

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity



**Sidespeople:** Fiona Murphy & Diane Shaw  
**Next week:** Barbara Mayers & Diane Shaw

**Welcome to Christ Church!** We are all one in the Spirit!  
This morning Revd. Mike Loach will lead and preach at  
our 10.00am All Age Worship Service

## HYMNS

- 56 Be thou my vision
- 275 Jesus put this song into  
our hearts
- 73 Brother, sister, let me  
serve you
- 206 He's got the whole world in  
His hand



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

## Prayer for the week

**O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;  
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:

“Virtue is its own reward, and brings with it the truest and highest pleasure; but if we cultivate it only for pleasure's sake, we are selfish, not religious, and will never gain the pleasure, because we can never have the virtue.” - *John Henry Newman*

“Many things are possible for the person who has hope. Even more is possible for the person who has faith. And still more is possible for the person who knows how to love. But everything is possible for the person who practices all three virtues.”

- *Brother Lawrence*

“You must ask for God's help. Even when you have done so, it may seem to you for a long time that no help, or less help than you need, is being given. Never mind. After each failure, ask forgiveness, pick yourself up, and try again. Very often what God first helps us towards is not the virtue itself but just this power of always trying again.”

- *C. S. Lewis*

The first reading is from 1 Timothy 4: 6-10 (ICB)

### **Be a Good Servant of Christ**

<sup>6</sup>Tell these things to the brothers. This will show that you are a good servant of Christ Jesus. You will show that you are made strong by the words of faith and good teaching that you have been following. <sup>7</sup>People tell silly stories that do not agree with God's truth. Do not follow what those stories teach. But teach yourself only to serve God. <sup>8</sup>Training your body helps you in some ways, but serving God helps you in every way. Serving God brings you blessings in this life and in the future life, too. <sup>9</sup>What I say is true, and you should fully accept it. <sup>10</sup>For this is why we work and struggle: We hope in the living God. He is the Saviour of all people. And in a very special way, he is the Saviour of all who believe in him.

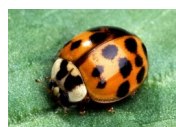
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

During the Summer Holidays, various events have been arranged for children aged 4-11 (accompanied by an adult).

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2.00-4.00pm**  
Lego Church: Lego with a biblical theme.



**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1.00-4.00pm**  
"Minibeasts, dinosaurs and other animals"  
Bug hunts, crafts and fun!



Tea/coffee, juice and cakes will be available.  
Please do spread the word and invite anyone you know who might enjoy this. If you could offer to bake cakes or help out, please speak to Jackie Jones, Libby Potter or Janet Wallace.

### **Garden Gang - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August - 10.00am-12 noon**



Pam Hollinshead and the Garden Gang will be leading a work party to make the garden safe for the 'Minibeasts & Dinosaurs' Family Activity Day, starting at 1.00pm that day.

Do join us if you can, families welcome, refreshments on offer.

### **Proposed Outing to the National Memorial Arboretum, Stoke on Trent**

We are planning this outing for Thursday 17th October, subject to demand. 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: guided walks, land train tours, memorial talks, exhibitions and buggy tours.

If you are interested in going on this trip, please see the information at the back of church or contact George Nelson.

The second reading is from Ephesians 4.25-32-5.2 (NIVUK)

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5.1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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## Regular Activities at Christ Church



**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.00am** Start the week with prayer

**1.30pm** Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.00am** Classy Cleaners

**10.30am** Welsh Café

**10.30am** Happy Reading Group

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.30am** Baby Group

**10.00am** Connect Café

**10.30am** Holy Communion

**1.30pm** Garden Gang

**2.00pm** Lego Church

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.30am** Line Dancing Practice Session

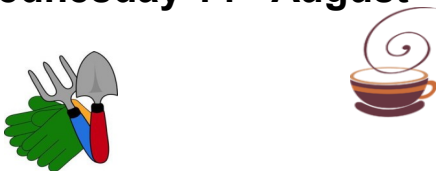
**12.30pm** Prayers for Peace

**1.30pm** Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

**2.00pm** Choir Practice

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.30am** Tai Chi





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

The total for Christ Church ‘s Christian Aid fund-raising for 2024 has risen to £2,642.73 thanks to the generosity of our congregation and friends. Thanks once again to everyone who supported this challenge.



Christ Church Fantasy Football League is back and the Vicar is feeling confident! To join the League, simply use the link below and you'll be added automatically after you've entered the game. Alternatively, there will be a link on our Facebook page.

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/rk7h0b>

League Code: rk7h0b

### **Dates for your diary:**

- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September      Rose Queen Fundraiser—Bingo!
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September      Harvest Supper
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October              ‘Mary’s Meals’ Fundraiser—with ‘Sea Dogs’ Band
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November        Come & Sing Messiah with Professor Ian Tracey!
- w/c 18<sup>th</sup> November              ‘Experience Christmas’ for schools

The next monthly New Testament study will be on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Forthcoming Funeral:**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August      11.00am      Bruce Andrew Marsden      Christ Church

**Anniversaries:** Gertrude Eleanor Fernley, Arthur Toplis, Rob Parker, Cyril Dodd, Jean Elizabeth Holroyd, Mary Halliday, Reginald Brian Stringer, Sarah Lindley, Francis Henry Jones, Pat McGreevy, Eric Richard Jones, Christopher Edge, Irene McKeown, Ada Elizabeth Simmons, Constance Wilson Charles, Ian Pass, John Reginald Whitehead, Eileen Whitehead, Eileen Varley.

**Prayer List:** Chris, Alan & Katie Abbott, 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, 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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