

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**Trinity 9**

**Welcomers:** Mike Thorne & Rhona Snelson

**Next week:** Graham & Jill Loach



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

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will preside and preach at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service.

## HYMNS

186 Great is thy faithfulness

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

380 O Lord my God

334 May the mind of Christ my Saviour

## Prayer of the week

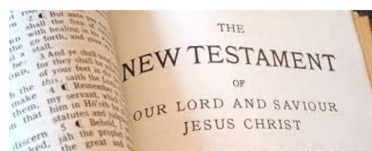
**Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

"Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times." *- Martin Luther*

"Learn to commit every situation to God, and trust him for the outcome. God's love for you never changes, no matter what problems you face or how unsettled life becomes." *- Billy Graham*

"Faith doesn't always mean that God changes your situation. Sometimes it means he changes you." *- Steven Furtick*



## Get to know the New Testament

Concluding with 1 & 2 Peter and Jude

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm** in the

Troughton Room for our monthly Bible study group.

Get reading! All are welcome.

The first reading is from Hebrews 11: 29-12.2 (NRSVA)

<sup>9</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -

<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

**12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God

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



**"Seaside" Family Fun Afternoon**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 3.30-5.30pm**  
Seaside themed activities and crafts for children  
£1 per adult/child — Limited places  
Please book at the Parish Office.



### **Experience Christmas—17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November**

Our annual event for local primary schools, telling the Nativity Story in church with props, costumes and songs. Great fun & lots of cake!

We need helpers to make props, bake cakes, direct people in church, help with crafts and talk to the schoolchildren. We'd especially like to welcome new helpers. A **Planning meeting** will be held on

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm** in the Centre.

For more information, please speak to Libby Potter or Revd. Eunice.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12: 49-56

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

(The Message)

### To Start a Fire

49-53 “I’ve come to start a fire on this earth—how I wish it were blazing right now! I’ve come to change everything, turn everything right-side up—how I long for it to be finished! Do you think I came to smooth things over and make everything nice? Not so. I’ve come to disrupt and confront! From now on, when you find five in a house, it will be -

Three against two, and two against three;  
Father against son, and son against father;  
Mother against daughter, and daughter against mother;  
Mother-in-law against bride, and bride against mother-in-law.”

54-56 Then he turned to the crowd: “When you see clouds coming in from the west, you say, ‘Storm’s coming’—and you’re right. And when the wind comes out of the south, you say, ‘This’ll be a hot one’—and you’re right. Frauds! You know how to tell a change in the weather, so don’t tell me you can’t tell a change in the season, the God-season we’re in right now.

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

### Regular Activities at Christ Church

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.00am** Morning Prayer on Zoom



**1.30pm** Sit Fit



**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.30am** Singing Café



**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.30am** Baby Group



**10.00am** Connect Café



**10.30am** Holy Communion



**1.30pm** Knit & Natter



**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

**1.30pm** Sit Fit



**2.00pm** Choir Practice



**8.00pm** Dru Yoga



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**10.30am** Tai Chi



Pam Hollinshead and 'The Green Team' will be leading a work party on  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am-12 noon** in the gardens.  
Please join us if you can, families welcome, refreshments on offer.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:

John Reginald Whitehead, Eileen Whitehead, Eileen Varley, Brian Hayden Chase, Margaret Nelson, Edward Abbott, Nora Evans, Lilian Buckley, Ivor Hughes, Jack Theobald, Cora Evans, Frank Byrne, George Robinson, George Robert Thwaites, Audrey Sheila Davies, Sid Bellis, Gordon Higgin, Edwin Coker, Fred Caton, Vera Hughes, Danny Smith, Enid Toplis.

**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 Trenbirth, Paddy Walsh, Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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