

# Christ Church Higher Bebington

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**



**Welcomers: Bev Price, Grace Fagan & Heather Whitehead**  
**Next week: Jackie Jones**

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

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will lead and Helen Byrne, one of our Readers, will preach at our 10.00am Parish Communion Service.

## **HYMNS**

- 309 Hills of the North Rejoice
- 401 On Jordan's Banks
- 298 Let there be Love
- 358 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

## Prayer for the week

**Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. Amen**

## Prayer, as we light the second advent candle:

**Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen.**



Wednesday's Holy Communion will now be held at 11.30am due to a school service at 10.00am.

## Thoughts for the week:

"Whatever the cost of repentance, it is swallowed up in the joy of forgiveness."  
- Todd Christofferson

"God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination."  
- St Augustine

"When you forgive, you free your soul. But when you say I'm sorry, you free two souls."  
- Donald L. Hicks



**Don't Eat Sunday Lunch  
Alone - Today at  
12.30pm  
Broadway Steak & Wine**



**Today at 4pm**  
**A fun event with Bible stories and activities for children, their siblings and parents/carers. Theme: Advent**

The first reading is from Romans 15: 4-13 (NRSVA)

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike

<sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name’; and again he says, ‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;<sup>11</sup> and again, ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him’;<sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.’ <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

### Regular Activities at Christ Church

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom



9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit - chair-based exercises

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December



9.30am ‘Classy Cleaners’ in the Vestry

10.00am Welsh Café



10.00am Indoor Bowls

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December



9.30am Baby Group



10.00am Connect Café with Oasis

11.30am Holy Communion



3.30pm Lego Church

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December



10.30am Line Dancing



11.00am Mothers' Union

12.30pm Prayers for Peace

1.30pm Sit Fit- chair-based exercises

2.00pm Choir Practice

7.30pm Dru Yoga



#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am Tai Chi

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3: 1-12  
**Glory to you, O Lord.** (NRSVA)

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

<sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup> Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

<sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> ‘I baptise you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

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



The next Mothers' Union meeting is on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at **11.00am** when Helen Byrne will lead an Advent Meditation.

The Meditation will be **in Church** followed by coffee/tea and mince pies in the Community Centre. All are welcome.

**DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

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| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> at 10.00am    | Christmas Toy Service (All Age)                 |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm     | Carols & Candlelight Service                    |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm   | Carols in the Pub, Travellers' Rest, Mount Road |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm     | Community Carols, Co-op, Teehey Lane            |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> at 10.00am    | Blue Christmas Service                          |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> at 4.00pm     | Christingle Service (All Age)                   |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm  | Children's Nativity Service (All Age)           |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> at 11.00pm | Midnight Mass                                   |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> at 10.00am  | Christmas Day Service                           |



We will be having **Christmas Day 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.

There will be a short meeting on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm** in the Troughton Room for any volunteers who are able to come.

Home Instead are unable to provide the gifts for the guests this year, so any donations of biscuits, chocolates or toiletry sets will be gratefully received.

Please drop these at the Parish Office.



**Christingle Orange preparation - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am-12 noon** in the Centre. Please do come and help. Share this lovely festive occasion and enjoy coffee and mince pies.



Bishop Julie will be with us for our 10.00am service on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January.**

If you have never been confirmed and would like to consider it, please could you let Revd. Eunice know as soon as possible so this can be arranged.

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**

**Funeral last week:** Pieter Nederlof

**Anniversaries:**

Christine Langley, Linda Evans, Eric Dodson, Tony Mazzone, Richard Powell, Eunice Annie Gateland, Stanley Bacon Rivers, Derek Harris Griffiths, Ruth Hayward, Eleanor Dixon, Roy Gummerson, Walter Penketh, Roger Hawney, Audrey Cundall, John Tindsley, Doreen Sloman, Dorothy Buckley.

**Prayer List:** Sharon Beecham, Thelma Brooks, Eloise Cook, 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, Fiona Murphy, Lin Murphy, Geoff Newns, Grahame Owen, Andy Parnaby, 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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