

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 17th November 2024

2nd Sunday before Advent

Sidespeople: Fiona Murphy & Mark Gleave

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 Ian Millington, from our Ministry Team, will preach at our 10am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 313 Lord of all hopefulness
302 Let us with a gladsome mind
372 O Jesus I have promised
405 One more step along the world I go

Prayer for the week

**Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess and revive
in us new hope that all creation will
one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

"We take the highest and best of human faculties, and, exalting them in our imagination to an unlimited extent, endeavour to attain an imperfect conception of that Infinite Power which created everything around us."

- Charles Babbage, inventor of modern computer.

"If we are steadfast and do not waver in our faith, the Lord will increase our capacity to raise ourselves above the challenges of life." - Ulisses Soares

"To learn strong faith is to endure great trials. I have learned my faith by standing firm amid severe testings." - George Mueller



Local Women's Refuge Christmas gifts

Our Mothers' Union branch will be having a Retiring Collection at the service **today** to enable them to provide Christmas Gifts for Women living at the local Refuge this Christmas. Thank you in advance of any donations received today. The Parish Office will also receive donations.



Please join us **this evening at 6.30pm**
for a Service of Reflection, 'Free to be'.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews, 10: 11-14, 19-25.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 13: 1-8

Glory to you, O Lord.

(NIV)

The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

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

The next monthly **New Testament study** will be on **Monday 18th November at 7.00pm** in the Troughton Room when Revd. Mike will be leading the session on 'Ephesians & Colossians'. All are welcome.

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 18th November **9.00am** Start the week with prayer



9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 19th November

10.30am Singing Café



12.30pm 4Cs Carers' Group



Wednesday 20th November

9.30am Baby Group



10.00am Connect Café



10.30am Holy Communion



1.30pm Knit & Natter



1.30pm Garden Gang

Thursday 21st November

10.30am Line Dancing



12.30am Prayers for Peace



1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Choir Practice



8.15pm Dru Yoga



Friday 22nd November

10.30am Tai Chi



12 noon Lunch Club

Experience Christmas

We start on Monday! Over 2 weeks we will welcome over 300 local school children and 150 children from Tots, Brownies, a local nursery and childminders into church to hear the Nativity story. Thank you so much to the team of volunteers who are working really hard to plan and prepare for this very busy time. Donations of cake to sustain our team of volunteers would be most welcome! Thank you.

Brownie Leader for Thursday evenings

Our Brownie Leader is retiring soon and we are anxious to find someone to take over this important and rewarding role. The existing leader is happy to stay on until Easter to support a new leader. If we can't find anyone to help, the 2nd Bebington Brownie group will be disbanded and the Brownies will have to join other local groups.

If you feel you can help, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Rose Queen Christmas Coffee Morning



Saturday 30th November from 10am - 12 noon.

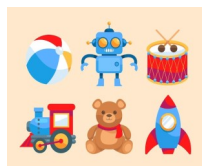
If you would like to help in any way at this event, please sign the sheet at back of church. We would be grateful for donations for our stalls, prizes for the raffle and tombola, as well as cakes! Thank you.

Dru Yoga - every Thursday evening from 8.15pm-9.15pm. - £8



Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in attending.
Dru Yoga is a graceful and potent form of yoga, based on soft flowing movements, directed breathing and visualisation and heart opening.

Dru works to rejuvenate your whole being helping to improve strength and flexibility, increasing core stability, builds a heightened feeling of positivity, and brings deep states of relaxation.



Toy Service

Our Toy Service will be held on **Sunday 8th December**.
We are collecting gifts for vulnerable children, supported by 'Ferries Family Group', a local charity.

There is a rumour that Santa will be making an appearance!
Please bring toys to the service or, if you are unable to attend, they can be left at the Parish Office w/c 2nd December.



Christmas Day Lunch

We will be having Christmas Lunch in the Community Centre again this year. Please speak to Sarah if you can help in any way.
Jobs include providing transport, welcoming people, preparing and cooking vegetables, serving meals and washing up! Many thanks.

We are always looking for **volunteers** to help run our many groups, which often offer an invaluable lifeline for many in the parish. If you feel you might be able to help in any way, please speak with Mike or Eunice or pop into the Parish Office any weekday morning. Thank you.

Piano — free to a good home!

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like a piano.

Anniversaries:

Dorothy Bywater, Marjorie Dillon, James Anthony Evans, Raymond Richards, Alex Powell, Norman Nevitt, Alfred Dickman, Elizabeth (Bessie) Hamer, Gertrude May Squire, Betty Eyre-Walker, Henry Fazakerly, Jessie Wood.

Prayer List: 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, Trev Noble, 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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