

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 31st August 2025

Trinity 11



Welcomers: Bev Price, Grace Fagan & Heather Whitehead

Next week: Fiona Murphy & Jackie Jones

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

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will preside and preach at our 10.00am Service of the Word with Baptisms. We welcome the family and friends of Cerys Atukunda Namara Evans and Joseph Daniel Lees.

There will be short Communion service at 11.45am.

HYMNS

- 21 All things bright and beautiful
- 53 Be still for the presence of the Lord
- All are welcome
- 328 Make me a channel of your peace

Prayer for the week

**God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking
your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

"God's guest list includes a disconcerting number of poor and broken people. We offer hospitality within the context of knowing Jesus as both our greater host and our potential guest. "

- Christine D Pohl

"People would much rather have your attention than your perfection. "

- Katie Deckert

"This office of humanity has... nearly ceased to be properly observed among men; for the ancient hospitality, celebrated in histories, is unbeknownst to us, and inns now supply the place of accommodations for strangers."

- John Calvin (1501-1564)



**Don't Eat Sunday Lunch
Alone**

**Sunday 7th September
at 12.30pm**

at Broadway Steak & Wine



**Sunday 7th September
at 4.00pm**

**A fun event with Bible stories and
activities for children, their siblings
and parents/carers.**

Theme: The Wedding at Cana

The first reading is from Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15, 16 (Living Bible)

Continue to love each other with true brotherly love. ² Don't forget to be kind to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realising it! ³ Don't forget about those in jail. Suffer with them as though you were there yourself. Share the sorrow of those being mistreated, for you know what they are going through.

⁴ Honour your marriage and its vows, and be pure; for God will surely punish all those who are immoral or commit adultery.

⁵ Stay away from the love of money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never, *never* fail you nor forsake you." ⁶ That is why we can say without any doubt or fear, "The Lord is my Helper, and I am not afraid of anything that mere man can do to me."

⁷ Remember your leaders who have taught you the Word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and try to trust the Lord as they do.

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

¹⁵ With Jesus' help we will continually offer our sacrifice of praise to God by telling others of the glory of his name. ¹⁶ Don't forget to do good and to share what you have with those in need, for such sacrifices are very pleasing to him.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 1st September



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 2nd September

10.30am Singing Café



Wednesday 3rd September

9.30am Baby Group



10.00am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion

1.30pm Knit & Natter with the Sewing Group

Thursday 4th September

10.30am Line Dancing



12.30pm Befrienders' Lunch

12.30pm Prayers for Peace



1.30pm W.I.

2.00pm Choir Practice



8.00pm Dru Yoga



Friday 5th September

10.00am Church Walk

10.30am Tai Chi



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord. (14: 1, 7-14) (NIV UK)
Jesus at a Pharisee's house

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, "Give this person your seat." Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, "Friend, move up to a better place." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests.

¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, 'When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

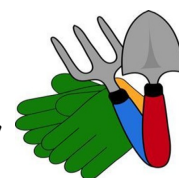
This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



There will be a circular walk of 3.5 miles from Thornton Hough village to Raby and back on **Friday, 5th September** with a refreshment stop at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Raby.

We will meet outside the Community Centre at **10.00 am** to catch the bus to Thornton Hough. All are most welcome to join us.

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



Jean Lippiatt will kindly be selling home-made pies and cakes in the Kings Hall **following the 10.00am service next Sunday, 7th September.**

Please bring suitable containers to take your purchases home.

The next **PCC Meeting** is on **Wednesday 10th September at 7.30pm** in the Troughton Room.



Our next Branch Meeting is on **Thursday 11th September, 11.00am**

Topic: MU Overseas Projects and Programmes

- A branch activity to explore what makes a difference.

'Join Us and Join In if you're interested!'

Experience Christmas—17th-21st 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 24th September at 12.30pm in the Centre.

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



Eco Noticeboard

We would like to draw your attention to the updated information on Climate Change. Please take time to read our Board!

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.

Forthcoming Funeral:

Friday 12 th September	2.45pm	Maureen Lloyd	Christ Church
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Anniversaries:

Keith Arthur Evans, Benjamin Jones, Christopher Hamilton, Carey Anne Marsden, Brenda Dodd, Dorothy (Dot) Emmas, Audrey Clare, Brian Stewart, Bill Holcroft, Richard Thomas Gateland, Diana Heckle, William Buchanan.

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 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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