

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 25th August 2024
13th Sunday after Trinity



Sidespeople: Terry Cunningham & Helen Young
Next week: Ny & Dave Gibson

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

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will lead and Colette Millington, from our Ministry Team, will preach at our 10.00am Service of the Word with baptism. There will be a short Communion service around 11.30am.

HYMNS

- 21 All things bright and beautiful
- 560 Will you come and follow me
- 500 There is a redeemer
- 206 He's got the whole world in his hands

Prayer for the week

**Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Thoughts for the week:

“God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing.”
- C S Lewis

“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”
- *Philippians 4: 13*

“Every Christian has a choice between being humble or being humbled.”
- *Charles H Spurgeon*



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



We pray for
Daniel Kay and Ellen O' Connell as
they prepare for their wedding here
next Friday.

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 September.**

The first reading is from Ephesians 6:10-20 (NLT)

The Whole Armour of God

¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armour so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armour so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armour of God's righteousness. ¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.

¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. ¹⁹ And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. ²⁰ I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church



Monday 26th August **9.00am** Start the week with prayer

Tuesday 27th August **10.30am** Happy Reading Group



Wednesday 28th August **9.30am** Baby Group



10.00am Connect Café



10.30am Holy Communion



1.30pm Garden Gang

Thursday 29th August **12.30pm** Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit - chair-based exercises



2.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 30th August **10.30am** Tai Chi



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6: 56-69
(NIVUK)

Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. I live because of the living Father who sent me; in the same way, anyone who feeds on me will live because of me. I am the true bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will not die as your ancestors did (even though they ate the manna) but will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Many Disciples Desert Jesus

Many of his disciples said, “This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?”

Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But some of you do not believe me.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn’t believe, and he knew who would betray him.) Then he said, “That is why I said that people can’t come to me unless the Father gives them to me.”

At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, “Are you also going to leave?”

Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.”

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

Bebington Pub Crawl - Friday 30th August



Please join us from 7.00pm at the Rose & Crown to start our Pub crawl. We will then move on to the Hoptimist and Cow Shed at Broadway, followed by the Travellers' Rest, Legion and/or Acorn. All are welcome.

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 meeting on **Wednesday 11th September 12.30pm** in the Community Centre to start planning. 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.



Don't Eat Sunday Lunch Alone

Our next Sunday Lunch get together will be on **1st September**, 12.30pm, at Broadway Steak & Wine.

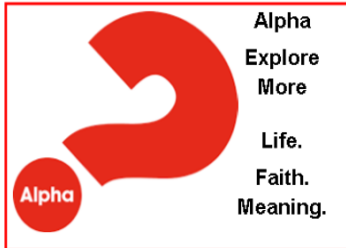


Sunday 1st September at 4.00pm:

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 the service next Sunday morning, **1st September**.



Alpha
Explore
More
Life.
Faith.
Meaning.

We are planning to offer a 10 week **Alpha Course** in the Community Centre on **Wednesday evenings** starting **in 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.



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.

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:

Harry Moore, Sheila Cook, Dorothy Dorney, Doreen Kirkwood.

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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