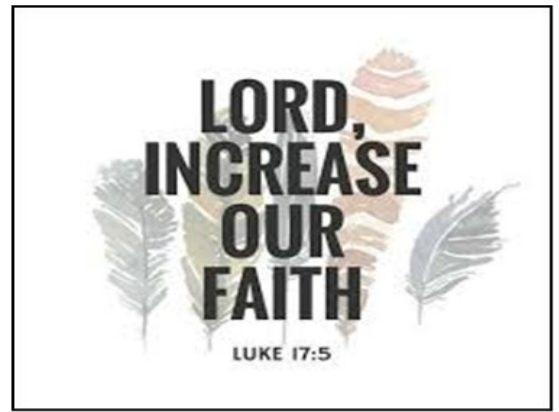


Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 5th October 2025

Trinity 16



Welcomers: Rhona Snelson, Margaret Williamson & Jean Coventry

Next week: Graham & Jill Loach and John & Hannah McCulloch

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

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore, will lead and Revd. Chris O'Neill will preach at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 205 He who would valiant be
- 266 Jesus calls us o-er the tumult
- 292 Lead, kindly light
- 313 Lord of all hopefulness

Prayer for the week

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 for ever. Amen

Thoughts for the week:

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen".
Hebrews 11:1

"*Faith* (noun) Belief without evidence in what is told by one who speaks without knowledge of things without parallel".

Amrose Bierce, *The Devil's Dictionary*

"Alice laughed. 'There's no use *trying*,' she said. 'One can't believe impossible things.'

I daresay you haven't had much practice,' said the Queen. 'When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast'..."

Lewis Carroll *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

"Faith is a kind of knowing that God loves us, the belief that God loves us; there isn't anything else. God is the lover who loves us absolutely and unconditionally, regardless of whether we are nice or nasty". Herbert McCabe



Today at 4.00pm: A fun event with Bible stories and activities for children, their siblings and parents/carers.
Theme: Noah's Ark.

The first reading is from 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NRSVA)

Salutation

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanksgiving and Encouragement

I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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



Our **All Age Harvest Festival** will be held **next Sunday, 12th 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.



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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 17: 5-11
Glory to you, O Lord. (NRSVA)

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 6th October

9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom 



9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit



Tuesday 7th October

10.30am Singing Café

Wednesday 8th October

9.30am Baby Group



10.00am Connect Café & Cake sale

10.30am Holy Communion

1.30pm Oasis Wellbeing Support Group

3.30pm Lego Church

10.30am Line Dancing



11.00am Mothers' Union

1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Bereavement Journey



2.00pm Choir Practice

7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 10th October

10.30am Tai Chi



Our next Branch Meeting is on
Thursday 9th October at 11.00am
 Our Speaker will be the Wirral area
 Manager of Wirral Food Bank.
 All welcome. MU - 'Join us, Join in.'

**Thornleigh weekend—
 1st-4th May 2026**



Booking forms available
 from Parish Office. Deposit is £40
 (non refundable unless place re-booked)



Time to Remember – Sunday 26th October at 3.00pm

This is our special service for those who wish to remember someone who was precious to them. It is also a time to share memories if people would like to - over tea and coffee and cake.

If you are able to provide cakes or assist, please let Revd. Eunice know.



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



We will be starting a Bereavement Journey course on **Thursday 9th 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: Friday 10th October from 7.30pm
A mixture of Country & Western, Folk & old popular songs.
Bring your own drinks. Hot Dogs on sale. Donations to Claire House.



Barn Dance 80th Birthday Celebration
Saturday 18th October 6.30 - 10pm. Live band,
light refreshments. Jill Wright invites all to join her 80th 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 12th 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 are available from the Parish Office for £0.50, together with details of suggested items as gifts for boys, girls or homes.

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

Forthcoming Funerals:

Wednesday 8th October 2.00pm Harold Bradshaw Christ Church

Anniversaries:

Ronald Short, Eva McLaughlin, John Duckworth, Muriel Fraser-Smith, Shirley Roberts, Charles Brown, Colin Noel Hedderick, Kevin Hedderick, Harold Hopkins, Joe Knight, Brian Thornton, Eric Savage, Emma Williams, Bill Tharme.

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, Heather Thomason, Amelia & Sue Trenbirth, Paddy Walsh, Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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