Tell out, my soul

Prayer for the week

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thoughts for the week:

“Atheism is nothing more than the noises reasonable people make when in
the presence of religious dogma.”
- *Sam Harris*

“Outward as well as inward morality helps to form the idea of a true Christian
freedom. We are right to lay stress on inwardness, but in this world there is
no inwardness without an outward expression.”
- *Meister Eckhart*

“Faith in action is love, and love in action is service. By transforming that faith
into living acts of love, we put ourselves in contact with God Himself, with
Jesus our Lord.”
- *Mother Teresa*



Don't Eat Sunday Lunch
Alone

Today at 12.30pm
at Broadway Steak & Wine.



Today at 4.00pm:
A fun event with Bible
stories and activities for
children their siblings and parents/
carers. Topic: “House built on the rock”



Jean Lippiatt will kindly be selling home-made pies and cakes
in the Hall following this morning's service.

The first reading is from James 1: 17-end


¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.



²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.


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



Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 2nd September **9.00am** Start the week with prayer 
 1.30pm Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

Tuesday 3rd September **10.30am** Singing Café 
 10.30am Sewing Group 

Wednesday 4th September **9.30am** Baby Group 
   **10.00am** Connect Café
10.30am Holy Communion
1.30pm Knit & Natter

Thursday 5th September **10.30am** Line Dancing 
 12.30pm Prayers for Peace

  **12.30pm** Befrienders' Lunch
1.30pm Women's Institute
2.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 6th September **10.30am** Tai Chi 

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 7, 1-8,
14-15, 21-23 (NIVUK)

⁷ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' ⁶He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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

Foundations for Ministry is a diocese course exploring your possible calling and gifting. If you would like to know more see <https://www.chester.anglican.org/ministry/foundations-for-ministry/> or talk to Revd. Mike or Eunice. **Deadline for application 6th Sept.**



**Harvest Supper
Saturday 28th Sept**

If you are able to help Sarah to organise this event, Please speak to her as soon as possible. Thank you.



Church Walk — Friday 6th September, 10.00am

Chris & Ted Edwards will be leading a 4 mile walk alongside Leasowe Bay with a refreshment stop at the Green Hut at Moreton Shore. We will meet at church at 10 am to share lifts. All are welcome - please let Lizzie Roach (frenchiekev@gmail.com) know if you would like to join us.

Experience Christmas 18th - 22nd November

Our storytelling event for local primary schools is a lively, fun week! Volunteers are needed for each day and some evenings to work with the children and in other helping roles. You could do anything from 3 hrs to every day! There will be a **planning meeting on Wednesday 11th September 12.30pm** in the Community Centre If you can't attend then, or you would like more information please talk to Libby or Eunice.

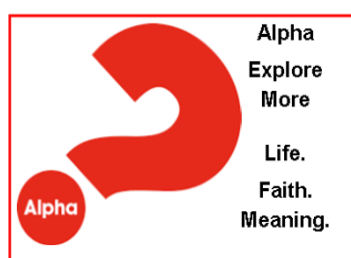
The next monthly New Testament study will be on **Monday 16th September at 7.00pm** in the Troughton Room when Revd. Mike will be leading the session looking at both **1 Corinthians** and **2 Corinthians**. Refreshments provided and all are very welcome.



The next **Bereavement Journey** will start on **Thursday 19th September 2-4 pm** - if you are aware of anyone who could benefit from this course please ask them to contact Eunice via the Parish Office.

Eyes down for Bingo, Saturday 21st September from 6pm

Tickets available now from the Parish Office. Adults £4 & Children £2, refreshments available or BYO. Donations of raffle prizes or cakes would be very much appreciated. See Vicki for details



We are planning to offer a 10 week **Alpha Course** in the Community Centre on **Wednesday evenings** starting on **25th September**. If you are interested in attending, there is some information about the course and a sign up sheet at the back of the Church. If you have any questions please talk to Eunice or Helen Byrne.

Outing to the National Memorial Arboretum, Stoke on Trent on Thursday 17th October, leaving around 8.30am.

The cost will be £25 per head which includes the coach and the land train tour. Please pay by card at the Parish Office (mornings only) by 6th October.

Information is at the back of church or contact George Nelson.

Visitors can enjoy discovering over 400 memorials nestled amongst some 25,000 trees, experience riverside walks and participate in a wide variety of daily activities.

Anniversaries: Benjamin Jones, Christopher Hamilton, Brenda Dodd, Dorothy (Dot) Emmas, Audrey Clare, Brian Stewart, Bill Holcroft, Richard Thomas Gateland, Diana Heckle, William Buchanan, Do Lattin, Jean Colligan.

Prayer List: Chris, Alan & Katie Abbott, Finley Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Rob Bell, Ian Buckley, Eloise Cook, Sonia Croft, Julie Crosbie, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Deborah Ferguson, Derek Fogg, Geoff Hall, Pam Hollinshead, Kitty, Arthur & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Finley Kay, Caroline Kirchin, Jim & Maureen Lloyd, Will McElroy, Geoff Newns, David Owen, Grahame Owen, Ben Parkinson, Dave Price, Joan Price, Rita Quine, Jenny Russell, John Russell, Kate Sharp, Jan Shorrocks, Yvonne Slerman, Audrey Smith, Barbara & Steve Smith, Theresa Smith, Roisin Terris, Amelia & Sue Trenbirth, Paddy Walsh, Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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