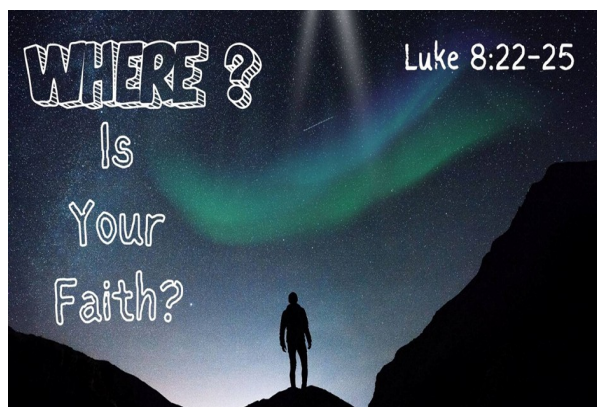


# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent




**Sidespeople:** Fiona Murphy & Diane Shaw  
**Next week:** Barbara Mayers & Diane Shaw


**Welcome to Christ Church!** We are all one in the Spirit!  
This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will lead and Colette Millington, from our Ministry Team, will preach at our 10.00am Service of the Word with Baptism. There will be a short Communion Service at ~11.45am.

HYMNS	
442	All things bright and beautiful
206	He's got the whole world in his hand
442	Seek ye first the kingdom of God.
62	Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

Prayer for the week  
Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever. **Amen**

**Thoughts for the week:**  
“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”  
- Corrie ten Boom  
“Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe.”  
- Saint Augustine  
“To trust God in the light is nothing, but trust him in the dark – that is faith”  
- Charles H. Spurgeon  
“Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.”  
- Martin Luther King Jr

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

 **Next Sunday at 4.00pm**  
A fun event with Bible stories and activities for children, their siblings and parents/carers. Topic: “Balaam and his donkey”.

The first reading is Revelation Chapter 4 (NIVUK)

### **The throne in heaven**

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the centre, round the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and behind. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all round, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,”  
who was, and is, and is to come.’

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

‘You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.’

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

Several people have requested copies of the photograph of Mike, Sarah, Sam & Harry taken at Mike's final service last Sunday.

Photos, size 10" by 8" on glossy paper, are being ordered - cost £3 each, which will provide a small profit for church funds.

Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you would like a copy.



The next monthly **New Testament study** will be on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm** in the Troughton Room when Revd. Eunice will be continuing with Hebrews.  
All are welcome.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 8: 22-25

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

(NIVUK)

### Jesus calms the storm

One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!'

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. 'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement, they asked one another, 'Who is this?'

He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'

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

### Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

9.00am

Start the week with prayer



1.30pm

Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

10.30am

Sewing Group



10.30am

Happy Reading Group



Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February

9.30am

Baby Group



10.00am

Connect Café



10.30am

Holy Communion



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February

12.30pm

Sit-Fit –chair-based exercises

2.00pm

Choir Practice



2.00pm

Bereavement Journey



8.00pm

Dru Yoga



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

10.30am

Tai Chi



12 noon

Lunch Club



### Garden Gang



There will be a meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm to discuss plans for the coming year. All are very welcome.

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 Eunice or pop into the Parish Office any weekday morning. Thank you.



**Don't Eat Sunday  
Lunch Alone**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> March at 12.30pm**  
**Broadway Steak & Wine**

### **Locking Church**

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to join our rota to be responsible for locking the church at 6.00pm. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office.

### **Experience Easter 2025**

Our schools event will be from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.  
A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help.  
If anyone else would like to help please, please speak to Libby.  
The next planning meeting is on **5<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm.**



### **Ladies Night - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Vicky has arranged a meal (2 courses £22.50) for 7.30pm at the Babylon Mediterranean Restaurant.  
If you would like to come along, please sign the form at the back of church and leave £5 deposit at the Parish Office.  
Please pay deposits by 26<sup>th</sup> February to secure your place.

### **Forthcoming Funerals:**

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	John Russell	12.30pm	Christ Church
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Simon Thelwall	9.30am	Landican
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Margaret Pitney	2.00pm	Christ Church

### **Funerals last week: Sonia Shone**

### **Anniversaries:**

Peter Salmon, John Theobald, Malcolm Brown, Isobel Audrey Williams, Patricia May Benson, George Stanley (Stan) Chiocchi, Frederick Fox, Martha Brown, Megan Rhonwen Shaw, Robert Howarth, Elizabeth Marion Porter, Lisa Light, Jean Christian, Elaine Johnson.

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