

Christ Church Higher Bebington

Sunday 8th February 2026
2nd Sunday before Lent

DON'T WORRY
..... about
===== ANYTHING =====
PRAY
>>> about <<<<
EVERYTHING

Welcomers: Roy & Barbara Mayers & Diane Shaw
Next week: Terry Cunningham & Helen Young

Welcome to Christ Church! We are all one in the Spirit!
This morning Ian & Colette Millington, from our Ministry Team, will
lead and preach at our 10.00am All Age Worship Service.

HYMNS

Great is thy faithfulness
Our God is a great big God
10,000 Reasons
Be thou my vision

Prayer for the week

**Almighty God, give us reverence
for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen**



We will be serving pastries at the beginning of
our service this morning.

Thoughts for the week:

“Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.”
- Corrie ten Boom

“We would worry less if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of
discontent and dissatisfaction.”
- Harry Ironside

“The great antidote to anxiety is to come to God in prayer. We are to pray
about everything. Nothing is too big for Him to handle, and nothing is too small
to escape His attention. “
- Jerry Bridges



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

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way and those of you who came to buy
and enjoy the attic sale last Saturday. Between us we raised **£1002.35** for
Christian Aid. Jill Loach

We have small wooden hearts for sale (£1 each) in the Parish Office,
ready for Valentine's Day! All proceeds to Christian Aid.



The first reading from Romans 8: 18-26 (NIVUK)

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope, we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

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

Regular Activities at Christ Church

Monday 9th February		9.00am Morning Prayer on Zoom 
		9.30am Toddler Group
Tuesday 10th February	 	9.30am 'Classy Cleaners' in Church
		10.30am Welsh Café
		10.30am Happy Reading Group 
		1.30pm Sit Fit
Wednesday 11th February	 	9.30am Baby Group 
		10.00am Connect Café with Oasis
		10.30am Holy Communion
		3.30pm Lego Club
Thursday 12th February	 	10.30am Line Dancing 
		11.00am Mothers' Union
		12.30pm Prayers for Peace
		1.30pm Sit Fit
		2.00pm Choir Practice
		2.00pm Bereavement Journey
		7.30pm Dru Yoga 
Friday 13th February		10.30am Tai Chi 



Our next Mothers' Union branch meeting is on **Thursday 12th February**, when we will be learning more about our MU Banners, Branch and Deanery. All welcome.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 6: 25-34
Glory to you, O Lord. (NIVUK)

Do not worry

‘Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?’

‘And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be

given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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

Pancake Family Fun Event
Tuesday 17th February, 3-5pm

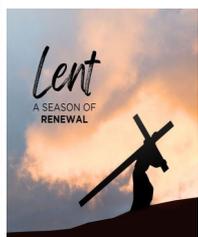
Families are invited to drop in for pancakes, games and crafts to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.



This year we celebrate the 150th anniversary year of Mothers' Union. On **Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday) from 11.30am - 3.30pm** in the Community

Centre, our MU branch will be serving a lunch of soup and scones (savoury & sweet). Please join us to help us mark the wonderful worldwide work of the MU.

Please note Connect Coffee will be running as normal that day.



Lent Course: Women of Holy Week

Fiona Murphy will be leading this course of 4 sessions on: Tuesday 24th February, Monday 2nd March, Tuesday 10th March & Tuesday 24th March, 1.30pm-2.45pm in the Troughton Room. Please add your name to the sign up sheet, if you would like to join the sessions.

Good Friday (3rd April) Journey to the Cross: 10.30am Mayer Park
We are invited to join with St Andrew's to re-enact the events of Holy Week. Volunteers are needed to participate in the drama and stewarding.

It's a great opportunity to get involved.
Please see Eunice for further information.

There will be some Lent booklets available from next week.
If you would like to take one, please make a small donation.

Rose Queen Quiz Night with Andrew & John Potter
Saturday 21st February, 6.30pm

Tickets £6, plus voluntary donation for puddings

Tea, coffee and puddings at half time.

Bring your own wine & beer. Raffle & prizes.

Tickets available from Joanne Turner or the Parish Office.



We would be grateful for any donations of prizes for the raffle, which
can be left at the Parish Office. Thank you.

Gracious God, We bring before you the life of our church, Your church. We ask for your guidance as we look to the future, help us grow in faith, in fellowship and in service. We praise you for all who have served this church over the years, who have nurtured and encouraged our faith, who have been part of our continuing life and witness. You have called us into the body of Christ. Loving God, as we journey together through this period of interregnum, we thank you for your everlasting faithfulness to us. At this time of uncertainty and change we ask that you send us your Holy Spirit, to fill us with your vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer. Guide with your heavenly wisdom the one whom You have chosen to be our leader in this parish, that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Forthcoming Funeral:

Monday 9th February 12.30pm Heather Thomason Christ Church

Anniversaries:

Karen Anne Wilson, Joyce Roden, Margaret Pitney, Yates Entwistle,
Robert Winstanley, Ken Riding. Hilda Heatherington, Ina Shorrocks,
Robbie Richardson, Sybil Carberry, Joan Berry, John Ambrose Thomas,
George Thomas Ramsden, Tom Wood, Fay Davies, Alma Joyce Royden.

Prayer List: Finlay Armstrong, Sharon Beecham, Thelma Brooks,
Barbara Champion, Seth Cheesbrough, Eloise Cook, Debbie Edwards, John Henry
& Edna Edwards, Gaynor Galway, Bridget Hamilton, David Hamilton,
Pam Hollinshead, Kitty & Louise Jones, Ted Jones, Steve Joyner, Finley Kay,
Deborah Lawrence, Jim Lloyd, Holly Martin, Fiona Murphy, Lin Murphy,
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, Amelia & Sue Trenbirth, Paddy Walsh,
Gill & Terry Walters, Jane & Malcolm Wheatley, Linda & Ron White.

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