

Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 8th December 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent

Sidespeople: Ny & Dave Gibson

Next week: Mike Thorne & Rhona Snelson

Welcome to Christ Church! This morning, at 10am, we welcome the family and friends of Zachary Kohler as they join us for his baptism taken by Revd. Mike Loach and also Ian & Colette Millington, from our Ministry Team, who will lead and preach at our All Age Worship Toy Service.

HYMNS

34 Angels from the realms of
glory

Love shine a light

481 The Holly and the Ivy

283 Joy to the World

Prayer for the week

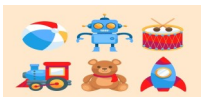
**Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ
comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.**

Amen

Thoughts for the week:

"Living is the art of getting used to what we didn't expect". - *Eleanor C. Wood*

"All these toys were never intended to possess my heart. My true good is in another world and my only true treasure is Christ" - *C S Lewis*



Toy Service—Today at 10am

We are collecting **new toys and gifts** especially for vulnerable **boys and girls/teenagers**, supported by 'Ferries Family Groups', a local charity. Please do not wrap these! They would also be grateful for any cash donations. There is a rumour that Santa will be making an appearance! If you are unable to attend, donations can be left at the Parish Office.

Holy Communion - Wednesday 11th December

Hr. Bebington Junior School will be holding their Christmas Carol Service next Wednesday, starting at 10am.

Our Communion Service will now start **at 11.30am.**

If you are planning to attend this service, you are welcome to come early and enjoy the Christmas carols.

The first reading is from Philippians 1: 3-11 (NIVUK)

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

(3: 2-6) (The Message)

During the Chief-Priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas - John, Zachariah's son, out in the desert at the time, received a message from God. He went all through the country around the Jordan River preaching a baptism of life-change leading to forgiveness of sins, as described in the words of Isaiah the prophet:

Thunder in the desert!

“Prepare God's arrival!

Make the road smooth and straight!

Every ditch will be filled in,

Every bump smoothed out,

The detours straightened out,

All the ruts paved over.

Everyone will be there to see

The parade of God's salvation.”

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

11th Bebington Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts)


are desperately in need of people.

They especially need someone willing to step forward to lead the Cub group, but also tea-makers, activity planners, tidy-uppers and helpers, for as little or as much time as you can spare (Mondays or Thursdays).

Training and support is available from Merseyside Scouting, but you are welcome to come along first to see what happens at the meetings.

For more information, please email: 11thbebingtonbeavers@gmail.com;
[11th bebingtoncubs@gmail.com](mailto:11thbebingtoncubs@gmail.com) or 11thbebingtonscouts@gmail.com,
or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 9th December 9.00am Start the week with prayer 



9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 10th December

10.30am Welsh Café 

10.30am Happy Reading 

Wednesday 11^h December

9.30am Baby Group 

10.00am Connect Café 

1.30pm Garden Gang 

3.30pm Lego Church 

Thursday 12th December

10.30am Line Dancing 

10.30am Mothers' Union 

12.30pm Prayers for Peace

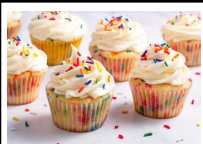
1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Choir Practice 

8.15pm Dru Yoga 

Friday 13th December

10.30am Tai Chi 



Co-op Academy Christmas Charity Cake Sale

Co-op Academy students will be holding another cake sale during Connect Coffee on **Wednesday 11th December**, 10.00am-12 noon. They have been working hard and will be selling crafts, which they have made, to raise money to help fund a reward trip to the pantomime. They would be delighted to have lots of customers!

Thirsty Thursday - 12th December, from 8.00pm Christmas Jumper Special!

Please join us in the Rose & Crown for a festive pint and joyful conversation!



Community Carol Singing

All are welcome to join us in bringing good cheer at the following times:-

Wednesday 18th December, from 2.00pm - Egerton Park Care Homes

Thursday 19th December, from 7.00pm - The Travellers' Rest

Friday 20th December— 2.00pm—Beb Care Home &

3.00pm—Outside Co-op, Teehey Lane



Christingle orange making

Friday 20th December, 11am-12 noon in the Centre.

Come and spend a Christmassy hour making the Christingle oranges while enjoying a mince pie and mulled wine.



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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 15 th	6.30pm - Carols by Candlelight
Sunday 22 nd	10.00am - Blue Christmas 4.00pm - Christingle
Christmas Eve	4.00pm - Nativity 11.00pm - Midnight Mass



It is with great sadness that we advise that Derek Fogg passed away on Tuesday. We are so thankful for his life and the way he brought so much joy. Our prayers are with June, their son Graham and family who thank everyone for surrounding them with love at this time. His service of thanksgiving will be on **Tuesday 10th December at 12 noon** in church followed by committal at Landican.

Forthcoming Funeral:

Derek Alan Fogg Tuesday 10th December 12 noon Christ Church

Anniversaries: Linda Evans, Eric Dodson, Tony Mazzone, Richard Powell, Eunice Annie Gateland, Stanley Bacon Rivers, Derek Harris Griffiths, Ruth Hayward, Eleanor Dixon, Roy Gummerson, Walter Penketh, Roger Hawney, Audrey Cundall, John Tindsley, Doreen Sloman, Dorothy Buckley, Clarence Wood, David Evans, Reuben Sudlow.

Prayer List: Finley Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Rob Bell, Ian Buckley, Eloise Cook, Sonia Croft, Julie Crosbie, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Deborah Ferguson, Gerry Ffrench, Geoff Hall, Pam Hollinshead, Kitty, Arthur & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Finley Kay, Caroline Kirchin, Jim & Maureen Lloyd, Will McElroy, Lin Murphy, Geoff Newns, Trev Noble, David Owen, Grahame Owen, Ben Parkinson, Dave Price, Joan Price, Rita Quine, 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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