

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 19th October 2025

Trinity 18



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 lead and Pam Hollinshead, Lay Reader, will preach at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 422 Praise, my soul the King
of heaven
- 379 O Lord, hear my prayer
- 121 Father, I place into your
hands
- 62 Blessed assurance

Prayer for the week

**God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which
is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Thoughts for the week:

“It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without heart.”
- Mahatma Gandhi

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”
– Martin Luther

“Work as if you were to live a hundred years, pray as if you were to die tomorrow.”
- Benjamin Franklin

“The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.”
- Soren Kierkegaard

“The Holy Spirit turns prayer from activity into energy.” – John Blanchard



The Foodbank were very grateful for the contributions from our Harvest Festival last Sunday, which will be used to support local families.

The first reading is from 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 (NIV UK)

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

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

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



The next meeting of the **4Cs Carers' Group** will be on **Tuesday 21st October at 12.30pm**. The speaker is Colin Bermingham who will be talking about 'Brighter Bebington.' Please do come along, all are very welcome.



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.



All Hallows Family Event – Friday 31st October

We would love to have some carved pumpkins for this event. Happy, smiley pumpkins please—no scary ones!

These can be brought to the Community Centre 1-2 days before the event.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 18: 1-8

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The Message)

The Story of the Persistent Widow

18 ¹⁻³ Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit. He said, "There was once a judge in some city who never gave God a thought and cared nothing for people. A widow in that city kept after him: 'My rights are being violated. Protect me!'

⁴⁻⁵ "He never gave her the time of day. But after this went on and on he said to himself, 'I care nothing what God thinks, even less what people think. But because this widow won't quit badgering me, I'd better do something and see that she gets justice - otherwise I'm going to end up beaten black-and-blue by her pounding.'"

⁶⁻⁸ Then the Master said, "Do you hear what that judge, corrupt as he is, is saying? So what makes you think God won't step in and work justice for his chosen people, who continue to cry out for help? Won't he stick up for them? I assure you, he will. He will not drag his feet. But how much of that kind of persistent faith will the Son of Man find on the earth when he returns?"

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 20th October



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit



Tuesday 21st October

10.30am 'Singing Café'

12.30pm 4Cs Carers' Group

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Wednesday 22nd October



9.30am Baby Group



10.00am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd October



10.30am Line Dancing



12.30pm Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Bereavement Journey



2.00pm Choir Practice

7.30pm Dru Yoga



Friday 24th October



10.30am Tai Chi

12 noon Lunch Club





Shoe Box Appeal: We are supporting the 'Teams4U's' appeal and will be collecting filled shoe boxes to be distributed to poor communities in Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia & Romania in time for Christmas.

Flat-pack boxes are available from the Parish Office for £0.50, together with a leaflet giving details of suggested items as gifts for boys, girls or for homes. The boxes will be collected at the beginning of November.

Wendy & Jordan Tucker will be having their twins, Felix and Sophie, baptised on **Sunday 2nd November** during the 10.00am service. This will be followed by a celebration in the Hall. All the congregation is invited to join them for sandwiches etc. and it would be lovely if anyone would like to bring any nibbles or cakes to add to the spread. Thank you.

Date for your calendar: The next Rose Queen Fundraiser is a Fashion Show on Friday 21st November, 7.00pm, at the Community Centre.

Thornleigh weekend — 1st-4th May 2026

Booking forms available from Parish Office.

Deposit is £40 (non refundable unless your place can be re-allocated)



Forthcoming Funerals:

Thursday 23 rd October	1.00pm	Eileen Hutchinson	Landican
Tuesday 28 th October	11.00am	Sarah (Sally) Rawsthorne	Landican

Eileen Hutchinson's family would like to invite anyone who knew Eileen to join them at her funeral reception in the Kings Hall on **Thursday 23rd October at 2.45pm.**

Anniversaries: John Dixon, Leonard Gahan, Eveline Gurney, David Noble, Lila Tomkins, Freda Austin, Eva Priscilla Rome, Doris Grundy, Elsie Horrocks, George Porter, Lil Newlands, Bernie McCann, Frederick Garland, Florence Blake Wharton, Mark Holmes, David Cowie, Olga Larkin.

Prayer List: Sharon Beecham, Thelma Brooks, Ian Buckley, Eloise Cook, 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, Deborah Lawrence, Jim Lloyd, Lin Murphy, Geoff Newns, Trev Noble, Grahame Owen, Joan Price, Rita Quine, Jan Shorrock, 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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