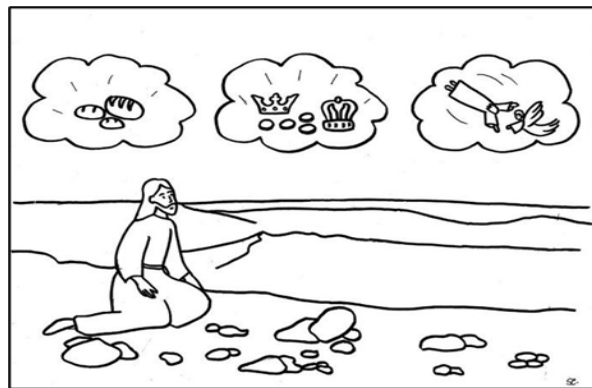


Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent



Sidespeople: Terry Cunningham & Helen Young

Next week: Ny Gibson & Dave Gibson

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

This morning we welcome Revd. Andy Field-Davies who will lead and preach at our 10.00am All Age Worship Service in the Community Centre.



We will be marking the National Covid-19 Day of reflection with a short service of Remembrance at 12 noon today in Church.

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



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

HYMNS

10,000 reasons - Bless the Lord

Our God is a great big God

Light of the world - Here I am
to worship

You shall go out with joy

Prayer for the week

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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:

"If you will tell me when God permits a Christian to lay aside his armour, I will tell you when Satan has left off temptation" .
- *Chares Spurgeon*

"Temptation is Satan's weapon to defeat us, but it can become God's tool to build us".
- *Dr. Warren W Wiersbe*

The first reading is Psalm 91 (NIVUK)

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

³ Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴ He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

⁵ You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. ⁸ You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

⁹ If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, ¹⁰ no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; ¹² they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

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



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...

The next **PCC Meeting** is on **Wednesday 12th March at 7.30pm** in the Troughton Room.



The next **Mothers' Union** meeting is on **Thursday 13th March at 11.00am** when the speaker will be Di Waller, the new MU Diocesan President.

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 - Cost £3 each.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4 v 1-13

Glory to you, O Lord.

(NIVUK)

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’” ⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸ Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 10th March

9.00am

Start the week with prayer



9.30am

Toddlers Group



1.30pm

Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

Tuesday 11th March

10.00am

‘Classy Cleaners’



10.30am

Welsh Café



10.30am

Happy Reading Group



Wednesday 12th March

9.30am

Baby Group



10.00am

Connect Café



10.30am

Holy Communion

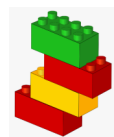


1.30pm

Oasis Well-being Group

3.30pm

Lego Church



Thursday 13th March

10.30am

Line Dancing



11.00am

Mothers’ Union



1.30pm

Sit-Fit—chair-based exercises



2.00pm

Choir Practice

8.00pm

Dru Yoga



Jean Lippiatt will kindly be selling her home-made goodies in the Hall following the service next **Sunday, 16th March**.
If possible, could you please bring your own containers.



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.

The first **Summer Fair Planning Meeting** will be held on **Monday 24th March at 7.00pm** in the Troughton Room.
We need plenty of volunteers, so please come along to this meeting!
If you can't attend but would like to help, please speak to Vicki.

Co-op Cake Sale

Co-op students were unable to make it so a cake sale was held on their behalf.

Thank you to everyone who bought cake.

A wonderful £45 was raised.

The Co-op Academy are donating this to 'The Margaret Kerr Cancer Unit' in Scotland as one of their teaching assistants sadly lost her daughter last week.



Rose Queen Afternoon Tea is on **Saturday 29th March** at 1.30pm. Tickets, £8 -
Booking essential.

Funeral last week: Margaret Pitney

Anniversaries:

Leonard Reginald Clinch, Nevil Wade, Nicole Forster, Reginald Chalkley, David Ellis, Jeffrey Ian Biggs, Thomas Wood, Margaret Metcalfe, Madeline Harford, Kathleen Whittaker, Margaret Howard, Olive Vera Ogden, Oriel Parnell, Marguerite Constance Hellaby, Margaret Edge, Sheila Jones, Jenny Rome.

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 & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Finley Kay, Caroline Kirchin, Jim & Maureen Lloyd, Will McElroy, Lin Murphy, Geoff Newns, 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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