

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Palm Sunday

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



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

This morning, Colette Millington, a member of our Ministry Team, will lead and Lay Reader, Helen Byrne will preach at our 10.00am Family service for Palm Sunday. **There will be Holy Communion at 11.30am.**

## HYMNS

Give me joy in my heart

Jesus is the name we  
honour

My song is love unknown

Above all powers

## Prayer for the week

**True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowds as the Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and  
love you,  
that we may be found beside you on  
the way of the cross which is the  
path of glory. Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf of springtime.

*Martin Luther*

“On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.”

*Book of Common Prayer*



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



**Calling all bakers!!** If you are able to provide cakes to be sold at the Easter Coffee Morning on **Saturday 19th April**, please let Vicki Roberts know (or leave a message with the Parish Office). Many thanks in advance.



The first reading is from Philippians 2. 5-11 (NIV)

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature] of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.** (19:28-40)(The Message)

After saying these things, Jesus headed straight up to Jerusalem. When he got near Bethphage and Bethany at the mountain called Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with instructions: “Go to the village across from you. As soon as you enter, you’ll find a colt tethered, one that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says anything, asks, ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘His Master needs him.’”

The two left and found it just as he said. As they were untying the colt, its owners said, “What are you doing untying the colt?”

They said, “His Master needs him.”

They brought the colt to Jesus. Then, throwing their coats on its back, they helped Jesus get on. As he rode, the people gave him a grand welcome, throwing their coats on the street.

Right at the crest, where Mount Olives begins its descent, the whole crowd of disciples burst into enthusiastic praise over all the mighty works they had witnessed:

Blessed is he who comes, the king in God’s name!

All’s well in heaven! Glory in the high places!

Some Pharisees from the crowd told him, “Teacher, get your disciples under control!” But he said, “If they kept quiet, the stones would do it for them, shouting praise.”

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

**Our Annual Parochial Council Meeting (APCM) will be held on  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am.**

Copies of the Annual Report will be available later next week.

## Regular Activities at Christ Church

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>9.00am</b>	Start the week with prayer	
		<b>1.30pm</b>	Sit Fit - chair-based exercises	
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>10.30am</b>	Singing Café	
		<b>12.30pm</b>	4C's Carers' Group	
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>10.00am</b>	Connect Café	
		<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Communion	
		<b>1.30pm</b>	Knit & Natter	
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>1.30pm</b>	Sit Fit	
		<b>2.00pm</b>	Choir Practice	

## Easter Services

### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April

6.00 pm - Maundy Thursday - Bring and Share Supper and Communion with Bishop Julie. **(Please add your name to the sign up list if you would like to come!)**

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

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> April

8.30am - Holy Communion

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

We would like to encourage all our volunteers to have basic and foundational levels of safeguarding training. While this can be done online, there is an opportunity for face to face training at St Mary's (Church Road, Upton, CH49 6JZ):

- 1<sup>st</sup> May 7pm- 9pm Basic Awareness
- 15<sup>th</sup> May 7pm - 9pm Foundation level

Please consider going. If you would like more information do talk with Di or Helen (Byrne).



**Save the dates in May for Christian Aid:**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Christian Aid Service

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May:** 'Posh' Hunger Lunch

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Christian Aid Breakfast/Coffee Morning

On **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** the 'Green Gang' hope to plant 80 Bee and Butterfly friendly plants in the Church garden. (Pam and a few dedicated members tend the garden and woodland every week for us all to enjoy)

They are seeking help in their Challenge. We need diggers, planters, bramble clearers, tea makers. Please join in if you are able that day.

There's a job for almost everyone!

If you cannot, please consider sponsoring the workers in their Challenge.

All in aid of Christian Aid helping poor communities around the world tend their land in the face of climate change.

**See the sponsor form at the back of church.**

If you are taking part in the challenge and would like to get additional sponsorship (outside of the congregation) please speak to Jill Loach or ask at the Parish Office for a sponsorship form.

Dates for your diary:

- **Friday 30 May** Ladies' Night Fish & Chip supper in Community Centre. Sign up sheet at the back of church. (Payment to be received by 23<sup>rd</sup> May, cash only!)
- **Saturday 28 June** Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their '**Giving in Grace**' response forms. If you haven't yet returned yours, please do so as soon as possible.

**Forthcoming Funeral:**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April                      Dennis Ward                      1.00pm      Christ Church

**Anniversaries:**

Muriel Hannah Garland, James Henry Williams, Jean Henrikson, Archie Dalziel, Elsie M. Jones, Adeline Wavell Martin, Dorothy Mona Penketh, Irene Swann, Elsie Roberts, Mary Blything.

**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 Shorrocks, 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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