

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 2nd March 2025
Next Sunday before Lent

Sidespeople: Steve Stapleton & Diane Shaw
Next week: Terry Cunningham & Helen Young



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

This morning Revd. Dave Chester will lead and will preach at our
10.00am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 82 Christ whose glory fills the
skies
- 53 Be still for the presence of the
Lord
- 317 Lord, the light of your Love
- 30 And can it be

Prayer for the week

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the
cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer
with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

“God places us in the world as his fellow workers-agents of transfiguration. We work with God so that injustice is transfigured into justice, so there will be more compassion and caring, that there will be more laughter and joy, that there will be more togetherness in God's world (Desmond Tutu)

Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration. (Pope Francis)



**Don't Eat Sunday
Lunch Alone
Today at 12.30pm
Broadway Steak & Wine**



Today 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 1 Corinthians 3: 12-4.2 (NIVUK)

¹² If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴ If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved – even though only as one escaping through the flames.

¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives among you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

¹⁸ Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become 'fools' so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: 'He catches the wise in their craftiness'; ²⁰ and again, 'The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.'²¹ So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future – all are yours, ²³ and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

The nature of true apostleship

4 This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. ² Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

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

**LIVING
HOPE**

The Church of England's theme for Lent 2025 (which begins on Wednesday 5th March) is Living Hope. Booklets for personal reflection and prayer will be available at the back of Church.

(A donation of £2.50 would be appreciated.) The reflections (with audio) are also available for free on the Everyday Faith App.

During Lent we would love to encourage you to pray for our church and for the process of identifying a new incumbent. It would be great if people got together for coffee and finished by praying together our "interregnum prayer". Why not use it as an opportunity to get to know someone you don't know so well in church...



Ash Wednesday services – with prayer, imposition of ashes, time for reflection and Holy Communion will take place on **Wednesday 5th March** at 10.30am and 7.30pm on Wednesday 5th March

You are all invited to a Co-op Academy charity cake sale on **Wednesday 5th March** 10am-12 noon. Please join us to support these enterprising young people.

Experience Easter

Our next planning meeting is on **5th March, 12.30pm** in the Troughton Room



Garden Gang

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 9: 28-36

Glory to you, O Lord.

(NIVUK)

The transfiguration

28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. 31 They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. 32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. 33 As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ (He did not know what he was saying.)

34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.’ 36 When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 3rd March



9.00am

Start the week with prayer



9.30am

Toddlers Group

1.30pm

Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

Tuesday 4th March

10.30am

Singing Café



10.30am

Sewing Group



Wednesday 5th March



9.30am

Baby Group



10.00am

Connect Café & cake sale



10.30am

Holy Communion

1.30pm

Knit & Natter



Thursday 6th March



10.30am

Line Dancing

12.30pm

Befrienders' Lunch

1.30pm

W.I.

2.00pm

Choir Practice



8.00pm

Dru Yoga



Friday 7th March



10.00am

Church Walk

11.00am

Indoor Bowls





Chris Edwards will be leading a 3.5 mile circular walk on **Friday 7th March** from the church around Storeton Village and Woods, finishing with refreshments at the Acorn Pub. We will meet as usual outside the Community Centre at 10.00am. All are very welcome.



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

Copies of the photograph (size 10" x 8") of Mike, Sarah, Sam & Harry taken at Mike's final service, are now available for collection from the Parish Office if you have signed the sheet at the back of church. Cost £3 each, which will provide a small profit for church funds.

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.

Forthcoming Funerals:

Friday 7 th March	Margaret Pitney	2.00pm	Christ Church
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Funerals last week: John Russell, Simon Thelwell

Anniversaries:

Mona Hall, Charles Dillon, Edna Chiocchi, Annie Alexandra Hughes, Kirsty Mitchell, Joyce Rathbone, Joyce Wilkins, Jean Lowe, Gordon Edwards, Sheila Roberts, Nancy Elizabeth Porter, Queenie Bowen, Graham Mercer, Ken Allen.

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 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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