

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity



Sidespeople: Mike Thorne & Rhona Snelson  
Next week: Fiona Murphy & Jackie Jones

**Welcome to Christ Church!** We are all one in the Spirit!  
This morning Revd. Mike Loach will lead and Ian Millington, from our Ministry Team, will preach at our 10.00am All Age Worship Service with baptisms.  
**Please also join us this evening at 6.30pm for Sung Evensong.**

## HYMNS

Here I am to worship

549 When I survey the  
wondrous cross

Teach me to dance

571 You shall go out with joy

## Prayer for the week

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false  
teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of  
your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Thoughts for the week:

“All those who belong to Jesus Christ are fastened with Him to the cross.”

- Augustine

“Christ's death is the foundation of our hope, the promise of our triumph!

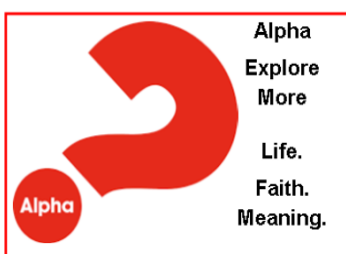
The cross is the suffering love of God bearing the guilt of man's sin, which alone is able to melt the sinner's heart and bring him to repentance for salvation.

The ground is level at the foot of the cross.”

- Billy Graham

“If you carry your cross joyfully, it will carry you.”

- Thomas A Kempis



We are planning to offer a 10 week **Alpha Course** in the Community Centre on **Wednesday evenings** starting **on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 first reading is from James 2: 1-10 (Contemporary English Version)

<sup>2</sup> My friends, if you have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, you won't treat some people better than others. <sup>2</sup> Suppose a rich person wearing fancy clothes and a gold ring comes to one of your meetings.

And suppose a poor person dressed in worn-out clothes also comes.

<sup>3</sup> You must not give the best seat to the one in fancy clothes and tell the one who is poor to stand at the side or sit on the floor. <sup>4</sup> This is the same as saying that some people are better than others, and you would be acting like a crooked judge.

<sup>5</sup> My dear friends, pay attention. God has given a lot of faith to the poor people in this world. God has also promised them a share in his kingdom that he will give to everyone who loves him. <sup>6</sup> You mistreat the poor. But isn't it the rich who boss you around and drag you off to court? <sup>7</sup> Aren't they the ones who make fun of your Lord?

<sup>8</sup> You will do all right, if you obey the most important law in the Scriptures. It is the law that commands us to love others as much as we love ourselves. <sup>9</sup> But if you treat some people better than others, you have done wrong, and the Scriptures teach that you have sinned. <sup>10</sup> If you obey every law except one, you are still guilty of breaking them all.

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

## Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

9.00am Start the week with prayer



9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am Classy Cleaners



10.30am Welsh Café

10.30am Happy Reading Group



Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am Baby Group



10.00am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion



1.30pm Oasis Wellbeing Support Group



1.30pm Garden Gang

3.30pm Lego Church



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am Line Dancing



10.30am Mothers' Union



12.30pm Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit—chair-based exercises



2.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am Tai Chi



Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 9: 18-26  
(NIVUK)

### **Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman**

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. <sup>21</sup> She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. <sup>26</sup> News of this spread through all that region.

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

### **Experience Christmas 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> 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—any time from 3 hrs to every day! There will be a **planning meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 12.30pm** in the Centre. For more information please talk to Libby, Mike or Eunice.



**Oasis Wellbeing Support Group**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September - 1.30pm**  
Steve Flatt will be leading a discussion on 'Managing change'. All are welcome.

The next **PCC Meeting** is on  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
**at 7.30pm** in the  
Troughton Room



The next **Mothers' Union meeting** is on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
**at 10.30am.** This will include a church Advent project craft:  
Turning old books into Christmas Angels, followed by coffee and cake.

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.



**Harvest Supper**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
**from 6.00pm**  
Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like to join us. Adults £5, children are free. All proceeds this year for Forum Housing's homeless young people.



### **Garden Gang - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September - 10.00am-12 noon**

Pam Hollinshead and the Garden Gang will be leading another work party in the garden to cut back overgrowth and prepare for autumn. Please join us -families welcome, refreshments on offer.



The next **Bereavement Journey** will start on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> September from 6pm**

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



Fundraising Concert by **Port Sunlight Sea Dogs** on **Friday 4th October** at **7.00pm** in the Community Centre to support Mary's Meals. Tickets £10 from parish office or Sue Donovan.

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

on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Church Chats:** Working Conversations Group and Christ Church are pleased to announce "**Church Chats**", a **free talking therapy service**. You can have up to six sessions of face-to-face talking therapy. A solution-focused approach is used to help you move from where you are to where you would like to be, whatever your hope. If interested, please contact Laura Gregory, m: 07842 312542/email: [laura@workingconversationsgroup.org](mailto:laura@workingconversationsgroup.org)

**Funeral last week:** Bryan Hayden Chase

**Anniversaries:** George Smyth, Jack Evans, Dorothy Winifred Helen Price, Arthur Yarker, Gertrude Duncan, Grace Isabel Culshaw, Sybil Fairs Mavis Potter, Michael John Worthington, David Richard Worthington, Sydney Francis Kerry, Charles John Blackburn, Geri Russell, Anne Lesley Keeley, May Penston.

**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 Shorrock, 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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