

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Trinity 15



**Welcomers: Ny & Dave Gibson and Geraldine Taylor**

**Next week: Mike Thorne, Rhona Snelson, Margaret Williamson & Jean Coventry**

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

This morning we welcome Revd. Chris McCarthy, who will preach and Helen Byrne, from our Ministry Team, who will lead at our 10.00am Service of the Word.

This will be followed by a short Communion Service at 11.45am

## **HYMNS**

242 Immortal invisible

52 Be still and know

73 Brother, sister let me  
serve you

In Christ alone

## Prayer for the week

**Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false  
teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of  
your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in 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 story of the rich man and Lazarus is not meant to scare us but to prepare us. Jesus told it out of love - to wake us up to what matters most."

"You were made by God and for God, and until you understand that, life will never make sense."

"Open your eyes to the people around you who need compassion. Love is measured by action, not intention."

"Don't just live for the here and now. Live in light of forever. The choices you make about Jesus now determine your destiny then."

"Don't wait for a sign. Open your Bible. Trust God's Word. It has the power to save and to transform your life."



**Tonight at 6.30pm**

**A time to pray, to sing and to be silent with God.  
Please come and join us.**

The first reading is from 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 (NIVUK)

<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup> Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Final charge to Timothy

<sup>11</sup> But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

<sup>13</sup> In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might for ever. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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



There will be a circular walk of 3 miles around River View Park, Port Sunlight on **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October** with a stop en route for refreshments.

We will meet outside the Community Centre at **10.00 am** to share lifts. All are most welcome to join us.

Pam Hollinshead and 'The Green Team' will be leading a **Garden work party on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00am-12 noon** Please join us if you can. Tea/Coffee/Cake to follow the hard work! The Green Team continue to meet each Wednesday, 1.30pm-2.45pm.



Don't Eat Sunday Lunch Alone - **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30pm** Broadway Steak & Wine



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm:** A fun event with Bible stories and activities for children, their siblings and parents/carers. Theme: Noah's Ark.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 16: 19-31  
**Glory to you, O Lord.** (NIV UK)

### The rich man and Lazarus

<sup>19</sup> 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> 'The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire." <sup>25</sup> 'But Abraham replied, "Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us." <sup>27</sup> 'He answered, "Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment." <sup>29</sup> 'Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them." <sup>30</sup> "No, father Abraham," he said, "but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent." <sup>31</sup> 'He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

### Regular Activities at Christ Church

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September**



**9.00am** Morning Prayer on Zoom



**9.30am** Toddler Group

**1.30pm** Sit Fit



**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**10.00am** Indoor Bowls

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

**9.30am** Baby Group



**10.00am** Connect Café

**10.30am** Holy Communion

**1.30pm** Knit & Natter and the Sewing Group

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

**10.30am** Line Dancing



**12.30pm** Befrienders' Lunch



**1.30pm** Women's Institute

**2.00pm** Choir Practice

**8.00pm** Dru Yoga



**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**10.30am** Tai Chi





**Co-op Academy  
Charity Cake Sale :**  
**Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> October,**  
**10.00am-12 noon.**



We will be starting a Bereavement Journey course on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 2.00-4.00 pm** for 7 sessions. If you, or someone you know would like to join, please contact Eunice.



**Rose Queen Fundraiser: Country & Western Evening**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October - from 6.30pm**  
**Bring your own drinks. Hot Dogs will be on sale.**



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.



**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 join her, please sign the sheet at the back of church **by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Shoe Box Appeal:** We are supporting the '**Teams4U's**' appeal and will be collecting shoe boxes to be distributed to poor communities in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. Flat-pack boxes will be available from the Parish Office from next week for £0.50, together with details of suggested items as gifts for boys, girls or homes.

### **Anniversaries:**

Hilary Stringer, Robert Evans, Reginald (Reg) Worthington,  
Brenda Wynne, Carl Michael Collier, Agnes May Jones, Dot Scott.  
William Lee-Gallon, Cyril Cliffe, Frances Roberts, John Fairbrother, May Scott,  
Thomas Thackwray, Ann Jones, Florence Dabbs, Barbara Longhurst,  
Christopher Mann, Elsie Johnson, Florence Wynne, Walter Perry.

**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 Shorrocks, 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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