

# Christ Church Higher Bebington



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Baptism of Christ/Epiphany 1

Sidespeople: Barbara Mayers & Diane Shaw  
Next week: Helen Byrne & Helen Young

**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 in the Centre.

## HYMNS

- 514 Thou, whose almighty word
- 14 All heaven declares
- 221 I am a new creation

## Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as  
your Son: may we recognise him as  
our Lord and know ourselves to be  
your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

“Spirit filled souls are ablaze for God. They love with a love that glows. They serve with a faith that kindles. They serve with a devotion that consumes. They hate sin with fierceness that burns. They rejoice with a joy that radiates. Love is perfected in the fire.”  
- Samuel Chadwick

“Just as water ever seeks and fills the lowest place, so the moment God finds you abased and empty, His glory and power flow in.”  
- Andrew Murray

“I used to ask God to help me. Then I asked if I might help Him. I ended up by asking Him to do His work through me.”  
- Hudson Taylor



We will be serving bacon baps and a vegetarian alternative at the beginning of our service this morning.



## Tonight at 6.30pm

Please join us this evening for our  
**Celtic Healing Service - a quiet space to  
meet with God**

The first reading is from Acts 8: 14-17 (NIVUK)

<sup>14</sup> When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria.

<sup>15</sup> When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, <sup>16</sup> because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3: 5-17

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

& 21-22 (NIVUK)

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptise you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

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

BIBLE READING NOTES 2025 - Have you ever considered reading the Bible daily by yourself, but would like some help? If so, you may like to consider purchasing an annual subscription (starting in May) for one of these daily notes.

New Daylight ..... £15.75

New Daylight deluxe large print ..... £19.50

Guidelines (in depth study) ..... £15.75

Day by Day with God (particularly for women) ..... £15.75

Upper Room (every life meditations) ..... £15.75


Bible Reflections for Older People ..... £15.75

More information can be found at <https://www.brfoonline.org.uk/pages/bible-reading-notes-at-a-glance>. Please see Gaynor Galway for an application form (even if you already purchase these notes) before the beginning of February.



## Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January




9.00am Start the week with prayer   
 9.30am Toddler Group  
 1.30pm Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January

10.00am Classy Cleaners  
 10.30am Welsh Café   
 10.30am Happy Reading Group 




Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January



9.30am Baby Group   
 10.00am Connect Café  
 10.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January



1.30pm Knit & Natter   
 10.30am Line Dancing  
 1.30pm Sit Fit - chair-based exercises  
 2.00pm Choir Practice  
 2.00pm Bereavement Journey   
 8.15pm Dru Yoga 

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January

10.30am Tai Chi   
 12 noon Indoor Bowls 



### Bereavement Journey

The next Bereavement Journey will start on  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2.00-4.00pm.**

If you are aware of anyone who could benefit from this course,  
 please ask them to contact Eunice via the Parish Office.

The next monthly **New Testament study** will be on  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm** in the Troughton Room  
 when Revd. Mike will be leading the session on  
 'Philemon, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy & Titus'. All are welcome.

### Vacancy – Centre Supervisor

With Revd. Mike and Sarah leaving us in February, the position of Centre Supervisor will be vacant from the beginning of February. This is a part-time (10 hours per week) paid (circa £600 per month) role requiring good inter-personal skills, a Level 2 Hygiene Certificate (training would be available) and flexible working; living near the Centre would be advantageous.

For a copy of the job description and/or an informal chat about the role, please contact Sarah, Jane Dalziel or Charles Van Ingen. A copy of the job description will be found on the Centre noticeboard. If you are interested in applying for the role, please e-mail Charles Van Ingen on [c.vaningen@ntlworld.com](mailto:c.vaningen@ntlworld.com).

Interviews will be arranged during January.

**Christian Aid Attic Sale & Coffee Morning**  
**- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 10.00am-12 noon**



We would be grateful for goods for this event.

Please save any bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts, books, preloved (in good condition) clothes, accessories, as well as items for raffle prizes.

These can be left at the Parish Office w/c 19<sup>th</sup> January.

We would be grateful if people could supply cakes for us.

Please also let us know if you can help on the day or would like a table (£5) to sell your own items. Thank you, Jill Loach



**Rose Queen Family Quiz Night**

**- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January, starts at 6.30pm**

Tickets available from Sunday: Adults £5; Children £2, which includes a pudding. Bring a team or make one on the night! Games, raffle and refreshments. Please let Vicki know if you can bring a pudding.

**Church Chats:** Working Conversations Group and Christ Church are continuing to offer "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/laura@workingconversationsgroup.org

**Forthcoming Funeral:**

Linda Kerr                      Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January                      10.30am                      Christ Church

**Funerals last week:** Awen Burton, Joan McNally. Gwendoline Prince.

**Anniversaries:** John Neilson, Elsie Isabella McCarthy, David Simmons, Jim Mottram, Jean Evans, Victor Hellaby, Harry Larkin, Norma Johnson, Guy Sloman, John Williams, Les Griffiths, Jack Cunningham, Emily Atkinson, Denis Taylor, Jean Casement, Kenneth Frederick Smail, Eileen Pratt, Noel Fletcher, John Evans, Vera Ursula Halliday, Albert Banks, Iris Banks, Robert Henry Davies.

**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, Joyce Preston, 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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