

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Second before Advent**



**Welcomers: Ny & Dave Gibson & 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 Revd. David Chester will lead and preach at our  
10.00am Parish Communion Service.

## **HYMNS**

- 478 The God of Abraham  
praise
- 52 Be still and know that  
I am God
- 56 Be thou my vision
- 82 Christ, whose glory fills  
the skies



Mothers' Union will be  
having a Retiring  
Collection at the end of the  
service today for the local Wirral  
Women and Children's Aid.

Each year our MU branch at  
Christ Church raises funds to buy  
Christmas presents for the women  
who are residents there at  
Christmas time and the  
congregational support for this  
project has always been much  
appreciated.

## **Collect**

**Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and  
heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and  
great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal  
and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Prayer for the week**

**Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess and revive in  
us new hope that all creation will one  
day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

## **A Thought for the week—Looking forward to Advent:**

"Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men."  
- St. Ambrose

The first reading is from 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 (NRSVA)

### Warning against Idleness

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

### Regular Activities at Christ Church

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November**



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom

9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

10.30am Singing Café

12.30pm 4Cs Carers' Group

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am Baby Group

10.00am Connect Café

10.30am Holy Communion

1.30pm Knit & Natter with the Sewing Group

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

10.30am Line Dancing

12.30pm Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit

2.00pm Choir Practice

7.30pm Dru Yoga

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

10.30am Tai Chi



**The next Rose Queen Fundraiser is a Ladies Pop Up Shop and Fun Fashion Show on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
at the Centre. Doors open 6.30pm, Show starts 7.00pm.  
Tickets: £5; from the Parish Office or Joanne Turner.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 21: 5-19  
**Glory to you, O Lord.** (NRSVA)

### The Destruction of the Temple Foretold

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup> 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

### Signs and Persecutions

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' <sup>8</sup> And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately. Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

**Our Rose Queen's Christmas Coffee Morning is on  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am-12 noon.**

We would be grateful for donations for our stalls, prizes for the raffle and tombola, as well as cakes! These can be left at the Parish Office from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.



**Children & Families Worker:** In order to coordinate and expand our children and families work, we are seeking to recruit a part-time paid worker.

If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact either Revd. Eunice or the Parish Office for further information including the job description and application form.

The application deadline is 6<sup>th</sup> December.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Remembrance service.  
It was a wonderful tribute and greatly appreciated by all.

**Experience Christmas** starts on Monday when we will welcome local school children, children from Tots, Brownies, a local Nursery and Childminders into church to hear the Nativity story. Thank you so much to the team of volunteers who are working really hard to plan and prepare for this very busy time.



The Annual Climate Change Conference is taking place in Brazil from 10<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> November with a focus on the Tropical Forest Forever Facility, which has just been launched.



Please look at our Eco notice board for information, including local recycling opportunities.



We will be having **Christmas Lunch** in the Community Centre again this year at 12 noon.

Please speak to Victoria or Mark Gleave if you would like to help in any way.

Jobs include providing transport, welcoming people, preparing and cooking vegetables, serving meals and washing up! Many thanks.

As our vacancy for a new incumbent is re-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 Funeral:**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 12 noon Janet Anita Shorrocks Landican Centre

### **Anniversaries:**

Debra Reyner, Dorothy Bywater, Marjorie Dillon,  
James Anthony Evans, Raymond Richards, Alex Powell, Norman Nevitt,  
Alfred Dickman, Elizabeth (Bessie) Hamer, Gertrude May Squire.

**Prayer List:** Sharon Beecham, Thelma Brooks, Debbie Edwards,  
John Henry & Edna Edwards, Gaynor Galway, Geoff Hall, Bridget Hamilton,  
Pam Hollinshead, Kitty & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Steve Joyner, Finley Kay,  
Deborah Lawrence, Jim Lloyd, Holly Martin, Lin Murphy, Geoff Newns, Trev Noble,  
Grahame Owen, Rita Quine, Anne Samuels, Yvonne & Terry Slerman,  
Audrey Smith, Barbara & Steve Smith, Theresa Smith, 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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