

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 10th August 2025
Trinity 8



Welcomers: Ny & Dave Gibson

Next week: Mike Thorne & Rhona Snelson

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

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will preside and Andy Parnaby, from our church family, will preach at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 15 All my hope on God is founded
- 221 I am a new creation
- 313 Lord of all hopefulness
- 143 Forth in the name

Prayer of the week

**Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from
despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

“The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity by contributing to the establishment of the kingdom of God, which can only be done by the recognition and profession of the truth by every man.”

- Leo Tolstoy, The Kingdom of God Is Within You

“If it falls your lot to be a street sweeper, go on out and sweep streets like Michelangelo painted pictures; sweep streets like Handel and Beethoven composed music; sweep streets like Shakespeare wrote poetry; sweep streets so well that all the host of heaven and earth will have to pause and say, ‘Here lived a great street sweeper who swept his job well.’

- Martin Luther King Jr



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

The first reading is from Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 (NRSVA)

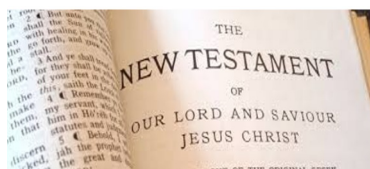
The Meaning of Faith

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

The Faith of Abraham

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren —because he considered him faithful who had promised.^[a] ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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



Get to know the New Testament

Concluding with 1 & 2 Peter and Jude

Monday 18th August at 7.00pm in the

Troughton Room for our monthly Bible study group.

Get reading! All are welcome.



“Seaside” Family Fun Afternoon

Saturday 23rd August, 3.30-5.30pm

Seaside themed activities and crafts for children

£1 per adult/child — Limited places

Please book at the Parish Office.



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12: 32-40
Glory to you, O Lord. (NRSVA)

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Watchful Slaves

³⁵ 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 11th August

1.30pm Sit Fit



Tuesday 12th August

10.30am Welsh Café



Wednesday 13th August

9.30am Baby Group



10.00am Connect Café with Oasis



10.30am Happy Reading Group

10.30am Holy Communion



3.30pm Lego Church



Thursday 14th August

1.30pm Sit Fit



2.00pm Choir Practice



8.00pm Dru Yoga



Friday 15th August

10.30am Tai Chi



Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals will collect and use any coins and banknotes: old or new, foreign or domestic. The firm working with them will donate the combined exchange value plus 5% to the charity. This will help to provide a meal in a place of education in some of the world's poorest countries. Sue Donovan will collect any you may wish to donate on Sunday mornings from 17th August.



Fantasy For the 2025/26 Fantasy Premier League why don't you join our mini-league "Christ Church Premier"? Joining the league couldn't be easier. Simply use the link below and you'll be added automatically after you've entered the game:

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/ekt84g>

League Code: ekt84g Looking forward to playing against you this season! For further information, please speak to Ian Millington.

Church Chats: Working Conversations Group and Christ Church are pleased to offer "Church Chats", a free talking therapy service. If you are interested, please contact Laura Gregory, m: 07842 312542 or via email: laura@workingconversationsgroup.org

Prayer shawls: We are considering starting a prayer shawl ministry: Giving someone, who is going through a difficult time or in hospital or a care home, a handmade prayer shawl not only provides comfort but is also a practical demonstration of God's love and our prayers for them. Would you like to get involved? We need people to knit, crochet or donate wool and join us in praying and distribution. If you are interested, please see Lizzie Roach who can provide more details.

Anniversaries:

Joe Clarke, Gertrude Eleanor Fernley, Arthur Toplis, Rob Parker, Cyril Dodd, Jean Elizabeth Holroyd, Mary Halliday, Reginald Brian Stringer, Sarah Lindley, Francis Henry Jones, Pat McGreevy, Eric Richard Jones, Christopher Edge, Irene McKeown, Ada Elizabeth Simmons, Constance Wilson Charles, Ian Pass.

Prayer List: Finley Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Ian Buckley, Eloise Cook, Julie Crosbie, Debbie Edwards, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Deborah Ferguson, Gaynor Galway, Geoff Hall, Bridget Hamilton, Pam Hollinshead, Lisa Houghton, Kitty & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Steve Joyner, Finley Kay, Caroline Kirchin, Deborah Lawrence, 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 & Terry Slerman, Audrey Smith, Barbara & Steve Smith, Theresa Smith, Elena Stokes-Hughes, Natasha Taylor, Roisin Terris, Amelia & Sue Trenbith, Paddy Walsh, Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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