

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 30th November 2025

First Sunday of Advent



Welcomers: Graham & Jill Loach, John & Hannah McCulloch

Next week: Bev Price, Grace Fagan & Heather Whitehead

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

This morning Revd. Eunice Blackmore will lead and preach at our
10.00am Parish Communion Service.

HYMNS

- 307 Lo, He comes with
clouds ascending
- 98 Come. Thou long
expected Jesus
- 321 Love divine, all loves
excelling
- 164 Go forth and tell

Prayer for the week

**Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to
the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus
Christ Amen**

Prayer, as we light the first advent candle:

**Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be King of our lives today. Amen.**

Thoughts for the week:

"Advent is the season not to merely get ready for Christmas, but to get ready
for the coming of Christ."
– Anonymous

"Advent is the time of promise; it is not yet the time of fulfilment." - Alfred Delp

"The word advent means 'expectation.' What advent can do for us is create a
sense of hope."
– Louie Giglio

"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to
see, you will recognise him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent;
life is recognising the coming of the Lord. "
- Henri Nouwen



Please join us **this evening at 6.30pm** for Advent Evensong.

The first reading is from Romans 13: 11-14 (CEV)

The Day When Christ Returns

¹¹ You know what sort of times we live in, and so you should live properly. It is time to wake up. You know that the day when we will be saved is nearer now than when we first put our faith in the Lord.

¹² Night is almost over, and day will soon appear. We must stop behaving as people do in the dark and be ready to live in the light.

¹³ So behave properly, as people do in the day. Don't go to wild parties or get drunk or be vulgar or indecent. Don't quarrel or be jealous.

¹⁴ Let the Lord Jesus Christ be as near to you as the clothes you wear. Then you won't try to satisfy your selfish desires.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 1st December



9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom 

9.30am Toddler Group

1.30pm Sit Fit

Tuesday 2nd December

10.00am Singing Café 

Wednesday 3rd December



9.30am Baby Group 

10.00am Connect Café & Cake Sale

10.30am Holy Communion

1.30pm Knit & Natter and the Sewing Group

Thursday 4th December



10.30am Line Dancing 

12.30pm Befrienders' Lunch

12.30pm Prayers for Peace

1.30pm W.I. 

2.00pm Choir Practice

7.30pm Dru Yoga 

Friday 5th December

10.30am Tai Chi 



There will be a circular walk on **Friday 5th December** of approximately 3.1 miles around Storeton (Lever Causeway, Storeton Woods, Brackenwood Golf Course) finishing at the 'Acorn' for lunch. We will meet outside the Community Centre at **10.00 am**. All are welcome - if you wish to join us, please let Lizzie Roach know (frenchiekev@gmail.com).



Don't Eat Sunday Lunch
Alone - **Sunday 7th
December at 12.30pm**
Broadway Steak & Wine



Sunday 7th December, 4pm
A fun event with Bible stories
and activities for children, their siblings and
parents/carers. Theme: Advent

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 24:
36-44 (NRSVA)

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Necessity for Watchfulness

³⁶ But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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



Cake Sale -The students at the Co-op Academy will be selling cakes during Connect Coffee on

Wednesday 3rd December, 10.00am-11.30am.

Cake donations welcome. Please come and support our students.

DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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| Sunday 7 th at 4.00pm | Advent Praise & Play (Under 11s) |
| Sunday 14 th at 10.00am | Christmas Toy Service (All Age) |
| Sunday 14 th at 6.30pm | Carols & Candlelight Service |
| Thursday 18 th at 7.00pm | Carols in the Pub, Travellers' Rest, Mount Road |
| Friday 19 th at 3.30pm | Community Carols, Co-op, Teehey Lane |
| Sunday 21 st at 10.00am | Blue Christmas Service |
| Sunday 21 st at 4.00pm | Christingle Service (All Age) |
| Wednesday 24 th at 4.00pm | Children's Nativity Service (All Age) |
| Wednesday 24 th at 11.00pm | Midnight Mass |
| Thursday 25 th at 10.00am | Christmas Day Service |

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. Deadline is 6th December.



Christingle Orange preparation - Saturday 20th December, 10.00am-12 noon in the Centre. Do come and help. Share this lovely festive occasion and enjoy coffee and mince pies.



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.

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:

Tuesday 2nd December 12 noon Pieter Nederlof Christ Church

Funeral last week: Janet Anita Shorrock

Anniversaries:

Mary Elizabeth Williams, Brian Drake, Beatrice Alice Worthington-Roalfe, Elsie Hall, Janet Ivy Owen, Roy Whitehead, George Kirkwood, Ethel Jean Duncan, Brian Hughes, Eileen Kay, Rita Fawcett, John Hilton Bamforth, Dorothy Dalziel, Thomas Harford, Pauline Lawrence.

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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