

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Christ the King



Sidespeople: Barbara Mayers & Fiona Murphy

Next week: Terry Cunningham & Helen Young

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

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will lead and Revd. Heather Macleod, will share her experiences as a Hospice Chaplain at our 10am Service of the Word, with Baptism.

A short Communion service will follow at 11.45am.

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



## HYMNS

- 432 Rejoice the Lord is King
- 327 Majesty, worship his majesty
- 296 Let all the world
- 81 Christ Triumphant

## Prayer for the week

**God the Father,**  
**help us to hear the call of Christ**  
**the King**  
**and to follow in his service,**  
**whose kingdom has no end;**  
**for he reigns with you and the**  
**Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, one glory. Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

“The Lord Jesus Christ is in a class all by Himself; there are no competitors, no rivals; He is unique. He is Lord of all. He is King of kings, Lord of lords, the image of the invisible God. He is Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Preeminent One.”  
- *David Jeremiah*

“Christ, has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped but His, by essence and by nature. “  
- *St Cyril of Alexandria*

“There can be no Kingdom of God in the world without the Kingdom of God in our hearts.”  
- *Albert Schweitzer*



**Don't Eat Sunday  
Lunch Alone**  
**Sunday 1st December**  
**at 12.30pm**  
**Broadway Steak & Wine**



**Sunday 1st December**  
**at 4.00pm:**  
A fun event with Bible stories and activities for children, their siblings and parents/carers. Topic: “Advent”

The first reading is from Revelation 1: 4-8 (NIVUK)

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> ‘Look, he is coming with the clouds,’ and ‘every eye will see him, even those who pierced him’;

and all peoples on earth ‘will mourn because of him.’

So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.’

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 18: 33-37  
Glory to you, O Lord. (NIVUK)

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’

<sup>34</sup> ‘Is that your own idea,’ Jesus asked, ‘or did others talk to you about me?’

<sup>35</sup> ‘Am I a Jew?’ Pilate replied. ‘Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?’

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, ‘My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.’

<sup>37</sup> ‘You are a king, then!’ said Pilate.

Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.’

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

### **Experience Christmas**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way with Experience Christmas. It has been a wonderful week telling the Nativity story to about 300 schoolchildren.

All volunteers are invited to celebrate with mince pies and sherry on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December around 12 noon** in church.

## Regular Activities at Christ Church

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November** 9.00am Start the week with prayer 



9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

10.30am Sewing Group 

10.30am Happy Reading Group 

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am Baby Group 

10.00am Connect Café 

10.30am Holy Communion 

1.30pm Garden Gang

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

10.30am Line Dancing 

12.30am Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Choir Practice 

8.15pm Dru Yoga 

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

10.30am Tai Chi 

## Rose Queen Christmas Coffee Morning

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 10am - 12 noon.**

Our stalls will include a Christmas 100 Board, grand raffle, tombola, crafts and crafts for children and a grotto.

We would be grateful for prizes for the tombola as well as cakes and mince pies!

Please see Vicki if you would like to help at this event. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

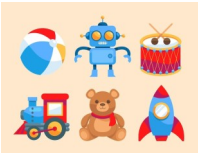
## Dru Yoga - every Thursday evening from 8.15pm-9.15pm.- £8

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 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

We are collecting **new toys and gifts** for vulnerable children/teenagers, supported by 'Ferries Family Groups', a local charity.

Please include toys/gifts for boys as they are often left out!

They would also be grateful for any cash donations

There is a rumour that Santa will be making an appearance!

Please bring toys/gifts to the service or, if you are unable to attend, they can be left at the Parish Office w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

### **Co-op Academy Christmas Charity Cake Sale**

Co-op Academy students will hold another cake sale during Connect Coffee on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**, 10.00am-12 noon.

They would be delighted to have lots of customers!



### **Christmas Day Lunch**

For anyone who would like extra company on Christmas Day, we will be having lunch in the Community Centre again this year.

Please contact Sarah Loach or the Parish Office to book a place.

We would really welcome any donations for our raffle

on the day. Many thanks.

### **Forthcoming Funeral:**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 1.00pm Ralph Victor Collins Christ Church

**Anniversaries:** Louis Jamieson, Nora Mottershead, Enid Scott, John Ellison, Gilbert Grainger, Doris Edith Croxton, Mavis Marjorie Carolan, Peter Harrison, Dorothy Alsbury, Elsie Nelson, David Wright, Phyllis Owens, Robbie Royden, Kenneth Christian, Graham Renton, Marjorie Byrne, Mary Elizabeth Williams, Brian Drake.

**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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