

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 30th March 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Sidespeople: Jill & Graham Loach
Next week: Bev Price & Grace Fagan

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 Family Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 427 Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty
Here is love, vast as the
ocean
- 484 The King of love my
shepherd is
- 467 Tell out my soul

Don't be Late!
Remember to turn your
clocks forward an hour this weekend.



Prayer for the week

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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:

"It may be possible to gild pure gold, but who can make his mother more beautiful? "

- Mahatma Gandhi

"To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power. Or the climbing, falling colours of a rainbow."

- Maya Angelou

"When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son!' Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!' And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home."

- John 19:26-27

There will be a Retiring Collection for the Mothers' Union 'Make a Mother's Day' annual fundraising campaign at the end of the Service today. This year's 'Gift of Peace' theme highlights how the MU brings hope and practical support to millions of people every year through parenting, literacy and community development programmes.

The first reading is from Colossians 3: 12-17 (NIVUK)

Living as Those Made Alive in Christ

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and Patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 2: 33-35
Glory to you, O Lord. (NIVUK)

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

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

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their '**Giving in Grace**' response forms. It would be most helpful if any more forms could be returned by Sunday 30th March.

Save the dates in May for Christian Aid:



Sunday 11th May: Christian Aid Service

Wednesday 14th May: 'Posh' Hunger Lunch

Saturday 24th May: Christian Aid Breakfast/Coffee Morning

Also, - Look out for the Christian Aid Outdoor Challenges coming soon.



The reflections (with audio) are 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...



Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 31st March



9.00am

Start the week with prayer



9.30am

Toddlers Group

1.30pm

Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

Tuesday 1st April



10.30am

Singing Café



10.30am

Sewing Group



Wednesday 2nd April



9.30am

Baby Group

10.00am

Connect Café

10.30am

Holy Communion



1.30pm

Knit & Natter

Thursday 3rd April



10.30am

Line Dancing



12.30pm

Befrienders' Group

1.30pm

W.I.



2.00pm

Choir Practice



8.00pm

Dru Yoga



Friday 4th April

10.30am

Tai Chi



Please see the shopping list which shows the food needed now:- Cereal, tinned vegetable, pasta sauce, custard and tinned fruit. They don't need any beans. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who helped with **Easter Experience** – it was a great week and very much appreciated by the local schools.



Church Walk— Friday 4th April

Lizzie Roach will be leading a circular walk (about 3 miles) around Neston and Ness starting from the car park past the Harp Pub, via Ness Gardens and back along the Marshes with a refreshment stop at Nets Café. We will meet at the Community Centre at 10.00am as usual. All are welcome but numbers are needed for car sharing so please contact Lizzie Roach 'frenchiekev@gmail.com' if you would like to join us.



Don't Eat Sunday Lunch Alone
Sunday 6th April
at 12.30pm
Broadway Steak & Wine



Sunday 6th April at 4.00pm

A fun event with Bible stories and activities for children, their siblings and parents/carers. Topic: "Palm Sunday".

Our **Annual Parochial Council Meeting** (APCM) will be held on **Sunday 27th April at 11.30am**. In addition, a completely new **Electoral Roll** needs to be compiled this year. Please ensure that you have completed and returned an Electoral Roll form to us by Sunday 30th March. Copies are at the back of church or from the Parish Office.

Easter Services

Saturday 12th April 4.00pm Family Fun afternoon

Thursday 17th April

6.00 pm Maundy Thursday - Bring and Share Supper and Communion with Bishop Julie.

8.15pm - Gethsemane Watch of Prayer (guided meditation & silent prayer in church)

Friday 18th April

11.00am Good Friday witness (Teehey Lane shops)

2.00pm Service of the Last Hour (a time to be still and reflect on Jesus' ultimate sacrifice)

Saturday 19th April - 10.00-12.00am Easter Coffee Morning and crafts - including games, cakes & hot cross buns - Christ Church Community Centre

7.00-7.30pm - Evening Vigil - prepare for Easter around a fire, with readings and song

Sunday 20th April

8.30pm - Holy Communion

10.00am Easter Sunday All Age Communion - with chocolate eggs!

Forthcoming Funerals:

Thursday 3rd April

William Arthur Jones

11.30am

Christ Church

Anniversaries: Dorothy Bentley, Elsie Marion Ritchie, Beryl Nelson,

Donald Anderson, Rita Cann, Ada Hill, Donald Hamilton, Jean Eley, Robert McKee, Mary Taylor,

Sheila Whitehead, Geoffrey Heaps, Audrey Cattermole, Ellen Coker, Nora Powell, Sam Smith,

Connie Cave, Marie Claude Evans, Derek Wild, Howard Rogers.

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, Bridget Hamilton, 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 Shorrock, Yvonne Slerman, Audrey Smith, Barbara & Steve Smith, Theresa Smith, Roisin Terris, Amelia, Sue & Beryl Trenbirth, Paddy Walsh, Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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