

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

**Trinity 14**



**Welcomers: Terry Cunningham & Helen Young**  
**Next week: Ny & Dave Gibson and Geraldine Taylor**

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

This morning we welcome Revd. Andrew Haslam who will lead and preach  
at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service.

## **HYMNS**

- 427 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
- 422 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
- 106 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- 56 Be thou my vision

## Prayer for the week

**Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen**

As our vacancy for a new incumbent is advertised so our prayer is:-

**God our Father, help us to put our trust in you to send your chosen  
person to lead us on to where you would have us to be. Amen**

## Thoughts for the week:

"The one principle that surrounds everything else is that of stewardship; that we are the managers of everything that God has given us." - *Larry Burkett*

"Whenever money and material things become the centre of our lives, they take hold of us, they possess us; we lose our very identity as human beings." - *Pope Francis*

"I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in relation to the kingdom of Christ." - *David Livingstone*



Our All Age Harvest Festival will be held on  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am** when we will  
be collecting non-perishable goods on behalf of  
**Wirral Foodbank.**

Our service will be followed by a Bring &  
Share lunch - a sign up sheet is at the back of church.

The first reading is from 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 (NIVUK)

### Instructions on worship

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

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

### Regular Activities at Christ Church

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**



**9.00am** Morning Prayer on Zoom



**9.30am** Toddler Group

**1.30pm** Sit Fit



**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**



**10.00am** Indoor Bowls

**10.30am** Happy Reading Group

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September**



**9.30am** Baby Group



**10.00am** Connect Café

**10.30am** Holy Communion

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**



**10.30am** Line Dancing



**12.30pm** Prayers for Peace

**1.30pm** Sit Fit

**2.00pm** Choir Practice

**8.00pm** Dru Yoga



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**12 noon** Lunch Club

### 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.**

The Bereavement  
*Journey*  
a place to talk

We will be starting a Bereavement Journey course on  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2.00-4.00 pm** for 7 sessions.  
If you would like to join us – or know someone who would find it helpful – please let Eunice know.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 16: 1-13  
**Glory to you, O Lord.** (NIV UK)

### **The parable of the shrewd manager**

Jesus told his disciples: 'There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, "What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer." <sup>3</sup> The manager said to himself, "What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg – <sup>4</sup> I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses." <sup>5</sup> So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" <sup>6</sup> "Three thousand litres of olive oil," he replied. The manager told him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifteen hundred." <sup>7</sup> Then he asked the second, "And how much do you owe?" "Thirty tons of wheat," he replied. He told him, "Take your bill and make it twenty-four."

<sup>8</sup> The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup> Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? <sup>13</sup> No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.'

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

### **Rose Queen Fundraiser: Family Bingo Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Doors open at 6.00pm, Game to start at 6.30pm  
£4 Adult, £2 child. Tickets from Parish Office and

Joanne Turner. All proceeds to Claire House and Christ Church  
Community Centre Raffle, cakes and light refreshments.

**We will be grateful for any donations of cakes for this event.**



If you feel able to support the work of Wirral Foodbank -  
Items they urgently need are:-

Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Potatoes,  
Shower Gel, Biscuits, Tinned Fruit, Long Grain Rice, Tinned Vegetables and  
Custard. (They do not need any Beans or Tea) Thank you.



**Rose Queen Fundraiser: Country & Western Evening**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October - from 6.30pm**  
**Tickets: £5, available from next week at the**  
**Parish Office or from Joanne Turner.**  
**Bring your own drinks. Hot Dogs will be on sale.**



**Barn Dance 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**  
**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 - 10pm.**  
**Live band, light refreshments.**

Jill Wright invites all to join her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations in the Kings Hall.  
No charge: no presents: Just bring your own drink  
and a small cake! If you would like to come along, please sign the sheet at  
the back of church **by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.** (Jill's Mobile:- 07748 480821)



**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 donations on Sunday mornings.

**Prayer shawls:** We are encouraged by the response to the creation of prayer shawls which will be given to people going through a difficult time. A handmade prayer shawl not only provides comfort but is also a practical demonstration of God's love and our prayers for them. If you would like to get involved by knitting, crocheting, donating wool or joining us in praying and distribution, please see Lizzie Roach for more details.

### **Anniversaries:**

Susan Blackburn, Carol Newns, Beryl Barclay, Ed Deegan, Beryl Withy, Christine Scott McCulloch, Eric Savage, Baby William Taylor, Patricia Garner John Charles Holmes, Walter Charles Spinks, Stanley Hall, Christmas Thomas, Barbara Rivers, Colin Trenbirth.

**Prayer List:** Finley Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Thelma Brooks, Ian Buckley, Eloise Cook, Julie Crosbie, Debbie Edwards, John Henry & Edna Edwards, Deborah Ferguson, Gaynor Galway, Geoff Hall, Bridget Hamilton, Pam Hollinshead, 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 Shorrock, Yvonne & Terry Slerman, Audrey Smith, Barbara & Steve Smith, Theresa Smith, Elena Stokes-Hughes, Autumn Philippa Tavui, Natasha Taylor, Roisin Terris, Amelia & Sue Trenbirth, Paddy Walsh, Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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